

Regional Learning & Advocacy Programme for Vulnerable Dryland Communities

Creating synergy for advocacy on East African pastoralism





REGLAP key facts

- Consortium project **existed since 2008, funded by ECHO**
- **Current members:** Oxfam, Save, CARE, Cordaid, Dan Church Aid, IUCN
- **Partners:** ECHO DRRAP partners: NGOs, FAO, UNDP DDC , UNICEF and UN ISDR, *local CSOs and networks* and ILRI (IGAD Technical Consortium), Mercy Corps, OCHA.

REGLAP achievements to date

- Promoted **increased attention to long term resilience** building within drought advocacy;
- Encouraged ECHO partners and others to **document and share their lessons learnt and good practice**
- Widely acknowledged as a **source of expertise on dryland and DRR issues** – approached by researchers, NGOs, donors





REGLAP focus 2012-2013

Aim: Promote *long and short term resilience* building of dryland communities through *policy and practice change* in the Horn of Africa: Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda

- 1. Learning and good practice documentation on dryland issues:** learning groups, annual journal, technical briefs, good practice principles, studies: *land fragmentation* and *gender*, future: *integrated planning, appropriateness of crop agriculture, % hhs engaged in pastoralism.*
- 2. Advocate on priority issues relating to resilience:** the building blocks to resilience – *education, governance* (community participation and support to local gvt, dryland voice), *control of resources espec. land, economic empowerment.*



Country Advocacy Groups:



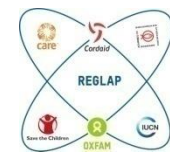
Regional Learning &
Advocacy Programme
for Vulnerable Dryland
Communities

Overall: Promoting appropriate **community consultation and prioritisation** on **country program plans** for resilience promotion while addressing **priority issues in each country.**

- 1. Kenya:** (Cordaid, IIRR, PDNK, RECONCILE, CEMERIDE, Oxfam, FAO, ISDR): ***roll out of the ASAL policy and NDMA; communal land bill.***
- 2. Ethiopia** (Oxfam, PFE, CARE, Save, VSF, Cordaid, FAO): more appropriate ***woreda level contingency and land use planning.***
- 3. Uganda** (DCA, SSD, C&D, ACTED, COPASCO, Oxfam, FAO): approval of appropriate ***pastoral code/rangeland management policy, DEWS and cross border animal disease surveillance***



Regional Learning Groups:



Regional Learning &
Advocacy Programme
for Vulnerable Dryland
Communities

- 1. Community based approaches to DRR (CARE, VSF-G, Cordaid, COOPI, ACTED, FAO, DCA): *CMDRR, PRM, PFS, cross border approaches* - strengthening evidence of impact, enriching approaches.**
- 2. Water development for DRR (IUCN, Oxfam, FAO, MWA): developing and *promoting good practice models* for integrated water planning.**
- 3. Strengthening the evidence base for DRR advocacy (Save, ILRI TC, FAO, CARE, MC, OCHA): *analysing available research , promoting filling research gaps to get clearer and shared understanding of resilience* in the drylands, promoting joint messaging.**



REGLAP strategic review



Regional Learning &
Advocacy Programme
for Vulnerable Dryland
Communities

Key conclusions:

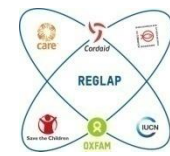
- Recognised for synthesis documents and comms, strong relationships based on respect and trust with governments, IGAD, research orgs, donors and UN
- Operates as a network or resource, not a consortium
- Overly associated with Oxfam

Recommendations:

- ✓ Independent registration, longer term funding/engagement
- ✓ Links to CSOs in other IGAD countries
- ✓ Increased focus on promoting community voice and facilitating linkages between actors
- ✓ Themes: education, strategic land rights, water and irrigation



REGLAP strategic plan



Regional Learning &
Advocacy Programme
for Vulnerable Dryland
Communities

Vision

Communities in the drylands of the HOA ***are empowered to determine their development pathways and interventions***

Mission

To ensure ***all stakeholders are working in synergy*** to support humanitarian and development policy and practice that is ***community-centred*** and ***prioritizes the root causes of vulnerability***

Values

Protection of rights of all individuals in the drylands to full participation in their development

