

7TH REGIONAL PPR CONTROL AND ERADICATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE (PPR-CECC) MEETING

THE COMMUNIQUÉ



Participants in the 7th PPR-CECC Meeting, Lake Naivasha Resort, Naivasha, Kenya, June 24th-25th , 2019

INTRODUCTION

Peste des petits ruminants (PPR) and other key small ruminant diseases (SRDs) are among the transboundary trade-sensitive diseases in the IGAD Region. The IGAD Centre for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD), after having established the regional PPR control and eradication coordination committee (CECC), developed a regional PPR strategy and supported IGAD Member States to formulate their national PPR strategies, in collaboration with AU-IBAR, FAO and OIE. ICPALD has continued to hold PPR regional coordination meetings to enhance coordination, information sharing on good practises and learnt lessons and harmonize regional control and eradication efforts.

ICPALD/IGAD, through the Surveillance of Trade Sensitive Diseases (STSD) project financed five regional PPR coordination and technical committee meetings through the STSD project. To this end ICPALD has encouraged MS to meet the objectives of the regional PPR control and eradication committee thereby undertaking joint and coordinated efforts towards eradicating PPR globally by 2030.

This PPR 7th meeting, jointly financed by the Ethiopian SHARE PPR project and AU-IBAR, provided an opportunity to review progress made at global level with a focus to the IGAD region and discussed updates on national efforts for PPR control and eradication programmes and ensured that these efforts are harmonized with regional implementation modalities.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

The meeting had the following specific objectives:

- To review on the progress and updates on regional, continental and global PPR control and eradication programme
- To receive updates on PPR control and eradication efforts at national levels including EU-SHARE PPR projects
- To coordinate, exchange good practices and lessons on PPR/SRD Control and eradication programmes in the region,
- To agree on the way forward

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AND OUTCOMES

The meeting was opened by Dr. Obadiah Njagi, Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) of Kenya while Dr. Ameha Sebsibe, Head of Livestock at ICPALD, Dr. Gijs Vantkloster, Team Leader of the Ethiopian SHARE project and Dr. Baboucarr Jaw, Chief Animal Health Officer, on behalf of Prof. Ahmed Abdu El Sawalhy, AU-IBAR Director, made the welcoming speeches.. The meeting's 40 participants who attended the meeting were Directors of Veterinary Services, National PPR Focal Points in the IGAD and

EAC Member States, in addition to CVOs and PPR Focal Point from DRC and Morocco. Members of the PPR-TEC in the IGAD region, FAO ECTAD in Ethiopia and Kenya as well as from ICPALD, OIE Sub-Regional Office for East Africa and PPR Secretariat in Rome also participated in the meeting.

Main issues presented and discussed during the 2-day meeting (agenda) included; objectives of the meeting to updates on the implementation of IGAD regional PPR CE programme (resource mobilization, coordination and partnerships along cross-border between neighbouring MS) by Dr. Ameha Sebsibe, updates on the implementation of the Pan African PPR CE Programmes (resource mobilization, coordination mechanisms and partnership) by AU-IBAR (Dr. Henry Wamwayi) and updates on the implementation of Global PPR CE programme (resource mobilization, coordination mechanisms and partnership) by the FAO/OIE Rome Global PPR –CE Secretariat (Dr. Bouna Diop).

Other updates on AU PANVAC support to the PPR control and eradication programmes, including efforts to produce thermo-tolerant vaccine, vaccines certification and quality assurance, given by Dr. Nick Nwankpa, Director of PANVAC, followed with updates on PPR vaccine production capacity and status of production and marketing; challenges and recommendations by Dr. Jane Wachira (KEVEVAPI) from the Vaccine Laboratory in Kenya.

Three (3) MS; Djibouti, Ethiopia and Kenya have been implementing PPR-related components from EU-SHARE project on whose progress Kenya and Ethiopia gave updates. Other non-SHARE MS (Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Sudan, Somalia, DRC, Burundi) updated the meeting on PPR status and stages. The meeting also received a presentation from Morocco, which was specifically invited to share its experience on PPR experience.

After 2 days of presentations and fruitful deliberations, the meeting entered into group discussions on: (1) resource mobilization review (nationally, regionally, continentally and globally) tackling role and coordination of partners, progress, challenges and next steps; follow up plans after SHARE and RPLRP projects; (2) review on coordination and how to enhance coordination efforts among bordering MS, using MOUs and their implementation frameworks, governance structures, regional advisory committee/updating on current PPR stages, in addition to national coordination committees with involvement of stakeholders, (3) PPR vaccine production and distribution/marketing; (4) awareness on implementation of the national strategies.

Given that all MS reported funding as key challenge to the implementation of the national strategies and the need to have a harmonized and coordinated approach for surveillance, vaccination and reporting among bordering countries, this 2-day meeting ended with the discussion groups presenting their work, which was further discussed and agreed to with a number of below recommendations to enhance

political buy- in for increased resource allocation to properly implement the national PPR control and eradication strategies and proper coordination at various levels.

The participating countries (Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda) shared presentations on the implementation status of the national PPR control and eradication strategy that also included achievements from the ongoing Ethiopia and Kenya EU-SHARE projects.

