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COMMUNICATION FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT (IGAD)

The following communication, received on 9 October 2019, 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 seven member States in East Africa (Djibouti, 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 trans-boundary animal disease (TAD) control and livestock trade in the region, complementing the national development efforts of member States, includes:

- Cross-border Meeting between Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda organized and the Ministers responsible for Livestock of the four countries signed on 5 July 2019 a multilateral MOU to enhance transboundary animal diseases' control and livestock trade. The countries also developed Implementation Framework to operationalize the MOU. The agreement is believed to enhance harmonized surveillance, vaccination and sharing reports in time;
- Supported Ethiopia to develop National SPS strategy aligned to the regional SPS strategy and validated at national stakeholders' workshop in September 2019;
- As a follow up of the signed Ethiopian – Kenyan cross border MOU to enhance transboundary animal diseases' control and the implementation framework developed to operationalize this MOU; the two countries undertook harmonized vaccination in August 2019 against some priority diseases such as Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), Sheep and Goat Pox, Contagious Caprine Pleuropneumonia (CCPP), Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP) and Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD).

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