



EUROPEAN UNION

Collaboration in Cross-Border Areas of the Horn of Africa



Unleashing the potential of borderlands



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About the programme



For decades, the people of the border regions of Africa have grappled with violent conflict, climate shocks and marginalization. As a result, these communities find themselves in acute poverty with little to no prospects and a widespread sense of exclusion that can lead to displacement, discontent and radicalization.

However, these areas should also be seen as a source of opportunity to build up cross-border trade and markets, to ensure regional stability and to promote regional integration and economic development.

Through providing greater investment for these communities that are united by socio-economic and cultural realities, we can work to realise their economic potential and reinforce stability across the region.



The ultimate aim is to transform borderlands into more prosperous and stable areas where communities have a sense of belonging and prospects for a better future.

The European Union (EU), through the Emergency Trust Fund for Africa, is supporting a €68 million ground-breaking and innovative programme. It covers the entire length of the Kenya-Ethiopia border, incorporates south-west Somalia and also supports the cross-border area between Western Ethiopia and East Sudan.

€ 68million

The programme:

- promotes stability by building up local-level peace and security structures and enhancing social cohesion.
- provides crucial investment to support the socio-economic transformation of these areas through cross-border trade, greater resilience and diversified livelihoods.
- supports Governments in sound policy and decision-making, from regional cooperation to management of transboundary resources.



The Kenya-Ethiopia-Somalia Border

Building Opportunities for Resilience in the Horn of Africa - The BORESHA project



The project promotes economic development and increased resilience, particularly amongst the most vulnerable groups, including youth and women, in the cross-border area between Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia.

The project will provide critical livelihoods support, help communities be better prepared for shocks and manage their natural resource equitably. For example, 3 business development centres have been set up to provide advisory services and technical assistance to emerging entrepreneurs, 600 youth and women will receive skills training and apprenticeship subsidies and up to 90 cash grants will be issued to help start up or grow micro and small businesses. BORESHA, which means “to make better” in Swahili, will also help communities to access livestock insurance and vaccination for their herds and build 9 water points to ensure there is better access to water throughout the year. Overall, the project, led by the Danish Refugee Council, aims to impact the lives of 350,000 beneficiaries across the borders of all three countries.



€ 14 million
2017 - 2020

Reaching communities in Mandera County in Kenya, Dolo Ado and Dolobay regions in Ethiopia, and Gedo region in Somalia.

The Boresha project is training women how to make derivative products from camel milk, improving their business skills and hygiene practices.

“I have gained considerable knowledge regarding camel milk practices and I can now handle more milk and make more profit.”

Mama Abdia from Bulla Power village, one of the women trained in these skills



Regional Approaches for Sustainable Conflict Management and Integration - The RASMI Project



Dunia lost her husband in a terrorist attack in Mandera in 2014. Today, she is part of RASMI's women for change programme, leading peace efforts in the border areas of Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia.

Empowering local people to bring local solutions for peace

The RASMI project, which is being implemented by a consortium led by Pact, works in the shared border areas between Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya. This region has experienced armed conflict, political instability and violent crime for many years, mostly due to resource competition, clan power struggles and, more recently, the presence of armed terror groups. RASMI, which means "reliable" in Somali, aims to reach 15,000 people with peace-building, conflict management and resolution activities. The project works closely with youth, women, government and religious leaders to increase social cohesion and strengthen local peace structures. RASMI puts communities at the heart of implementation, working with over 20 local peace champions to empower them in community-led peace processes.

