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# List of acronyms

- CBDFU Cross-border Development Facilitation Unit
- IDDRSI IGAD Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative
- IGAD Intergovernmental Authority on Development
- PIA Priority Intervention Area
- GRWG Gender and Resilience Working Group
- GALS Gender Action Learning Systems
- GRKSF Gender Resilience Knowledge Share Fair
- M&E Monitoring and Evaluation
- RPLRP Regional Pastoral Livelihoods Resilience Project
- SNNP Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples
- EUTF European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa
- MoU Memorandum of Understanding
- PCU Platform Coordination Unit



## **INTRODUCTION**

## The 5th Gender and Resilience Knowledge Share Fair Opening

Ms. Jackeline Makokha (picture above), who is the Director of Gender in the Ministry of Public service and Gender senior citizens of Affairs and special programs of Kenya, officially opened the knowledge share fair, which was attended by representatives of cross-border government ministry offices, civil society organisations, and technical staff from the IGAD Secretariat, focal ministries implementing IDDRSI, and other relevant ministries and local ministry offices.

"Share fairs provide an opportunity to address the impacts of climate change that are still continue to affect our region severely and which requires our collective innovative efforts to tackle and build resilience across the borders and specially ensuring both man and women are participating in the process of making decision that affect the livelihood of the communities" Ms. Jakeline Said.

She also added, as Africans we have a special opportunity to influence policies, discuss and bring out the key issues of climate change and make a policy decision on the forthcoming 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27) which will take place in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt this year.

In his remarks, Dr. Tesfaye Beshah, IDDRSI Regional Programming Coordinator, stated Gender mainstreaming has been embraced internationally as a strategy toward realising gender equality, involving the integration of a gender perspective into the preparation, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, regulatory measures and programmes and projects to combat discrimination and injustice between women and men.

He emphasized the role that women play in their communities, even in the face of their vulnerability to recurrent climatic shocks and stresses.

"The infusion of ideas and principles of gender equality and equity in our day-to-day lives to ensure the optimum balance of roles and responsibilities is the desired dream of every society" he said. The remarks by the UN WOMEN, was transmitted by Ms. Joselyn Bigirwa on behalf of UN WOMEN ESARO. The remarks specified, that scarcity of water across Karamoja region, necessitates women to walk longer distances increasing their exposure to risks such as sexual exploitation and abuse as was witnessed during COVID 19 while taking time away from income generating activities. In addition to that Impact of the Russia Ukraine war and resultant skyrocketing commodity prices has impacted household food security as well as livelihood opportunities for women entrepreneurs.

The remarks also highlighted on the Karamoja Cluster, which is a home to 13 pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities with a combined population of more than 1,464,000 people, protracted resource-based conflicts, and chronic food insecurity have impacted women and girls. The UN WOMEN office has developed essential tools and guidance notes in an easyto-use format targeting mainstreaming gender during implementation of Sendai Framework for DRR.

The remark added gender disparities in ownership and access to resources such as land, credit and technology, coupled with sociocultural barriers, impoverish women and increase their exposure to climatic risk. Additionally, existing negative social norms and cultural practices against women further deepen the vulnerability of women and girls in times of crisis.

The IGAD Head of Mission to Kenya, did the remarks on behalf of the IGAD Executive his excellency Dr. Workneh Secretary, Gebeyehu, reminded, the relevance of the this year share fair theme, which is critically important to support our region to rethink, Identify, and learn appropriate, and tailored transformative gender approaches in the context of the current devastating drought, COVID 19, conflict and migration. She emphesised that currently the IGAD estimates that 8.1 million people are food insecure in ASLA area of Ethiopia, 3.5 million in Kenya, 7.7 million in Somalia, 8.9 million in South Sudan, 10.6 million in Sudan, and 1.6 million in Uganda, where girls and women and other social groups are more severely impacted by the drought.



## Update from the GRWG and the Regional Agenda on Gender

After the opening remark, Ms. Amina Farah, Programme Manager, Gender Affairs Department presented an update from the Gender and Resilience Working Group (GRWG) and the Regional Agenda on Gender. She highlighted on IGAD's gender agenda as one of the key cooperate priority area in the IGAD Regional Strategy (2021-2025). The IGAD Gender Policy Framework 2012-2020, the IGAD Gender Strategy and Implementation Plan 2016-2020, Gender Mainstreaming Tools for different divisions 2017 were highlighted a core operational framework in place for promoting gender mainstreaming and women empowerment. She noted that Gender Focal Persons (GFP) had been identified in all IGAD divisions and specialized institutions in this effort. She also reported on the ongoing review of the gender strategy to align with the IGAD strategy 2021-2025.

She reported on the progress made in the Member States which included; establishment of a functional Gender and Resilience Working Group (GRWG) and trainings of Member State Gender Focal Persons.



## SUCCESS STORIES AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LAST GRKSF

Twenty one posters on initiatives highlighting success stories, challenges and lessons learnt were presented. The posters captured various resilience building initiatives implemented at both national and cluster level (Mandera and Karamoja). A wide range of initiatives including; land rehabilitation, goat breeding, afforestation (greening), food-based irrigation, group land ownership by women, Gender Based Violence and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, and human trafficking were presented. The participants were divided in groups according to countries. Start poster stations were determined but all participants were given an opportunity to listen to all presentations in a rotational manner. The presenter and IGAD staff were present at each of poster sites to give a brief summary of the poster presentation and respond to questions and take note of questions or comments respectively. Every poster presentation lasted 10 minutes. The participants were allowed to give reflections from the poster presentation session and any questions raised were addressed by the respective presenters. The sessions were moderated by Mrs. Doreen Nanyonga and Dr. Dominic Kathiya.

Table1: Table showing the title of the posters and country where the intervention is being implemented. A representative from each country presented the posters during the session.

