KEY PRIORITY PROJECTS TO DEEPEN REGIONAL INTEGRATION
VISION: To work together to build a prosperous, integrated and peaceful Horn of Africa

SUCCESS CRITERIA:

- National ownership and regional cooperation
- Trust and flexibility
- Focus on regional priorities while strengthening synergies with national effort
- Political commitment, policy alignment and effective implementation
- Effective resource mobilization and its management— domestic, concessional and private sector
- Demonstrate results of closer integration and effective monitoring of impact on the people of the Horn

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan and Eritrea.

SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS: African Development Bank, European Union and World Bank Group

REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY: Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
1. Upgradation of 6,000 km of Road on Four Priority Transport Corridors to Stimulate Economic Development (4 projects, $9bn):

- Strengthen strategic economic corridors to connect hinterland to ports and markets.
- Increase access to economic opportunities and improve productivity and regional spillover benefits.
- Connect ports to economic centers and to global markets, and increase opportunities for national and regional trade.

**PILLAR I: AN INTERCONNECTED HORN**

$12.5 Bn to Develop Cross-Border Regional Infrastructure Networks for a More Interconnected Horn

- **KISMAYO, LAMU AND MOGADISHU CORRIDOR** (3,093 KMS - $4 BILLION)
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- **ASSAB AND DJIBOUTI CORRIDOR** (649 KMS - $595 MILLION)

[Maps of Kismayo, Lamu and Mogadishu Corridors and Assab and Djibouti Corridors]
Mogadishu, Berbera and Bossasso Corridor (2,550 KMS - $2.3 Billion)

Berbera and Djibouti Corridor (1,003 KMS - $1.6 Billion)

- Harer-Jijiga (192km)
  - Jijiga-Togochale (87km) Addition
  - Dire Dawa-Mieso (180km)
  - Awash-Mieso (71km) Addition
  - Togochale-Kalaydha (20km)
  - Loyada-Boremya-Hargeisa-Berbera (438km)
  - Djibouti Port-Holl Holl-PK82-Ali Sabieh-Dewele (110km)
- Nagad-Damerjog-Loyada (15km) Addition

Cities
- Existing Roads
- Border Crossing

- Gisir-Gode (370km)
- Mogadishu-Jowhar-Beledweyne-Perfer (340km)
- Gaalkacyo-Bosaso (679km)
- Kebri Dahar-Warde-Godogobi (330km)
- Ethiopia/Somalia border-Hargeisa (91km)
- Perfer-Warde-Aware-Ethiopia/Somalia border (77km)
2. Development of Regional Energy Markets (5 projects, $2.2bn):

- Improve electricity services and increase access for populations and businesses.
- Support regional power trade, improve reliability of power supply as well as operational efficiency.
- Provide access to additional power supply from renewable resources and at lower cost.
- Promote private sector participation in regional power trade.

- **SECOND ETHIOPIA-DJIBOUTI POWER SYSTEM INTERCONNECTION PROJECT** (249 KM - 140 MW - $200 MILLION)

- **ETHIOPIA-ERITREA TRANSMISSION INTERCONNECTOR PROJECT** (200 KM - 100 MW - $222 MILLION)

- **SOMALIA POWER TRANSMISSION BACKBONE** ($1.3 BILLION)

- **SECOND ETHIOPIA-SUDAN INTERCONNECTOR** ($600 MILLION)

3. Development of a Single Regional and Interconnected Digital Market (3 projects, $1.7bn):

- Priority regional digital infrastructure: submarine festoon cables and terrestrial links.
- Single regional data market: data infrastructure, cyber security, regulatory harmonization.
- Single data service market: e-government, cross-border digital payment facilitation.

4. In Addition to Physical Infrastructure:

- Undertake feasibility studies for bankable projects.
- Support policy and regulatory harmonization measures to address diseconomies of small markets in trade, energy and digital.
- Technical assistance to address policy and implementation challenges.
1. Increase trade and reduce transport costs along key HoA corridors ($450 Million):

- **Technical assistance for policy reforms** related to trade, customs and transport in support of intra-Horn of Africa trade.
- **Policy actions** in support of harmonization of standards and procedures and reducing non-physical barriers to trade.
- **Complementary disease and pandemic control measures**, including information sharing.
- **Up-to 13 One-Stop Border Posts along four priority corridors**: Kismayo-Lamu-Mogadishu / Assab-Djibouti / Berbera-Djibouti / Mogadishu-Berbera-Bossasso.
- **Development of dry ports** along the four established corridors.

2. Increase investments and improve institutional climate for regional value chains including livestock and agribusiness ($50 Million):

- **Develop regional value chains**: promote intra-sectoral dialogue; address existing market failures; harmonise regulations and reduce/eliminate tariffs, facilitate cross-border collaboration (legal instruments); institutional support and capacity building; access to inputs and compliance with norms and standards.