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The following PPR progression for Eastern Africa was shared to all participants:

RECOMMENDATIONS

The meeting made the following recommendations:

- MS to focus on PPR Monitoring and Assessment Tool (PMAT) and the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (TAHC - Chapter 14.7) as tools for assessment and guidance on progressing from one step to the other along the PPR control and eradication pathway;
- 2. MS to ensure resource mobilization efforts are mainstreamed into on-going and future animal health projects and national budgets, based on narrative covering agriculture development in National visions in resource mobilization to creatively and innovatively manage PPR at national level. Regional and global funds should only compliment national initiative to foster ownership and sustainability. MS to mainstream PPR control and eradication programme in appropriate livestock and resilience programmes and any other national strategic programmes/ documents;

Table. Outcomes of PPR PMAT Self-Assessment exercise for Eastern African countries

 (IGAD and EAC, except Rwanda) and projections for attainment of freedom by 2030.

- IGAD to share TORs for the established PPR Regional Advisory Group (RAG) with clear mandate and roles. A monitoring system guided by the RAG that involves validation of national PMAT self-assessment report and country visits should be instituted to follow up the progress in the PPR control and eradication pathway in between regional meetings;
- 4. Activate regional PPR control and eradication programme, in collaboration with the key partners (MS, RECs, AU-IBAR, bilateral and technical institutions) based on the regional strategy and MS visions;
- 5. RECs and AU-IBAR to upscale advocacy in providing adequate resources for PPR control and eradication programmes by national/sub-national leadership at the livestock development fora;
- 6. MS to identify practical roles and responsibilities for appropriate public private sector partnerships (PPP) in the delivery of PPR vaccination using available resources;
- 7. OIE, FAO and AU-IBAR to support MS on identified needed technical support to develop investment ready plans, to be funded as special programmes, for effective PPR control and eradication;
- MS and stakeholders / partners to undertake intensive awareness and buy-in campaigns, along small ruminant value chain for adequate national financial support to PPR control and eradication within broad rural development programmes;
- Given the need to expand PMAT use as expected, the meeting encouraged MS to steadily plan on ways to advance to higher PPR eradication stages, taking into account the need to employ community-based animal health and community dialogues, especially in MS with low technical capacities; (related to one);
- 10.PPR Global Secretariat to put in place mechanisms to roll out PMAT immediately.

VOTE OF THANKS

The participants thanked Kenya for hosting the meeting, the ICPALD for managing to organize the regional PPR CECC meetings continuously and the Ethiopia EU-SHARE PPR project and AU-IBAR for funding the 7th PPR CECC meeting. The meeting also thanked all the participants for attending.

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The Agenda:



The 7th Regional PPR Control & Eradication Coordination Committee (CECC) Meeting

June 24th – 25th, 2019, Naivasha, Kenya

Programme

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
Day 1	Monday: June 24 th , 2019	
08:30 - 09:00	Registration	ICPALD
	 Self-introduction Welcome remarks 	 All Dr. Solomon Munyua, ICPALD Director Dr Gijsvan't Klooster FAO Ethiopia FAO Kenya
09:00 - 09:30	• Opening remarks	• Dr Obadiah Njagi, CVO, Kenya
09:30 - 09:45	 Objectives and expected outputs of the meeting Follow up of the recommendations of the 6th PPR 	Dr. Agol Kwai
09:45 - 10:00	Updates on the implementation of the IGAD Regional PPR CE program : (resource mobilization, coordination mechanisms and partnership)	Dr. Ameha Sebsibe
10:00-10:20	Updates on the implementation of the Pan African PPR CE programme (resource mobilization, coordination (regional and cross border) and partnership	Dr. Henry Wamwayi /AUIBAR
10:20 - 10:40	Updates on the Global PPR CE program and achievements, including resource moobilization, coordination mechanisms and partnership	Dr. Bouna Diop, FAO/OIE- Global PPR Secretariat
10:40 – 11:10	HEALTH BREAK and PHOTO	All

11:10 - 12:00	Discussion	All
12:00 - 12:20	Updates by PANVAC on support to the PPR control and eradication programme,	Dr. Nick Nwankpa, Director PANVAC
12:20 - 13:00	Updates on PPR vaccine prodcution capacity and the status of	NVI and KEVEVAPI
	production and marketing; challenges and recommendations.	15 min each
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13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	All
14:45 - 16:15	Updates on the implementation status of the national PPR control and eradication strategy: (Progress of implementation – with the support of GOV and projects; resource mobilization; lessons / challenges and recommendations);	Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya; Djibouti and Sudan
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16:15-16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 - 17:30	Discussion	All
TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
Day 2	Tuesday: June 25th, 2019	
8:30- 11:00	Updates on the implementation status of the national PPR control and eradication strategy: (Progress of implementation – with the support of GOV and projects; resource mobilization; lessons / challenges and recommendations) ;	<i>Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda, DRC, Eritrea and Tanzania</i>
11:00 - 11:20	Coffee Break	All
11:20 – 12:00	Discussion	All
12:00 - 12:10	Overview of ILRI BMZ Project	
12:10-12:20	Discussion	All
	Groups:-Proposed discussion points	
12:20 - 13:00	 -Review on resource mobilization (national, regional ; continental and global) since the last meeting in 2018 Role and coordination of partners ; Progress; challenges and next steps Follow up plan after SHARE and RPLRP projects -Review on Coordination 	All
	 How to enhance coordination efforts among bordering member states; using MOUs; implementation framework and governance structure? 	

	 Regional advisory committee / updating of the PPR stages? National coordination committee -PPR Vaccine production and marketing -Awareness on the implementation of national strategies Launch of the national PPR strategy -Capacity building 	
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH	All
14:00 – 15:00	Group work continued	All
15:00 - 15:30	Group presentations and discussions	
15:30 - 16:00	Recommendations and way forward	
16:00	Closing and HEALTH BREAK	