JOINT PROGRAMME: ADDRESSING DRIVERS AND FACILITATING SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION IN THE CONTEXT OF DISASTERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE IGAD REGION



IGAD REGION - HUMAN MOBILITY AND VULNERABILITY TO CLIMATE CHANGE

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) region is home to more than 230 million people whose livelihoods and income are predominantly linked to agriculture. Countries in the region are prone to violent conflict, political instability, humanitarian crises, and disasters linked to the adverse effects of climate change and environmental degradation. The region faces a wide range of slow and sudden onset climatic and environmental events/changes, and disasters linked to the adverse effects of climate change are among the most important drivers of human mobility in the region.

OVERVIEW OF JOINT PROGRAMME

This Joint Programme contributes to facilitating pathways for regular migration in the IGAD region and minimizing displacement risk in the context of climate change, environmental degradation and disasters.

This will be achieved through addressing needs and gaps in four result areas:



Data and knowledge



National and regional policy frameworks



Disaster displacement preparedness



Regular migration pathways

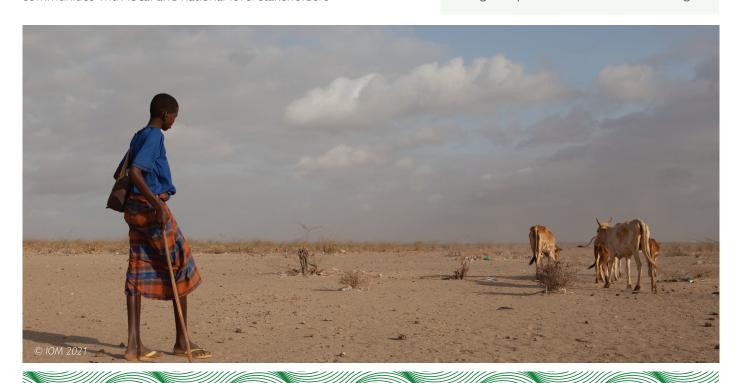


INITIATIVES WILL INCLUDE:

- Supporting IGAD Member States to understand and include human mobility considerations within policy and decision-making
- Research and policy review focusing on climate and disasters, national development plans, green economy policies, regularization and accessibility of migration pathways, and international protection
- Awareness raising and training IGAD Member States, migrants affected by adverse impacts of disasters and climate change, and other stakeholders on topics such as: migration, environment and climate change nexus; migrants' rights and protection; disaster risk data; sustainable and environmentally responsible business practices; entrepreneurship and life skills development
- Developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and simulation exercises (SIMEX) for cross-border disaster displacement
- Interventions on improving access to sustainable livelihood and green job opportunities and improving community resilience to climate change
- Policy dialogues at local, national and regional levels; engaging communities with local and national level stakeholders

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES

- Examination and enhancement of policies surrounding human mobility in the context of climate change and disasters
- Collaboration at regional, national and local levels to address human mobility issues in the context of disasters, including engaging climate-affected populations in decision-making
- Supporting evidence-based policy development and implementation in the IGAD region to help minimize displacement risk, enhance regular migration pathways, and promote sustainable development and green economy
- Advances integrated approaches to disaster risk reduction (DRR), climate change adaptation and resilience-building



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