S/NO	Poster Title	Country /Cluster	Thematic focus area
1	Tree planting and provision of after care service	Mandera county, Kenya	Afforestation
2	Women Empowerment through livestock production	Kwale county, Kenya	Livestock production
3	Merti-KORBESA water supply project	lsiolo county, Kenya	Water supply
4	Social protection against effects of climate change	Mersabit county, Kenya	Hunger safety net
5	Addressing issues of trafficking in persons/out migration	Napaka District, Uganda	Migration, child trafficking
6	Advocacy on women's involvement and participation in the implementation of the MOU	Karamoja cluster	Policy advocacy
7	Fodder Bank development: community drought resilience strategy	South Omo zone, Ethiopia	Agriculture
8	Expanding the range land to achieve growth enhancing fruit production in the cluster	Dassenech Wereda, South Omo, Ethiopia	Agriculture
9	Technical and business skills for women to enhance their employment and entrepreneurship capacity	Dassenech Wereda, South Omo, Ethiopia	Agriculture
10	Mitigation and adaptation measures against COIVID-19	National level, Ethiopia	Health / COVID 19
11	Cross border conflict and drought Resilience	South Sudan, Karamoja cluster	Climate change adaptation
12	Flood-Based Irrigation System in Kaongu	Turkana county, Kenya/Mandera cluster	Agriculture/ irrigation
13	Mitigation against gender based violence and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse	Turkana county, Kenya/Mandera cluster	Gender based violence
14	Improving household income through fodder development by women in pastoral communities	Dassenech Wereda, South Omo, Ethiopia	Agriculture
15	Camel cross breeding - livelihood resilience for women through asset building	South Omo, Ethiopia	Livestock Production
16	Cultivating water melons intervention	North Kordofan, Sudan	Agriculture
17	Regional Pastoral livelihoods Resilience Project ( RPLRP)	Karamoja, Uganda	Livestock production and pottery
18	Uganda women entrepreneurship programme - Beneficiaries livelihood project	All district of Uganda	entrepreneurship
19	Somalia Gender and Resilience project	Somalia	Agriculture
20	Mainstreaming climate change and gender into local development plan	Mandera country, Kenya	Agriculture
21	Building of resilience of smallholder and market actors in Terekeka county	Central equatorial, South Sudan	Energy Conservation
22	Appuie reinforcement des capacities des cooperatives feminines	Djibouti	Agriculture and Bee Keeping

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#### **Problem Description**

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Mandera County is water scarce, sanitation poor and has a poverty index of 85.8%. Recurrent drought, floods, conflicts and famine exist. . Over 60% of the population is pastoralists. About 25% of population is Agro-pastoralists. The rest are engaged in Trade or employment. The economic backbone of Mandera County is livestock rearing which is affected greatly by the prolonged drought as a result of climate change. Many locals have lost their livestock and were forced to look for alternative means of survival including charcoal burning resulting in environmental degradation.

In the pastoral community settings male and female roles are distinct and defined. The female members of the community are mainly charged with the responsibility of fetching water for the household use, looking after children and livestock at home. The male counterparts are the main breadwinners, provide security and make key decisions on running of the family affairs. The loss of livelihood results in many socio-economic issues including increased level of divorce where children are neglected and families are abandoned. The loss of livelihood has more effect on women, youth, children and female headed households.





#### Gender mainstreaming action

Implementation of Afforestation project dubbed 'Greening Mandera Town' which involve planting of trees along the main roads, public institutions and other public places and provision of after care services for the trees in Mandera Town, Mandera County. The program is meant to address both environmental and social challenges facing residents of Mandera town.

- The project was implemented in two phases. Phase I of the program was started in 2016 while phase II in 2018. The watering and maintenance of the trees is still ongoing.
- The county government engaged about 1,300 workers mainly women (widows and female household heads) and youth on casual basis to provide after-care services such as watering, protection and maintenance of the trees. The casual workers are paid monthly wages by the county government.





#### Results

- The program has achieved the intended purpose of uplifting the welfare of the locals by providing steady source of income for the casual workers
- During the COVID-19 pandemic; a period that was characterized by job losses and harsh economic conditions, beneficiaries were able to put food on the table, pay school and madrassa (Dugsi) fees and start up small business such as selling vegetables while many engaged in table Banking.
- It also helped male youth to shun crime and drug abuse. The trees provide shade for the locals against extreme heat of the sun and improve aesthetic beauty of the town. Through the project the community has recognized the role women can play in development projects
- The program further motivated other community members to take individual initiatives of planting trees within their individual plots. Ultimately, it became evident that the business of caring for the trees was no longer only for the mother but a family affair. Children helped their mothers' water the trees after school and in some cases the fathers also joined in watering trees.

#### .essons Learnt

· Such projects are extremely important in addressing environmental degradation while equally contributing to social development of the society.

Involving women and youth in such programs can help bridge the existing gaps in gender inequality

#### Challenges

- The main challenge was high water demand since the trees are watered twice a day morning and evening. To address this challenge, the county government constructed several water storage tanks at intervals of 500M apart and hired water boozers for provision of water. The program is expensive but worth the investment.
- High temperatures leading to loss of up to 15% of planted seedlings
- Animals feeding on the trees

#### Plans to adapt, scale or replicate the actions

Similar program has already been started in Elwak town under Elwak Municipality The county is further planning to implement similar programs in other sub-county headquarters.



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#### **Enhancing Stabilization and Resilience of Communities Affected by Violent Conflicts** and Disasters in the Coastal Region of Kenya

#### Women Empowerment Through Livestock Production

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#### Lessons learnt

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#### Challenges encountered during

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- Partners





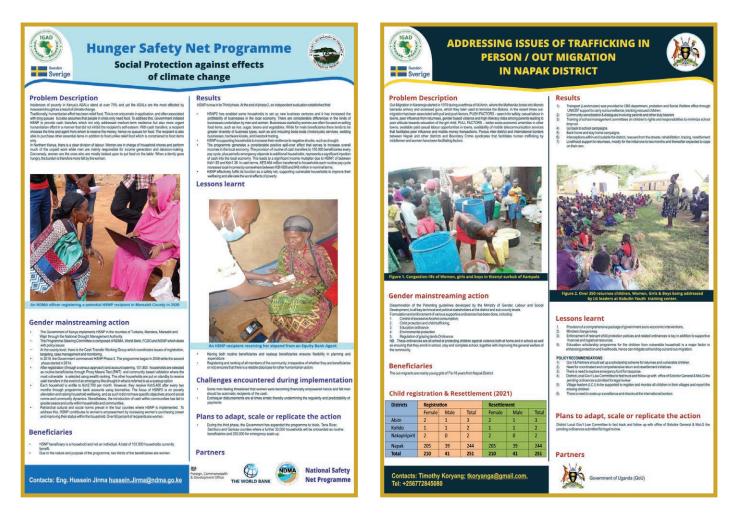
**MERTI-KORBESA WATER SUPPLY PROJECT -**

**ISIOLO COUNTY, KENYA** 



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**Empowering Women to Participate in Engendered Policy Advocacy in the** Karamoja Cluster

**Advocacy on Women's Involvement and** Participation in the Implementation of the MoU

#### Describe the problem

EASSI together with women leaders from Karamoja, West Pokot and Turkana reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), that was signed in September 2019, on ensuring the Cross Border Programme for Sustainable Peace and Socio-economic Transformation. The MoU was not identifying issues of women in relation to cross border collaboration, and gaps on women's involvement and participation in the implementation process were identified.