Transparency, accountability, collaboration and synergy of all actors



Potential synergies for REGLAP

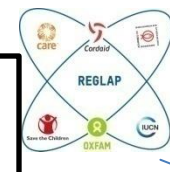


Regional Learning &
Advocacy Programme
for Vulnerable Dryland
Communities

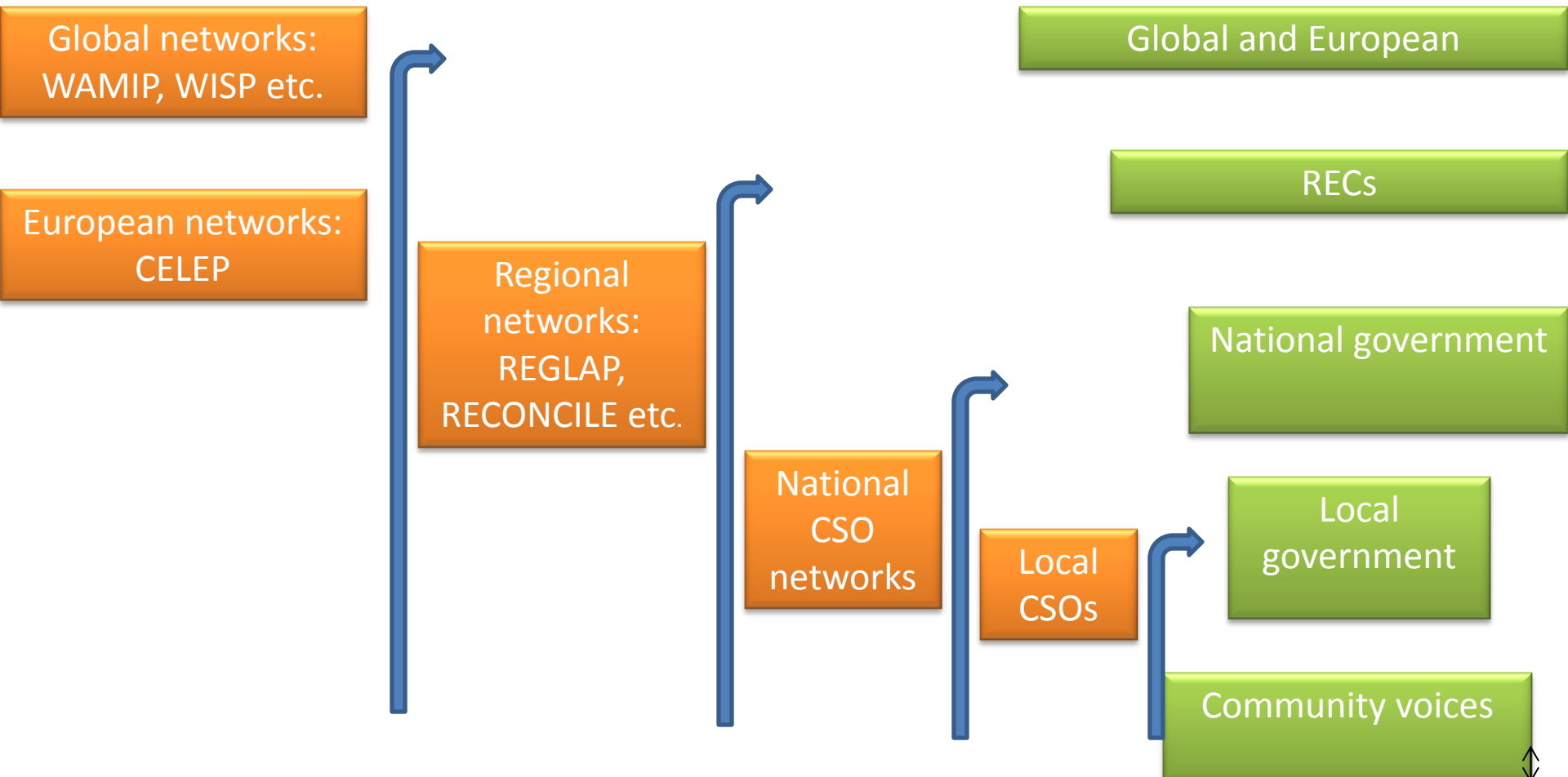
1. **Support to CSO networks with synthesising the evidence for advocacy:** through reviews and summaries, policy documents, the journal etc.
2. **Help promote community voice in collaboration with CSO networks : *creating the opportunities and facilitating engagement*** e.g. community consultation meetings that inform national and regional policy processes, community representatives at the table, lobby directly for more community engagement
3. **Help promote synergy between actors** e.g. country advocacy groups, co-ordination fora for dryland advocacy initiatives
4. **CELEP provides a fora via e-list** and meetings for non-national actors to promote synergy – debate and sharing



Organisational focuses to reinforce community voice



Regional Learning & Advocacy Programme for Vulnerable Dryland Communities





Structure

Regional Learning Groups

- Land: Protection of key migration and marketing routes and strategic grazing reserves.
- Integrated education provision in the drylands
- Water development in the drylands

Country Advocacy Groups

Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda
(Sudan and Djibouti)



More information on REGLAP



Regional Learning & Advocacy Programme for Vulnerable Dryland Communities

<http://www.disasterriskreduction.net/east-central-africa/reglap>



Regional Learning & Advocacy Programme for Vulnerable Drylands Communities



@REGLAP_Drylands



Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection

The project is funded by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Department (ECHO)

