

# Migration & displacement in the Horn of Africa

Support to the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) in implementing regional migration and refugee policies

## The challenge

The Horn of Africa region is characterized by high flows of inter-regional migration and displacement. In 2022, the region hosted 4.5 million refugees and 12,7 million internally displaced persons (IDPs). The effects of climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic, and political violence, exacerbate socio-economic inequalities and the vulnerability of refugees, migrants, and host communities.

## The goal

The project supports the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and its member states to effectively implement regional migration and displacement policies in the region.

## The objective

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) was created in 1996. As Regional Economic Community (REC), it aims to foster peace and advancing regional integration. Moreover, it promotes the implementation of migration and displacement policies in its eight member states which are simultaneously countries of origin, transit and destination for migrants and refugees.

In 2012, IGAD member states agreed on the Regional Migration Policy Framework (RMPF) and its action plan that is currently under revision. The adoption of the Protocol on Free Movement and Transhumance in February 2020 laid the cornerstone for increased regional integration.

Under the Nairobi Process, the organization adopted progressive policies on refugee education, jobs and livelihoods, and health. Today, it promotes durable solutions and a regional approach to implement the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR).

Project name	Improving Migration and Refugee Policies in the IGAD Region (SIMPI II)
Commissioned by	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Project region	IGAD member states: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda
Partner organisation	Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
Budget	EUR 15.800.000
Duration	01.01.2023 - 31.12.2025

The project builds on IGAD's potential to provide comprehensive and durable solutions for people on the move. It focuses on four main fields of action:

- **Migration policy:** Support pathways for regular migration through the IGAD Qualifications Framework and improve availability of harmonised and quality migration data on regional and national levels for evidence-based policy making.
- **Displacement Policy:** Foster inclusion of refugees, returnees and host communities into national education systems and enhance self-reliance, livelihoods and inclusion into national labor markets of regional displacement policies.
- **Cross-border collaboration:** Strengthen cross-border collaboration, social cohesion and the access of mobile populations to basic services in Moyale, Ethiopia and Moyale, Kenya.
- **Systemic learning:** Improve systemic learning in and among IGAD member states in the area of forced displacement and migration, as well as increase availability, accessibility and usability of regional knowledge on a digital platform to inform evidence-based policy making.



Photos (left): Representatives from IGAD and the German government at 3<sup>rd</sup> IGAD Scientific Conference on migration and displacement. (November 2022)

Photo (center): Exchange during the High-level Kampala Declaration - Private Sector meeting (November 2022)

Photo (right): IGAD representatives presenting the IGAD 2021 Migration Statistics Brochure (April 2022).



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Photo (left): Beneficiaries of the Cash for Community cohesion (CCC), celebrating the positive effects on peaceful cohesion between local communities in Moyale / Ethiopia. (June 2022)

Photo (right): Ugandan secondary teacher holding a sign saying: "How did your students respond to your new lesson presentation methods?" during Teacher Training activity in Arua, Uganda. (February 2022)

## Our achievements

- The **IGAD Regional Technical Working Group on migration statistics (RTWG)** and the **National working group** in South Sudan and Sudan develop and communitize regional standard indicators, thus fostering regional harmonisation of migration statistics by developing and applying common definitions, standards, and concepts. This new framework resulted in the launch of the first IGAD Migration Statistics Brochure.
- The **IGAD Qualifications Framework (IQF)** contributes to the implementation of the IGAD Free Movement Protocol, in particular Article 10 on harmonization, mutual recognition and accreditation of qualifications. The IQF was validated by member states during a workshop and is expected to be adopted during a ministerial meeting in 2023.
- The **IGAD Djibouti Declaration** improves the integration of refugees into national education systems through the formulation of **National Plans of Action** in several member states. At member-state level, the **IGAD Teacher Training Initiative** enhances the skills of **755 secondary school teachers**, thereof 267 women, in Pedagogy, socio-psychological skills, life skills, and ICT. The improved quality of teaching benefitted approximately **12,464 students** in the largest refugee host communities in Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda.
- In 2022, the high-level forum on the **IGAD Kampala Declaration on Jobs, Livelihoods and Self-Reliance** fostered exchanges between government representatives, the private sector, NGOs, international partners and refugee entrepreneurs. It uncovered important barriers and opportunities for **refugee inclusion in the national labor market**.
- The **IGAD Cash for Community Cohesion (CCC) initiative** supported **1627 households** in the border town of Moyale with targeted cash transfers for social activities. The initiative relieved the negative impact of the **Covid-19 pandemic** and to improved **social cohesion** through joint engagements by migrants and host communities. In 2022, **193 CCC recipients, including 173 women**, were also supported in opening 16 milk collection centers and 3 milk processing cooperatives. In addition, up to **625 people** on both sides of the border received **20 short trainings** and were involved in community events on **life skills, business creation, and dairy value chain management**.



Graph 1: The border town Moyale-Moyale at the Ethiopian-Kenyan border is located on the main migration route connecting the Horn of Africa with Southern Africa.

- A Moyale **cross-border committee** recognized by local government authorities was established with 25 representatives from both sides of the border. The training on **leadership roles of youth and young women in peace processes** drew attention to this overlooked group. 26 participants from cross-border law enforcement structures (8 women) were trained on **non-violent conflict resolution** in the community, in order to consolidate peace structures.

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