

IGAD - Strengthening capacities in Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change

Countries

Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda

ACP-EU Disaster Risk

Management Program

Component

Strengthen African Regional Institutions' (RECs) capacities

Amount Approved

€830,000 / \$895,000

Duration

11/2023 – 06/2026

Context and Objectives

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) is Regional Economic Community of eight countries in East Africa that aims to promote regional cooperation and integration and pursue sustainable development, resilience and stability in the region.

The objective of this project is to strengthen the capacities of IGAD and member state officials on disaster risk identification, reduction, emergency preparedness and response.

This project builds on the ACP-EU Natural Disaster Risk Reduction Program's [Horn of Africa Regional Disaster Resilience and Sustainability project](#), where the World Bank supported the formulation of a DRM Strategy for IGAD. And the ACP-EU Program [Building Disaster Resilience to natural Hazards in Sub-Saharan African Regions, Countries and Communities](#), where access was provided to technical knowledge and best operational practices concerning disaster resilience from a wide range of stakeholders.

Main Activities and Expected Results

Strengthening the capacity of DRM units within IGAD

This activity works in two streams. The first supports the preparation of a DRM strategy roadmap for 2023-2030 with identified priorities and a related action plan. The second works with ICPAC (IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Centre) staff and Member States on the adoption of advanced methods and tools related to early warning systems.

Expected Result:

- Enhanced knowledge of the region's legal and institutional DRM readiness, facilitating the mainstreaming of DRM principles in member states.

Strengthening emergency preparedness capacities of IGAD member states

Working at national and regional levels, this activity supports the formulation a diagnostic of emergency preparedness and response (EP&R) capacities in one pilot country, is developing a risk profile for Somalia, updating Ethiopia's risk profile, and funding a regional program to transfer knowledge and skills in multi-hazard risk assessment.

Expected Result:

- IGAD member states are better able to prepare and participate in assessment exercises.



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Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implements this project in close coordination with IGAD's Secretariat, particularly the DRM Programme Coordinator, and collaborates with the EU Delegation in Djibouti, responsible for relations with IGAD.