

## Global Alliance for Action for Drought Resilience and Growth

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In April 2012, the *Global Alliance for Action for Drought Resilience and Growth*, an informal network of donors and international organizations, was formed in response to a call from Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Heads of State to support an initiative to end drought emergencies in the Horn.

**Members of the Global Alliance are committed to enhance resilience against chronic drought and promote economic growth in the Horn of Africa and the Sahel.** The *Global Alliance* brings together relief and development actors and resources around common plans to promote alignment, coordination, and harmonization efforts. In the Horn of Africa specifically, the *Global Alliance* is committed to support the development of an IGAD regional common program paper (RPP) and the development of country-level program papers (CPPs) by member states in the IGAD region.

The *Global Alliance* first met in Geneva in June 2012, where members agreed to support a number of key priorities to advance the drought resilience agenda. These include: i) support for the development of common programming frameworks; ii) common monitoring and evaluation frameworks; iii) a knowledge management agenda; and, iv) IGAD capacity building. USAID was designated to serve as the “convener” for the *Global Alliance*.

### SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMON PROGRAMMING FRAMEWORKS

The Country Programming Papers (CPPs) and the Regional Program Paper (RPP) are country and region-led strategic documents that articulate a rationale and evidence for priority areas of effort and investment in the Horn of Africa. In November 2012, USAID led a visit to the region to discuss the development of CPPs in Kenya and Ethiopia and the RPP. **The CPPs and the RPP will be essential tools for advancing the Global Alliance’s commitment to effective alignment of our programs and policies as well as mutual accountability of effort in the Horn.**

### COMMON MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORKS/KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Strong results frameworks are being articulated for each CPP; the RPP results framework will also reflect the key indicators from the CPPs. **The key indicators will enable countries and development partners to measure success against mutual commitments.** In addition, the *Global Alliance* is committed to sharing best practices and information through the *Global Alliance* website. For more information, please visit: <http://globalallianceforaction.com/default.html>

### IGAD CAPACITY BUILDING

The Global Alliance has established a regional based development partner group which is coordinating donor support for IGAD regional resilience activities. GIZ and USAID co-hosted meetings in August and October 2012 which discussed participants’ planned and expected support for IGAD and developed a matrix of the type and levels of assistance potentially available to support IGAD. **The work of the regional group will facilitate coordinated support for building IGAD capacity to carry out its responsibilities under the drought resilience initiative.**