#### Results

- Stakeholders from Karamoja and Turkana were able to share on the level of MoU implementation and committed to work closely with the women peace forum to achieve MoU objectives
- Discussion with the Minister for Karamoja Affairs led to peace dialogues in all districts in Karamoja organized by the Minister.
- 5 women peace leaders from all the districts of Karamoja were each gifted with 16 goats to improve on their livelihood, and in addition, 2 leaders from every district were gifted 40 iron sheets in recognition of the role they play in peace building in their communities.



#### Gender mainstreaming action

#### Who what where when and how?

EASSI with support from GIZ trained a total of 30 women leaders from Karamoja in the districts of Moroto, Napak, Nakapiripirit, and Amudat in Uganda, and West Pokot and Turkana in Kenya. 5 women leaders were selected from each district and county and they were trained on Leadership and Advocacy, reviewed the MoU where they identified gender issues that deterred women's involvement in the implementation. Following the strategic engagement, the women took it upon themselves to advocate and lobby the stakeholders involved in the implementation of the MoU from Uganda, West Pokot and Turkana, for a dialogue to discuss the level of MoU implementation, and how women could work together to achieve the objectives



**Beneficiaries** Ateker Women Peace Forum Members from Karamoja, West Pokot, Turkana, and the youth



#### Lessons learnt

- Commitment, consistency and hard work is very paramountwhen engaging duty bearers. It is important to work together as a team, network and lobby - that is why the Ateker women leaders were able to engage the duty bears to share on how women can take part in the implementation of the
- MoU Engaging County Governors from Kenya and the district leadership in Moroto, Uganda to dialogue enabled women to directly acquire information about the level of MoU implementation but to also share insights on working together as a team to achieve

#### Plans to adapt, scale or replicate the action

- Support / empower women to economically engage in cross border trade so as to improve their livelihoods.
- Lobby more funds aiming at long term projects to involve women in engendered policy advocacy across the border of Karamoja, West Pokot and Turkana. Conduct cross border sensitization dialogues on peaceful co-existence on resource-sharing with
- women taking the lead.

#### When and where do you plan to implement these plans

This project will be implemented in the Karamoja Cluster, West Pokot, and Turkana.

#### Partners



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## **CROSS-BORDER CONFLICT &** DROUGHT RESIELENCE



#### Describe the problem

Prolonged drought and crop failure resulted to cattle theft, starvation in human and animals and this increased mainutrition rate among children, Pregnant and Lactating Mothers and Animals and exposed young girls to early/forced marriages.





#### Gender mainstreaming action

- Who, what, where, when and how?
- Mother to mother support groups capacity building.
- AIDO provided youth & human rights training kits
- The project was implemented in Kapoeta East County. Youth & human rights training was conducted with more emphasis on gender mainstreaming (Early/forced marriage)

#### **Beneficiaries**

- 413 pastoralist men
- 766 young lactating mothers diversified livelihoods sources 520 Local youth between the age of 16-32 years

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#### Results

- 1699 men, women and youth acquired knowledge on climate change adaptation & mitigation, youth & human rights and small scale farming. The beneficiaries used knowledge to generate income
- Youth/human rights importance was realized among the community.
- Early/forced marriage reduced.

#### Lessons learnt and challenges

The community and the government strongly accepted and owned the project and that helped our mobilization and lobbying easy during implementation.

#### Challenges:

- Boarder encroachment tension causes insecurity and cattle rustling is rampant.
- More youth are unemployed. Covid-19 pandemic prevalence.

#### Plans to adapt, scale or replicate the action

ATEKER FOUNDATION SOUTH SUDAN and State ministry of gender and child welfare intends to continue to collaboratively engage with various development partners and stakeholders in mobilizing the required financial and technical expertise to explore more to the gaps existing in greater Kapoeta, support Community peace building, FSL, Protection & GBV mainstreaming, HIV&AIDS & Covid-19 awareness. This will not only result in replicating and expanding the geographical scope but as well as deepening the project impact on the target communities in Greater Kapoeta and surrounding counties.

#### **Partners**

- These interventions were made possible with the generous support of Norwegian Church Aid (ICCA) and AIDO. On the other hand, ATEKER FOUNDATION SOUTH SUDAY and State ministry of gender and child welfare collaboratively worked hand- in-hand on the implementation of the project service and unit wenter conductavely worked hand in that of the implementation of the project activities. These coordinated and well-thought out strategies resulted in the attainment of the project outcomes amplifying its impact on the target communities. Furthermore, the excellent relations established between ATEKER FOUNDATION SOUTH SUDAN and the local authorities as well community leaders has created a strong sense of project ownership
- and enhanced sustainability











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## Ministry of Agriculture and Forest **Enable Youth Program.**

**Project of Cultivating Water Melons** intervention Cultivating Water Melons Financed by: Farmer's Commercial Bank (FCB



#### Description of the project

This Project about Cultivating Water Melons in Bara – North Kordofan- Sudan . more profitable & comfortable in addition to the uses of water melons fruit which are most favorable for people. Besides its healthy advantages such as protecting from Cancer and Justic attion of Blood Pressure. I rent one acre of agricultural land furthermore the production of one acre about 8-10 tons Depending on many other circumstances so as to get multiple quantities of production. We called this type of watermelons Chromosome

#### **The Challenges**

- Lack of women's access to land ownership
- Pollutions
- Women are not participating in watermelon production Problem in market linkage and transportation
- Lack of job opportunities for women, men boys and girls Lack of access to sufficient water in addition to irrigation management problems and pest control
- Lack of fuel this will create a problem for the farmers and the cost of irrigation Pumps maintenance.
- The society didn't support the cultivating women according to their opinions about this with reference to the men's failure in water melons cultivating.
- Actually men refused women and girls going to the farms. Conflict between farmers & Shepherds because shepherds pasture around the field
- which will be destroyed. long distance between the area and the center. The working women were The
- coming to the field too late. Marketing and transportation according problems. Insects fighting & prevent it , besides using donkey cart so as to reach to the field.

#### Gender mainstreaming action

Adoption of gender mainstreaming has been done in many activities during EYSP implementation –from and intakes till the provision of Bank financing From the starting of the program 2017 till now in all EYSP activities during implementation process. When & where: The target are from young graduates, selection graduates & intakes process "50% are

females" in the 5 states "Khartoum, Gezira, River Nile, Gedarif & Kassala", in this model of intervention is implemented by the women farmers who are the community leader in the targeted areas

How: The key intervention that was adopted during Program implementation in all activities All females given the same chances in Training-theatrical & Practical-in different YABICs at states levels same opportunities in provision of finance

#### Which approach was used?

Gender awareness & training program conducted for all intakes batches of graduates from different universities & high institutions in field of Gender concepts & definitions, gender mainstreaming, Gender advocacy Workshop was conducted for EYSP staff in the same field, this interventions was done by the leader of the area Beneficiaries : beneficiaries (73% women, 10%men, 17% youth)

In this intervention, which is success story the project location was Bara aquifer, Kordofan-Sudan

#### **Beneficiaries**

: Beneficiaries (73% women, 10% men, 17% youth)



#### Results

- There is qualitative results of this intervention were many changes happened according to the area's society (Project area) one of them is work chances for all in the society (men-women-youth)
- ctation in future is that lack of youth contribution in farming system disappeared in the area thus most of the area people without job. They were just needed support technically gaining the financial
- support from the immigrants sons. The cost of this Project about (800,000) SDG. The percentage of the project profits 90% as an income weight for one agricultural Cycle. The duration of this Cycle about 3 months. The project participated in animal feed, this leads to milk availability for Children and pregnant Women.
- Agri-enterprenuers (constitute 74.7% of the total target) 53% were females. The project supported the community with animal feed technologies which led to availability of milk



#### Lessons learnt and challenges

Gender mainstreaming interventions reflected in Entrepreneurship success.

