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COMMUNICATION FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
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The following communication, received on 22 February 2024, is being circulated at the request of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD).

1. The IGAD Center for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD) is a regional technical center of IGAD (Intergovernmental Authority on Development), a regional economic community serving the eight member States in East Africa (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia and Uganda).

2. Technical support provided for the above member States by IGAD/ICPALD during the reporting period to enhance transboundary animal disease control and livestock trade in the region, complementing the national development efforts of member States includes:

1 UPDATED A JOINT VACCINATION CALENDAR AND SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME FOR HARMONIZED ACTIONS ALONG THREE CROSS BORDER CLUSTERS

3. A cross-border meeting was conducted in Ethiopia with the objective of updating the surveillance and vaccination calendars for: (i) the Ethiopia-Djibouti cluster; and (ii) Karamoja (Ethiopia-South Sudan, Kenya and Uganda) cluster. A total of 28 participants were drawn from five countries at both federal and border levels. The third cluster is along the Ethiopia-Somalia cluster. A total of 25 participants were drawn from the two countries at both federal and border levels.

4. For all three clusters, the surveillance and vaccination calendars were updated for synchronized vaccination. As per the cross-border MOU signed by ministers of these countries, the border focal points, in collaboration with IGAD, are mobilizing stakeholders and finance for implementing the updated surveillance and vaccination calendars.

5. Acknowledgement: IGAD/ICPALD is grateful to member States and the African Development Bank (AfDB) for their collaboration, and financing the implementation of the above activity.
