

Integrated Drought Management Programme in the Horn of Africa (IDMP HOA)

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Introduction

- The HOA is vulnerable to the increasing frequency and severity of droughts
- Droughts affecting key sectors of the HOA countries –i.e. agriculture, energy, water, transport etc.
- High population is vulnerable and with low resilience- mainly rural communities in Arid and semi arid lands (ASALs) are highly affected
- High dependence on rain fed agriculture and on natural resources
- Policy gaps and inadequate institutional capacity in drought management

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

- IDMP HOA is being implemented in 8 countries. These include ***Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda***

Overall Aim of IDMP HOA

To promote drought resilience of countries, communities and ecosystems in the Horn of Africa

- ***IDMP HOA is operating within and contributes to the IGAD Drought Resilience Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI) framework***
- ***The Programme provides a multi-stakeholder platform, to build drought resilience in the HOA region***

Progress (July 2014-June 2015)

1. IDMP HOA Work Package: Regional and Trans-boundary cooperation- *Support strengthening of regional cooperation in drought management*

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between IGAD and GWP signed and strategies to implement MOU in place

2. IDMP HOA Work Package: National development and Sector Plans- *Support countries to integrate water security and drought resilience into national development planning and decision-making processes*

- Regional review and program inception meeting to discuss regional frameworks on drought was carried out in September 2014 in Nairobi
- Country reports on the existing drought frameworks prepared.
- A synthesized consolidated drought resilience framework report
- Engaging countries begin planning to develop national drought policies.



Progress Cont'd

3. IDMP HOA Work Package: Demonstration Projects: *Support development and implementation of innovative Integrated Drought Management solutions in the HOA region*
Support Country Water Partnership to developing drought related/water security case studies

a) Uganda: Restoration of L.Kako and its surrounding. The main challenges is siltation



b) Kenya: The Mutweii Water Harvesting for Economic Empowerment. The challenge is water stress in the area- communities have constructed sunken sand dams with dry river beds to collect water.



Progress Cont'd

- **4. IDMP HOA Work Package: Capacity Building:** *Support capacity development of institutions & stakeholders for drought resilience in the IGAD region*

- IDMP HOA program together with partners organised Regional training in Applying IWRM Tools for Reducing DRM in June 2015 in Addis Ababa. *The training strengthened the capacity of water and climate professionals in the IGAD region*



- A Five year capacity building program on drought resilience in the IGAD region in process of development. *The program requires support from partners*



Progress Cont'd

IDMP HOA Work Package: Knowledge and awareness: *Enhance knowledge management on integrated drought management in the region*

- Knowledge materials produced. These include IDMP HOA brochure, policy brief on drought resilience frameworks
- Learn lessons and best practices from drought/water related interventions- Lake Zeway- Regulators Vs Users
- Learning and sharing information
 - ✓ Articles published e.g. On IWA website
 - ✓ Abstracts to conferences- World Water Week in Stockholm, 2015
 - ✓ Presentations in various fora e.g. Regional Workshop for Eastern and Southern Africa, as part of the UN-Water Initiative on “Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies, Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum in Nairobi, IGAD Water Dialogue Forum

Progress Cont'd

Partnerships and Sustainability: *Build Partnership and Collaboration for drought management*

1) A visit to the IGAD secretariat was made in July 2014 to initiate collaboration between IDMP HOA and IDDRSI



2) A visit to the Ethiopian Minister of State for Animal Resource Development established to collaborate between the IDMP HOA programme and already existing governmental drought/IWRM initiatives



3) Collaboration with IGAD/ICPAC on capacity building and knowledge sharing was started

4). Collaboration has been initiated with the International Water Association (IWA) on a Global Environment Facility (GEF) International Waters (IW) project, the Flood and Drought Management Tools

Planned activities July 2015-June 2016

- Documenting case studies targeting water security/drought related interventions and support key local adaptation actions
- Develop and support five-year capacity building program on drought resilience in the IGAD region
- Facilitate exchange visits/study tours of key stakeholders (to influence policy)
- Collaborate in implementation of IGAD regional water policy, Water Dialogue Forum and Water unit

Key messages

- Documenting lessons, success stories and best practices in drought related interventions is an avenue for replication
- Increased capacity building in drought management at all levels i.e. Regional, National and Sub-national enhances knowledge for key institutions and policy makers
- Partnership building/strengthening for drought management
- Demonstrating integrated drought management approaches can influence policy

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Website(s)

www.gwpena.org/

http://www.droughtmanagement.info/idmp-activities/idmp_hoa/

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