- The greatest insights I can share with others that I advice the others to work in agricultural job. The greatest insights I can share with others that I advice the others to work in agricultural job. Because
- of the availability of fertile lands and more profit business. The women needed to be organized in groups or associations to facilitate their work and to find more
- funds and grant from the organizations and the civil societies. Distribution of chances in agricultural services between men and women farmer will enhance the
- equality between women and men The women can be arranged in agricultural work-team group and they were demanded the support from
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#### Plans to adapt, scale or replicate the action

For expand the benefits of the project,Plans to adapt, scale or replicate the action 1. An Agricultural Guidance through paper sheets & Field Training When and where do you plan to implement these plans.

#### Partners

#### The partners of the EYSP are:

Ministries of Agric & Forestry ,and Animal Resources, Universities and Research centers, Banks -7- and insurance companies, Private sectors and Training centers



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Results

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23 quintal of onions were produced of which 41 women headed households, with an average hh size of 5, benefited. As result their income generation increased and they become the solid holders of

#### **Challenges encountered**

- The project phased out due to lack of resources (during the COVID breakout).
  As the women were new to farming systems.
  The COVID breakout has disrupted the farming calendar

#### Lessons learnt

Results

Engaging women pastoralists to farming has double benefit-first its means to secure their land right and second it improves their income.



Plans to adapt, scale or replicate the action A five year project is designed
 Funded by UNDP

- Partners
  - Somali Region Environmental Protection & Rural Land Administration Bureau (EPRLAB) The Italian Embassy

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## **Program for Enhanced Resilience and Livelihoods Security (PERLS)**

**Building of Resilience of Smallholder & Market Actors in Terekeka County** 

#### Challenge to address

Overgrazing and increase in demand for firewood and charcoal has accelerated deforestation in Terekeka county in Central Equatoria State. In most communities, women and girls are responsible for collecting firewood and water for home use. Travelling long distance in search of firewood, drinking water and food stuff from the forest, exposed them to Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV).







Overgrazing, Land Degradation, High Demand for Fuelwood (Firewood and Charcoal), and Food staff collection from the forest. Photo in Gowr Payam, Terekeka County in Dec. 2020

#### **Gender mainstreaming action**

- Ser-Num Community Development Initiative (SNCDI) implemented in Gwor, Tindilo and Tali payams in Terekeka county in 2020-2021.
- Funded by Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- One of the interventions was training on Energy conservation and practical demonstration on the
- construction of fuel saving stoves and their use. This reduced the care burden on the side of women and girls and time taken collecting firewood.



Training on Environmental Hazards in Terekeka

#### **Beneficiaries of the project**

In total, 240 men, 660 Women and 300 Youth benefited from this training.

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#### Results

- 660 women, 360 men and 300 youth were able to acquire knowledge on energy conservation technology and techniques in Terekeka County.
- 24 Community Workers able to use the skills for income generating activities. 90 women and 64 men had acquired knowledge of climate stability.
- Change of social norms where men were involved in the construction of stoves which was seen as
- vomen's role.
- Gender was mainstreamed in Energy Conservation Activities This reduced the care burden on the side of women and girls and time taken collecting firewood. Reduced cases of SGBV.
- Reduced firewood collection. Reduced deforestation and land degradation. 1





Training Community on the construction of Energy Saving Stoves, 2021.

#### Lessons learnt and challenges

- Increased mobilization and lobbing for funds to enable implementation of projects. Gender was mainstreamed in Energy Conservation Activities.
- CHALLENGES.
- Insecurity caused by protracted political and inter-communal violent conflicts.
- Community massive internal and cross-border displacement. Cattle rustling/ theft/ raiding that is fuelled by the circulation of small arms and light weapons.
- Youth unemployment. The prevalence of COVID-19 Pandemic.

#### Plans to adapt, scale or replicate the action

- SNCDI plans to implement the following: Food Security, Nutrition and Livelihoods (to replicate).
- Education and Literacy. Good Governance.
- Protection and Gender Mainstreaming (to replicate). Community Peace Building (to replicate).
- Awareness on HIV/ AIDS and COVID- 19 Pandemic Control

#### Partners

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
- Norwegian People's Aid (NPA). Government of South Suda

**United Nations** 





## Ministère de la Femme et de la Famille Protection – Equité – Autonomie

Appui et renforcement des capacités des cooperatives féminines

#### Les défis

IGAD

Sverige

- Taux de pauvreté extrême très élevé au niveau des régions (55%)
- Population très vulnérable face aux aléas climatique (ex : sècheresse, criquet pèlerins etc.,,)
- Taux de chômage très élevé des femmes (62%)



Intrants octroyés, et confitures après encadrement du processus de fabrication à Assamo

- -Transformation de 125 associations féminines en coopératives -Création de 10 coopératives agro-pastorale féminines
- -Formation de plus de 500 femmes dans la gestion, marketing et la vente des produits agricoles, artisanales, avicoles

-10 coopératives féminines ont reçu des matériels pour relancer leurs activités

-les femmes ont reçu des formations pratiques sur le suivi sanitaire des bétails et des poules

-Les coopératives agro-alimentaires et artisanales ont été formées par des experts internationaux pour parfaire et diversifier leurs produits

#### Bénéficiaire

1000 femmes issues des regions de l'Intérieur

#### Résultats

- Nette amélioration des conditions de vie des bénéficiaires
- Les femmes sont plus répresentées dans les entités de décisions locales
- Augmentation du nombre des coopératives feminines



Les femmes de la coopérative d'All -Addé préparant le sol

#### Leçons apprises

- Mettre l'accent sur la sensibilisation et la formation des bénéficiaires sur les avantages de se regrouper en coopérative
- Prévoir un plan d'accompagnement et de suivi des coopératives pour assurer leur bon fonctionnement

#### Plans d'adaptation, ou de reproduction de l'action

Vu le succès de ces coopératives , le Ministère est en train de travailler sur le développement des chaines de valeurs à travers la création des unités de production du fromage à Dougoum et du confiture made in Djibouti à Assamo . Egalement , des propositions pour élargir et créer d'autre coopérative féminine sont en train d'être étudier avec l'appui des partenaires potentiels.

