

Recommendations 6th IGAD LPI Steering Committee, December 2010

The SC acknowledged with gratitude the efforts undertaken by IGAD and the project team for a costed extension of the project to end February 2012 and is very grateful to the European Union for allocating funds for enabling this extension.

The SC congratulated the project team for adjusting its work plans to the extended timeline of the project along the agreed priorities and results framework and for undertaking necessary steps to support the sustainability of the major project achievements.

The SC received the information from the IGAD representatives that the IGAD secretariat is now confident to be in a position to enter into direct customized implementation agreements with donors – in particular with the EU - and that it therefore has the intention of taking over all the transition activities of the project after the end of the current financing period (February 2012).

The SC approved the proposed work plan, subject to available funding, and made the following recommendations.

- 1) The SC further noted that the IGAD secretariat is confident that it can undertake the necessary steps for making full use of the primary results achieved by LPI at the end of the project's operations (e.g. establishment of the IGAD Livestock and Pastoralism Centre; IGAD-related action in the framework of the AU-IBAR coordinated Veterinary Governance project; the regional policy framework on animal health, trade and vulnerability, dedicated livestock development projects to be designed in the regional EDF 10 framework; regional Disaster Risk Management project as coordinated by FAO). It is necessary for the IGAD secretariat to take the above steps in full.
- 2) The SC recommends IGAD give full consideration to the need for timely and substantial support to project generated initiatives and institutions as IGAD LPI's implementation phase comes to an end.
- 3) The SC welcomes the proposal of a high level meeting to agree the nature of the institutional and policy environment required to ensure food security for livestock dependent men and women in the IGAD region and recommends that it takes place in 2011.
- 4) The SC recommends IGAD and IGAD LPI develop a phasing out and transition plan, in collaboration with the member states, for the project at national and regional level.
- 5) For the final period of LPI up to end February 2012, the SC recommends the project to focus on strengthening / sustaining the institutional instruments at the national level (Policy Hubs and Information Nodes) and on designing firm linkages of these national instruments to the Regional Livestock Policy Framework.

- 6) The SC welcomes the proposed collaboration between IGAD LPI and the “Regional Initiative in Support of Vulnerable Pastoralists and Agro-Pastoralists in the Horn of Africa” project. It recommends that the collaboration be managed in order to further develop the capacity of the national level institutions established through IGAD LPI, and to strengthen their linkages with the IGAD secretariat.
- 7) The SC recommends that the project pursue a balanced approach in designing and advocating evidence-based livestock sector development policies (i.e. livestock’s role in (a) economic growth, markets and trade; (b) livelihood support and poverty alleviation).
- 8) The SC appreciates the value of the study of livestock’s contribution to the national economy which was carried out in Ethiopia. It further recommends member countries carry out similar studies, the outputs of which can then be used in support of livestock policy and project proposals for consideration by governments.
- 9) The SC recommends that the policy hubs encourage the initiation of policy proposals from stakeholder ministries other than those directly responsible for livestock.
- 10) The SC recommends that all effort be placed on completing planned project activities in Somalia, and in this connection, to support the newly established Somali Livestock Stakeholder Forum in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, October 2010.