- **Increase investments for value chains**: small infrastructure to link producers to markets; private investments into the livestock and agri-business value chains; small grants to upgrade means of production, and build capacity of operators throughout the chain.
PILLAR 3: A MORE RESILIENT HORN
$1.3 Bn to Help Address Fragility & Climate-Related Shocks

2. Building capacities for ground water management to help communities cope with and adapt to climate shocks ($300 million):

- **Technical assistance, capacity building and institutional strengthening:** establish groundwater information system for knowledge sharing; support learning and sharing of lessons; create a groundwater development and governance model for transboundary aquifers in the HoA.

- **Support for groundwater development investment operations:** small-scale irrigation investments; peri-urban solar pumped groundwater supply schemes; sand dam pilots for community gardens; community centered approaches.

- **Inclusive innovations:** technical assistance for bottom-up solutions; private sector engagement opportunities; novel mechanisms for community engagement to ensure local impact; job creation and entrepreneurship opportunities; technology and youth involvement; gender-inclusive solutions.

1. Building resilience against desert locust upsurges and other transboundary threats:

- Support control of locust outbreak. Coordinate responses to tackle the locust outbreaks in the Horn; build on investment priorities and concepts developed by the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD).

- Support the creation and capacity development of a knowledge and coordination platform for prevention of transboundary pest and disease threats.

- Ensure close regional coordination with institutions that can translate early warning into early actions to prevent future desert locust upsurges and other transboundary pests.
3. Promoting resilience in the Borderlands ($250 million)

- **Strengthen the social contract in the borderlands:**
  smooth transboundary movements; remove barriers for small-scale trade; mainstream cross-border trade facilitation into national trade policies; simplify trading regimes; deliver quality basic services.

- **Support community-based projects for climate change adaptation:**
  technical initiatives to help communities adapt to climate change; participatory processes involving pastoral communities in problem diagnosis and solving; knowledge exchange between communities.

- **Promote local livelihoods and enhance social cohesion and conflict prevention:**
  facilitate cross-border trade and create alternate livelihoods for the youth; community and traditional leaders’ role in conflict mediation and resolution.

- **Strengthen coordination mechanisms and experience sharing across countries:**
  facilitate regional learning and dialogue through, IGAD.

4. Provide support to agropastoralism ($250 million)

- Strengthening the resilience of pastoral and agropastoral production systems to climate change; support agribusiness development; and enhance adaptive capacity to climate change.

- Provide insurance that would protect livestock in case of drought, including a premium finance for 600,000 households; develop risk infrastructure; provide technical assistance and capacity building and support for credit provisions.
PILLAR 4: A SKILLED AND HEALTHY HORN

$1.5 Billion to Support Regional Approaches for Human Capital Development

1. Strengthening health security, disease surveillance, preparedness and response (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya and Somalia - $520 million):

- **Strengthen national and regional disease surveillance and pandemic control measures:** training healthcare workers and laboratory technicians to support rapid expansion of testing; reinforcing laboratory infrastructure to support expansion of testing without crowding out other services; strengthening storage, cold-chain and distribution networks to enable effective and timely deployment of testing, vaccines and therapeutics; enhancing disease surveillance systems, including digital decision-support tools and integrating into overall health management information systems; building digital contact tracing and communication tools to support “test, trace, treat” strategies; development of costed national action plans for health security; procurement, distribution and delivery of medical commodities (vaccines, tests and therapeutics); developing NPHI roadmaps; development of costed National Action Plan for Health Security (NAPHS).

- **Strengthen Africa Centre for Disease Control Regional Coordination Centre and National Public Health Institutes.**

2. Strengthening regional regulatory and training systems for pharmaceuticals, medical commodities, and health professionals ($214 million):

- **Strengthen regulations for dealing with response to COVID-19 pandemic and over the medium-term:** develop a harmonized, regulatory process that will fast-track the market authorization of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics and tests; facilitate joint approval of clinical trials on any COVID-19 related product; address the medium-term agenda of regulatory harmonization to tackle COVID-19.
3. Supporting Skills Development and Advancement to build a prosperous, integrated and peaceful Horn of Africa (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia—$600 million):

- **Enhance teacher’s skills through technology and peer support:** complement national efforts with targeted regional efforts to strengthen content knowledge and pedagogy through digital delivery models; build peer-to-peer platform to support teachers; promote teacher role models.
- **Provide technology enabled skills development programs for youth:** help scale-up skills development by providing short courses on ICT and English Language skills for out of school youth; reinforce ICT training centers.

4. Supporting regional “Identification for Development - ID4D” to streamline the movement of people, goods, services and capital across borders, lay the foundation for future digital economy integration, and enhance access to basic services (Ethiopia, Somalia, $150-250 million)

- **Strengthen the legal and institutional framework:** invest in comprehensive ID-enabling laws, regulations and institutions.
- **Establish or modernize foundational ID systems:** develop digital ID and civil registration systems.
- **Facilitate access to services at national and regional levels:** invest in enhanced interoperability between national and regional systems; establish common regulatory and technical frameworks to promote mutual recognition.
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