#### Partners

UE, PNUD, USAID, BAD



## **Reflection on the Poster Session: Voices of the participants**



Mr. Issa Mohamed Abdirahman, CEO, Voice of Peace for All in the Horn of Africa (VOPA), commented that, most of the posters presented during the sessions are almost sharing the same context and problems with to our area (Mandera), he said, 'One of the key subject he learned is that how gender issues are being mainstreamed in a program and projects'.

He added, he was especially very impressed how women are empowered to lead and participate in agriculture by using drip irrigation techniques and the way how they are marketing their agriculture products. The other posters, which I was impressed with is that how the Karamoja community is mainstreaming gender into their projects and programs to systematically address specially the issues of deforestations as this was one of the key challenges in the area,' he said.



Ms. Kamaan Pheobe, Advisor to the Turkana County Governor on Partnerships, Gender and Children's Affairs added her voice to the posters sessions by saying she grasped a lot of good knowledge as the posters are more focused on economic empowerments for women which was trying to address the gaps and economic vulnerability vis-à-vis women's dependents on men.

Ms Kamaan added, it is very important to involve everybody (women, man girls and boys) when we are trying to address the issues of gender inequality and women empowerment. Climate change risks are a reality that we all are living with. If we are to address some of this risks, we need to work through empowering the vulnerable populations where women fall into this category and we need to acknowledge the importance of each actor as they are playing different roles in the community. In addition, we need to appreciate and learn the lessons learnt along the process and improve on the challenges that have been highlighted by different poster presenters, she stressed.



Photos 1-4: Country representatives presenting their posters during the session.







## CONVERSATION ON IMPORTANCE OF ADDRESSING THE NEXUS BETWEEN GENDER, CLIMATE CHANGE AND SECURITY

Following to the posters session, Ms. Awotash Alemu, moderated a conversation with Mr. Mubarek Mabuya, Manager for Cooperation and Partnership, IGAD, Ms. Shiela Kawamara, Executive Director of EASSI and Ms. Amina Farah, Programme Manager for the Gender Affairs Department in IGAD.

## The linkage between gender, climate and security?

The Executive Director of EASSI, started clarifying the questions asked by the moderator by the expression, **Woman is the story of life**. She said, 'when you are looking at the life of a pastoralist women in these cross-border areas, it's a story of energy, resilience and survival'. Throughout their life, the survival is within a very harsh and semi-arid environment, where by the women are the providers of food, nutrition, health, and overall care of the family. All in all, it is about them surviving and living in this harsh condition. Therefore, when that climate, condition is again more distrusted, we are going to end up with conflicts, threat to people life and security. Displacements brought about by climate change can cause loss of lives and livelihoods and insecurity because these communities depend on natural resources entirely. Either for their animals or for their survivals.

The impacts of climate change is the impact on seasonality,' said Mr. Mubarak Mubuya, to further explain the subject. He added, the rainfalls can no longer come on the seasons as we expect. This is quite often resulted drought and you will be forced to look out the mitigation measure like irrigation. For example, when Ethiopia dose irrigation on the side of Omo River, the water resource that goes to Lake Turkana decreases. The people living on the side of Ethiopia, Dasenach wereda, will be affected, as one of their key livelihood is depends on fishing, whereas the community living on the side of Kenya, Turkana are mainly depends on their livestock.

Because of the climate chocks and changes, the two comminutes can easily go to conflicts due to resources scarcity, as the community in Turkana will migrate to look for water, fish and pasture to the side of Ethiopia and vis versa.

# The nexus between gender, climate change and security

Mabuya further explained, boys and girls thought what they should do and not do, what they can own and not own and where they can go and cannot go. These social constructions determine a lot, in terms of the outcome. Gender norms and power influences how climate change impacts on women and man.

"Climate change and conflict are the amplifiers of preexisting gender and inequalities between women and man which are a result of how we have been socialized", he said.

The government and other actors (local and central), are putting in place relevant interventions to try to address the effects and impact of climate change. If we assume the impacts are the same, it means our responses will be ineffective.

He also pointed out, during the drought time, transhumance communities will migrate and move from one place to another looking for water and pasture. During the movement, the men leave behind the women, girls, and children at home and resulting in vulnerability to varies sexual violence. Therefore, understanding these issues will help us to develop appropriate, effective, and targeted interventions and safeguards like gender-based violence.

He further added, knowing this kind of knowledge will help us to design appropriate and predictive knowledge, insight and responsive actions. It is also important to enhancing resilience because you have to design strategies that builds the resilience of women which is different from strategies that are design to build the resilience of man.

He highlighted when we are delivering weather and climate-related information, it will inform the medium that we use in terms of delivering the weather and climate information. It will as well inform the time, agent and language to be used when delivering this kind of information.

He concluded his explanation by giving a highlight on the normative standards and laws that are available e.g the UN framework on convention on climate change, security council resolutions, Beijing declarations, The Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, better known as the Maputo Protocol, is an international human rights instrument established by the African Union that went into effect in 2005, Which speaks to the women and environment and help us address similar issues.

## What should be done to address the identified issues?

Ms. Amina Farah highlighted, the role and responsibility of men, women, boys, and girls within the society and issues related to climate and peace, and security. She said, 'climate is a long-term issue and therefore our focus should be the copping mechanism to climate challenges'. "If we are able to develop a structure that caters to bounce back from calamity and national disaster in such a way that minimal impact and the likelihood of insecurity is minimal", she said.

Ms. Farah, said, **"The first things that should come is collection of sex disaggregated data".** She further pointed out that , there is no evidence or facts to know who has been affected by this impact and to what extent. Without getting detail information about the affected community by climate it will be very difficult to address the real problem on the ground.

She added, once the sex disaggregated data is available it will be easy to conduct gender analysis. Gender analysis is basically to help us to identify what are the discriminations that are there against the different groups and what are the enablers of this discrimination. The role of women in community.

Ms. Farah explained, if there are no women there is no life. Every man that is chauvinistic and does not grant women access, mostly is not a malicious one it is because he does not have the capacity to understand some of these things because of the way they have been socialized for a long very time. If we work towards combating these social norms in such a way that it is within the context of the African communities and not something that has been dictated and given to us, that is the place to start.

She noted, once we have a gender analysis, we are better suited to know what the gaps are and needs of these communities and how we can best address the issues. Then the next step would be adapting best practices what has worked and what has not worked and address the gaps. E.g., index-based livestock insurance, was one of the best examples of good practices which were very successful.



# Learning Points from the Panel Discussion

Woman is the story of life. Story of women is a story of energy, resilience and survival.
Women are the providers of food, nutrition, health, taking care of the family.
Climate change directly amplifies the risk of conflict and peace and security.
Climate change and conflict are the amplifiers of preexisting gender and inequalities between women and man which are a result of how we have been socialized.
There are many normative standards and laws that are available and laws that are available which speaks to the women and environment and help to address gender related issues.
Gender-disaggregated data are essential to assess the effects of policy measures on women and men.
Without data, we cannot have facts to know who has been affected and to what extent.
If sex disaggregated data is available it will be easy to conduct gender analysis.
Once we have a gender analysis, we are better suited to know what the gaps are and needs of these communities and how can we best address the issues



## **SESSION 3**

## MINI-WORKSHOP ON INTRODUCTION TO GENDER ACTION LEARNING SYSTEM

**Mrs. Joselyn Bigirwa, Gender and Land Expert** (pictured above) who moderated the mini workshop on Gender Action Learning System (GALS), explained and clarified the importance of addressing Gender injustices and the connection between Gender mainstreaming and the Gender Transformative approach. In her presentation, she added promotion of women's human rights as stated in UN CEDAW enables both women and men to move forward in a just society.



Mr. John Bosco Okaya, Agriculture Expert/GALS Champion, facilitating the GALS min workshop

## **Highlights of the concept presented**





GALS is a complementary methodology. If it is used stand-alone, it requires complementary programme to address issues of assetpoor. **Mr. John Bosco Okaya,** who is an agriculture Expert/ GALS Champion, started the GALS workshop by telling fascinating story about his family. He educated the participants how the application of GALS tools and methodology on his family saved his marriage from divorce. He witnessed that after he had practiced the GALS methodology in his home, his marriage life became healthier and he started living a happier life.

He further explained, his closest friends and neighbors start adapting the GALS methodology in their respective houses, after perceiving how GALS tools transform Mr. Bosco's personal life.

So what is GALS mean? Gender Action Learning System (GALS) is a household methodology with an emphasis on men and women and their visions for change. It is a community led and uses both written and visual diagramming. It is a mass movement built through peer learning, borrowing from other transformative methodologies.

GALS focuses first on the individual, giving them the skills to reflect on their personal situation and see women as intelligent actors and men as potential partners in pursuit of justice who also need support in order to go against established attitudes and patterns of behavior.

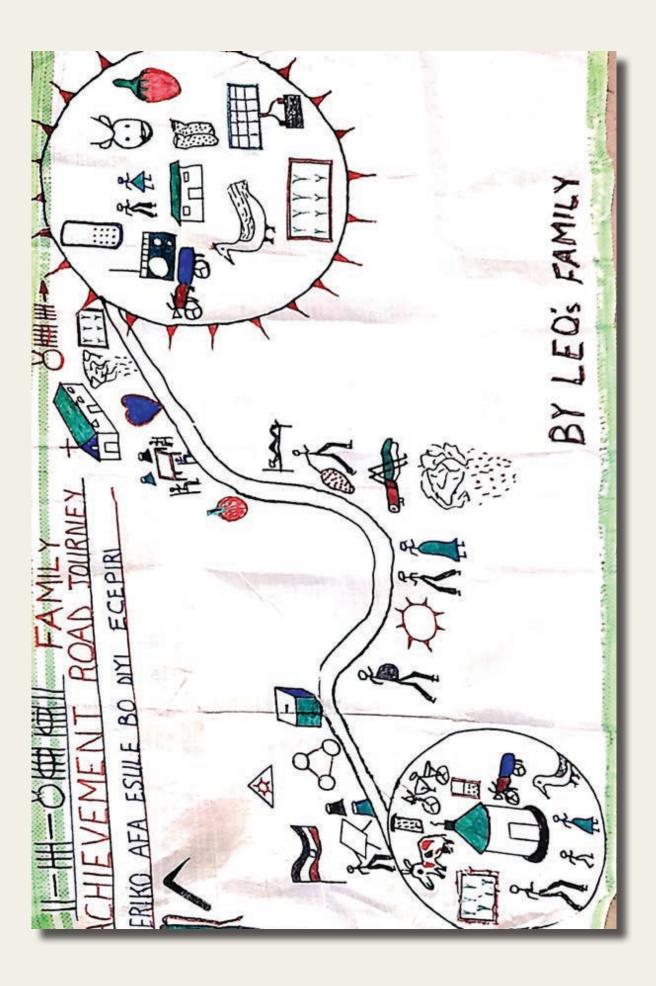
After the introduction of the GALS concept to the participants, the facilitator alienated the participants in to two groups based on respective cluster namely Mandera and Karamoja cluster to practice how GALS methodology can be applied in their cluster by following a very simple 3 steps namely:

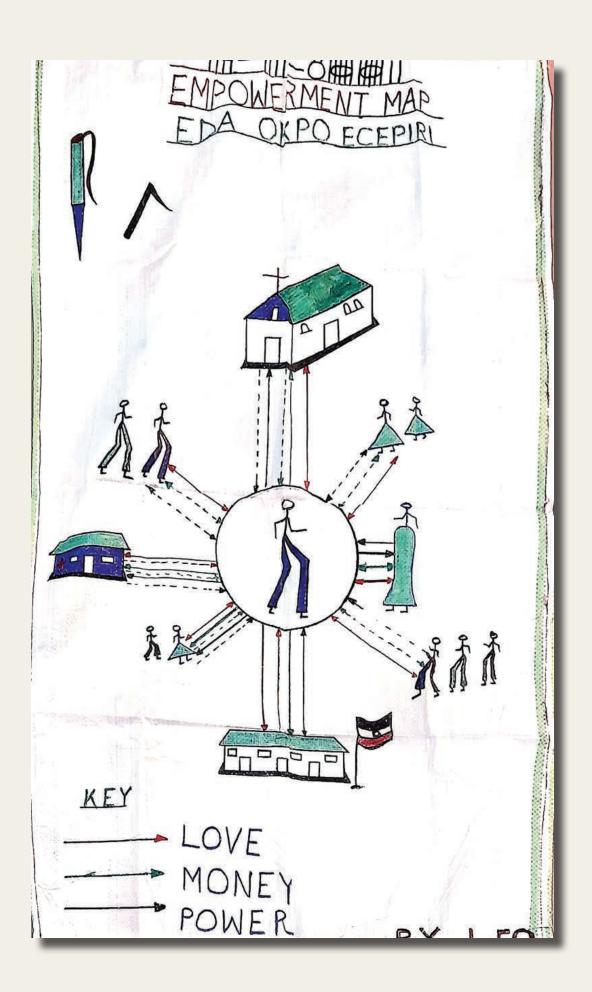
STEP 1: VISION: WHERE DO I WANT TO GO? STEP 2: WHERE AM I NOW? STEP 3: WHERE DID I START?

The mini training workshop on GALS allowed participants how man and women share different roles and responsibility when they live together and achieving the same goal / objective.

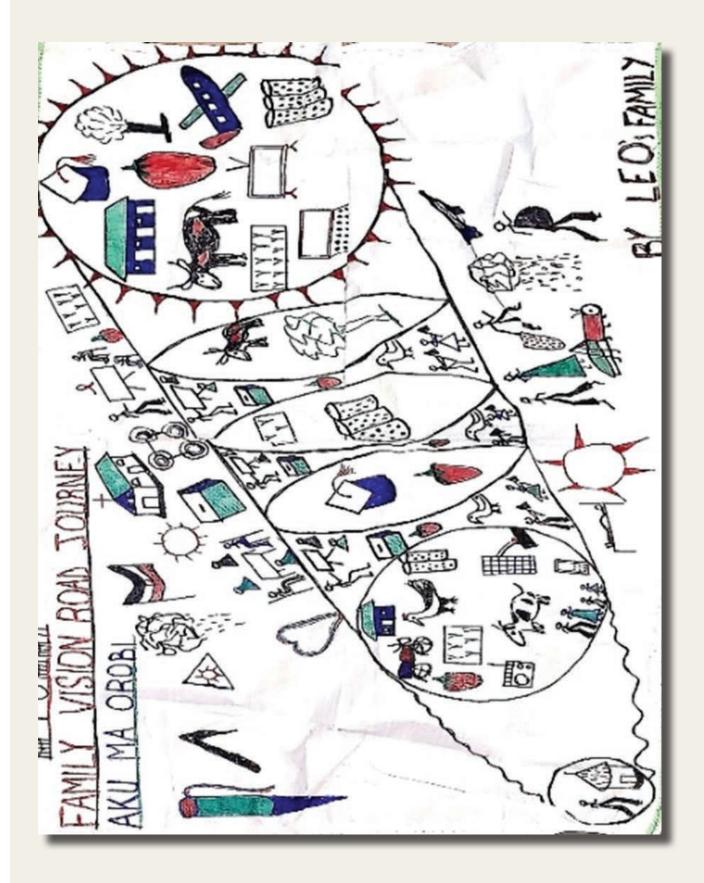
Even though the short training demonstrated only one method / tool of application of GALS, there are other form of GALS tools

Trees Circle mapping Road journey









## A Voice from the participants on GALS



Mrs. Grace Dorong, who is working as a Director in Root of Generations (ROG) in South Sudan, provided her voice on the poster presentation. She said she got a very good new knowledge on Gender Action Learning Systems (GALS) which was very new word before coming to this knowledge share fair. She said, 'the GALS training gave her a lot of new information and knowledge that she did not know before.' Whatever we do in the community sometimes we do tend to incorporate what the GALS introduce to us. The impression she had about it is that it has tapped the real sense of what we need to do in the community and how we need to do it and she thanks the facilitator for the fascinating session.

The new knowledge she acquired was about the transformative approach to gender mainstreaming, she noted.

She pointed out that, when we are addressing the issues, we need to address them holistically by addressing the root cause, not on the leaf. Meaning from the community level to and upwards. The concept will help us on programming and mainstreaming the gender issues in to the dayto-day activities as the concept can be implement in the organization, project and programs.



Mr. Sileshi Taddese, who is working as an Executive- women Right protection and Response, in the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs, Ethiopia, commented, when he compared from the previous KM Share fair which was organized by IGAD, the current one is more practical.

Mr. Tadesse added, the GALS tool, could help us to ensure the gender equality in engaging the communities aspiration.

He said, 'the challenges of women could be address through multi sectoral approaches and comprehensive strategy to address the venerability of women, girls and boys.'

## A story of Male Champions

In a 12 min short video story, Mr. Diodone Komakech, a member of CEFORD, Nebi District, explained, that he is living his life with his wife, three children, and his mother. Before he was introduced to the GALS tool, he used to work alone, now thanks to the GALS tools, the family start working together and realized many positive changes happening in his family's life.

Mr. Joshua Aijuka, who is a program manager of sustainable Farming Systems -PELUM Uganda, speaks that with a close collaboration with Oxfam, under the right to food project, the integration of GALS was effective as it uses a very simple tools that can be implemented by Farmers.

The full video can be accessed with the following link





## **SESSION 4**

## PANEL DISCUSSION ON GENDER DISAGGREGATED DATA ON DROUGHT AND USING EVIDENCE IN POLICY AND PRACTICE: LESSONS FROM IDDRSI

## **Highlights of the discussion**

The second panel discussion was on the issues around gender disaggregated data for evidencebased policy and practices and the lessons extracted from the IDDRSI initiative.

**Mr. Abubaker Ntambi**, Head of Monitoring and Evaluation under the Planning, Coordination and Partnership (PCPD) Division, moderated a panel discussion with four experts on the area of resilience, data and policy: Mr. Tonny Ameny, Assistant Commissioner Karamoja Affairs, Uganda, Capt. Mr. Augustine Lokwang, Chief Officer (CO), Turkana, Kenya. Dr. Tesfaye Beshah, Regional Programing Coordinator, IGAD – IDDRSI PCU, and Mr. Assefa Gutema, Livelihood and Gender Specialist, MOA, Ethiopia.

The Moderator asked the first question to Dr. Tesfaye Beshah, to explain what IGAD's role has been toward the utilization of evidence in policy and practice and what lessons can we draw from IGAD's experiences.

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# The role of IGAD toward utilizing evidence in policy and practice

Dr. Beshah, explained, by emphasizing his experience on the IDDRSI initiative. He said, 'IGAD is a policy and knowledge-based organization'. It is as well a center and regional hub for eight countries on all policy matters. IGAD developed a number of policies and strategies which is cascaded from continental to regional. Among them IDDRSI is touches and focus on policy and practices. He elaborated on the IDDRSI initiative by explaining the eight priority intervention areas (PIA).

He added, IGAD in terms of measuring policies areas under theses PIA's, IGAD put in place a result-based monitoring and evaluation system, and this has been translated into action.

He pointed out, that the scope of the implementation of policies and strategies through programs and projects, within the IGAD region, goes from the nation, sub-nation, and cross-border areas. Since 2018 with the support from GIZ and EU, IGAD developed a bottom-up resilience programming document which we conducted and write with the communities and local government together. In terms of data, information, and M&E, IGAD through IDDRSI Platform Coordination Unit (PCU) and IGAD Division mainly the PCPD, that is anchoring the M&E Working group, Cross border Working Group, the Platform Coordination and General Assembly (GA), and regional projects (e.g. RPLRP and DRSLP), grasped a vast number of experiences (data, information, and knowledge) that has resulted to the birth of other new projects (BREFONS). Therefore, there is evidence that you can tell from your point of reflection.



## The Importance of Gender Disaggregated data for drought resilience policy and programming

Mr. Assefa Gutema, Livelihood and Gender Specialist, MOA, Ethiopia elaborated on the importance of data. He said, 'data is very critical to build resilience and programming. Particularly to improve people life'. He further explained, for example if we do have a baseline information, on the basis of that we will strive to improve the quality of life of different category of people in an equitable manner. In addition, it will help us make informed discussions and follow a strategic approach and directions. With data, you can be able to effectively monitor the effectiveness of programs and projects and do appropriate genderrelated action. It can also help to mobilize more resources, to address the gaps in gender inequalities and empowerment.

Capt. Mr. Augustine Lokwang, Chief Officer (CO), Turkana, Kenya, elaborated, the country government of Turkana is a key stakeholder in IGAD-related programs and through its various sectors has a mechanism of implementing and generating data. This data will not only fed in to the IGAD process and national Government programs but also to fed into our internal programming princess and mechanisms. In that regards we close work with partners and civil society.

On essential process that the county government undertake is the county integrated development planning process which is tide into the county budgeting process and sectoral planning and implementation, he added. In all this data is a centrally and critical when budget is to be drown, priorities have to be identified.

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## Mechanism and system used to generate evidence

Mr. Tonny Ameny, Assistant Commissioner Karamoja Affairs, Uganda, briefed, the ministry of Karamoja Affair is part of the office prime minster office. The overall mandate is to coordinate the government business at a legislative level and other programs with other ministry offices and agencies within the country. In addition, the Karamoja Affairs, is responsible for implementing affirmative action programs. As a country, the office developed the Ugandan national social protection policy that guides support to vulnerable categories like women, children and elderly communities during hunger (drought) situations.

Together with a development partner (USAID), we established a Karamoja Resilience Unit (KRU), that does a lot of research and acting as a data hub, he added.

The key pillar that the Ministry of Karamoja Affairs emphasize as part of enhancing resilience is the issue of changing the people's mindset,' he said. Cultural social norms and gender inequality/discrimination related issues are coming under people's mindset. Mr. Ameny, pointed out that for sustainable and long-term change, the participation of women on programing and food security very important as woman can play a very pivotal role.

He pointed out, that the harmonization of program Indicators across the region is critical and IGAD is making a progress in terms of developing a catalog of indicators that can be used as a reference.'

'To achieve this IGAD is currently discussing with countries in developing and implementing country programming papers (CPPs), based on the SDG and Agenda 2063 and other regional level sectoral and thematic areas,' he said.

Dr. Beshah. finally concluded the conversation by stating the IGAD's vision, which is to develop indicator catalogs and make them open to be used by various partners as a guide. This exercise will help to address the gap in reporting, he said. He also pointed out that, the challenges of data sharing is there, currently, and IGAD is working on addressing the issues by developing a data sharing mechanism/framework for Water, Health, weather, and migration data, he added in his concluding remark.

# Key Learning Points from the Panel Discussion

Gender disaggregated data is critical for planning programming and evidence-based discussion-making process.

Harmonization of M&E Indicators across the region is also one of the key areas that needs to be supported.

Working on people's mindset to will directly support on enhancing the resilience of the community.



Data is a central and critical when budget is to be drown, priorities have to be identified.



Data sharing mechanism needs to be put in place for countries to share on data. IGAD have to take a lead on supporting the countries.

Involvement of Women In program interventions is also very important



# **SESSION 5**

## WAY FORWARD / ACTION POINTS

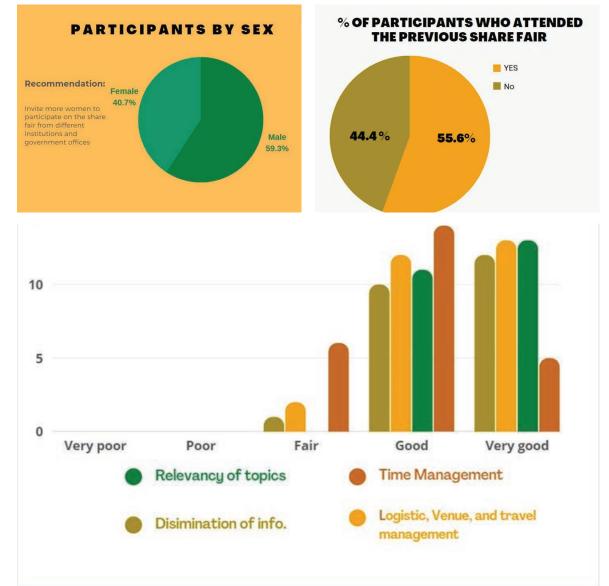
## Key emerging issues related to gender and resilence

The following key emerging issues and recommendation were suggested by the participants before concluding the 5th Gender and Resilience Knowledge Share Fair.

EMERGING ISSUES	RECOMMENDATIONS	
Women's involvement in decision-making pro- motes gender equity.		
Perspective for gender inequality programming addressing only women needs to be revisited	Inclusive programs should be promoted. Male partners are change agents.	
M&E tools to effectively monitor gender and re- silience activities are lacking or deficient at both the national and regional levels	IGAD to coordinate the development of prac- tical easy to use M&E tools for harmonization	
There are a lot of good initiatives in countries not documented	Support mapping of best practices across thematic areas and document region-wide knowledge hub	
There is limited knowledge on gender and gen- der mainstreaming	Invest in gender transformative capacity enhancement and establish mechanisms to track progress.	
There is a lack of sex-disaggregated data which greatly affects documenting and defining differences in the magnitude of impact.	Continue aa advocating for the collection of data disaggregated by sex	
Promote gender transformative approach in the region	Train and implement GALS	
Fewer participants which allowed interaction	Smaller group share fairs are prepared bian- nually	
GBV common problem aggravated by drought	Develop or promote GBV protocol and policy	
Illiteracy and limited capacity in communities perpetuate gender inequality	Establish comprehensive programs for mind- set change for sustainability	
Conduct gender audit of the IDDRSI program for gender benefits to date	Conduct, revised a gender audit on the ID- DRSI program	
Cultural and traditions greatly affect the success of gender initiatives	Build capacity for GALS approach	
Poster presentation	Cascade to the cluster level	

## **Event analytics and participants feedback**





## **Suggested improvements**

1) Increase the number of training days

2) Include field training as an essential part of share fairs

3) Conduct knowledge sharing share fairs within the clusters

4) Improve time management

5) Prepare share fairs in a spacious venue to allow the display of posters and viewing without crowding and noise

6) Implement Gender Action Learning (GALS) methodology in the clusters for total transformation.





