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InterAfrica Group (Ethiopia)
Integrating Development Focus (Somalia)
Network for Peace and Development (Kenya)
Mandera Women for Peace and Development (Kenya)

€ **3 million**

🕒 **2017 - 2020**

It will support over 1000 at-risk young people, support 50 women leaders and help set up border management teams. So far, at least 1000 people have tuned into RASMI-supported radio peace messaging and campaigns

The North West Kenya-South West Ethiopia Border

Expanding the Rangeland to Achieve Growth & Transformation - The Omo Delta project

The border areas of Southwest Ethiopia and Northwest Kenya are shaped by the realities that define subsistence rural livelihoods. The **Omo Delta** project is being implemented in Turkana and Marsabit counties in Kenya, and South Omo and Bench Maji zones in Ethiopia, to increase stability by promoting economic development and greater resilience, particularly among youth, women and displaced people. The project is implemented by Veterinaires Sans Frontieres Germany (VSF-G) and their partners (EPARDA, Mercy Corps, VITA, TUPADO, CIFA) and will enable young people and women to access finance and informal trade markets. The project will also work on the much-needed rehabilitation of water structures, improve production and productivity of fisheries and support disease surveillance systems for livestock.



The overall goal of this project is to increase the income of 45,000 families in the project area by 2020.

€ **12 million**
🕒 **2017 - 2021**



The Selam Ekisil Project - SEEK



Southwest Ethiopia and Northwest Kenya have long been hotbeds of climate-induced, resource-based local conflict. **The Selam Ekisil (SEEK) project** - based on the Amharic (selam) and Turkana (ekisil) words for peace - works to build up positive social capital and help peacefully manage and resolve conflict. The project aims to reach 15,000 people with peace-building, conflict management and resolution activities with a focus on strengthening existing formal and informal institutions and developing social cohesion that supports the rich inter-connectivity and shared experiences and interests of this area. Activities will be guided by the communities, including through 9 local peace champions and 20 women leaders, with emphasis on important issues such as contested grazing lands, fishing areas and water resources. In addition, SEEK will work with local policy and security forces on human rights based policing. The project will also provide mentorship programs for youth, namely with to increase the involvement of youth from different tribes in local decision-making.

€ 3 million

🕒 2017 - 2020

“Many times, we complain about the big businesses. But we traders sometimes are the problem. When we provide supplies to ‘warriors,’ do we think of the damage they will cause? Some of us trade in ammunitions..... we just don’t want to talk about it. Hopefully after this training, we shall start taking responsibilities of our action and play a role in ending the conflict.”

Oldid Loki -Trader

The North Kenya – South Ethiopia Marsabit-Borana Border

Cross-Border Cooperation Between Ethiopia and Kenya for Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding



Marsabit-Turkana Cultural Festival: a celebration of diversity, bringing together cross-border communities of Ethiopia and Kenya to promote social cohesion, peace and integration.

While the economies of both Ethiopia and Kenya continue to grow, border areas in the northern Marsabit county of Kenya and the Borana and Dawa Zones of Ethiopia continue to be marred by violent conflicts and disputes over resources and ethnicity, environmental stress, poor infrastructure, high poverty levels and underinvestment. The EU-UN **Cross-border cooperation between Ethiopia and Kenya for conflict prevention and peacebuilding** aims at supporting the implementation of peacebuilding and conflict prevention initiatives to reduce vulnerability and increase resilience of communities affected by conflict. The project, which is being implemented by UNDP, will strengthen local peace architecture, establish conflict early warning systems and deliver tangible peace dividends to prevent resource-based conflict.

€ 3.6 million

🕒 2017 - 2020



Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.

Strengthening Cross-Border Cooperation and Coordination

Support for Effective Cooperation and Coordination of Cross Border Initiatives in South West Ethiopia – North West Kenya, Marsabit – Borana & Dawa, and Kenya – Somalia – Ethiopia (SECCCI project)

Beyond our interventions in each border area, the EUTF programme supports IGAD and Governments in sound policy and decision-making, from security cooperation to management of transboundary resources.

The Support for Effective Cooperation and Coordination of Cross Border Initiatives in South West Ethiopia – North West Kenya, Marsabit – Borana & Dawa, and Kenya – Somalia – Ethiopia (SECCCI project), will improve and support cross-border coordination and cooperation in the region. It will further strengthen regional policy frameworks, structures and protocols by engaging local communities and different actors in this process. The project is implemented by UNDP in partnership with the United Nations Environment

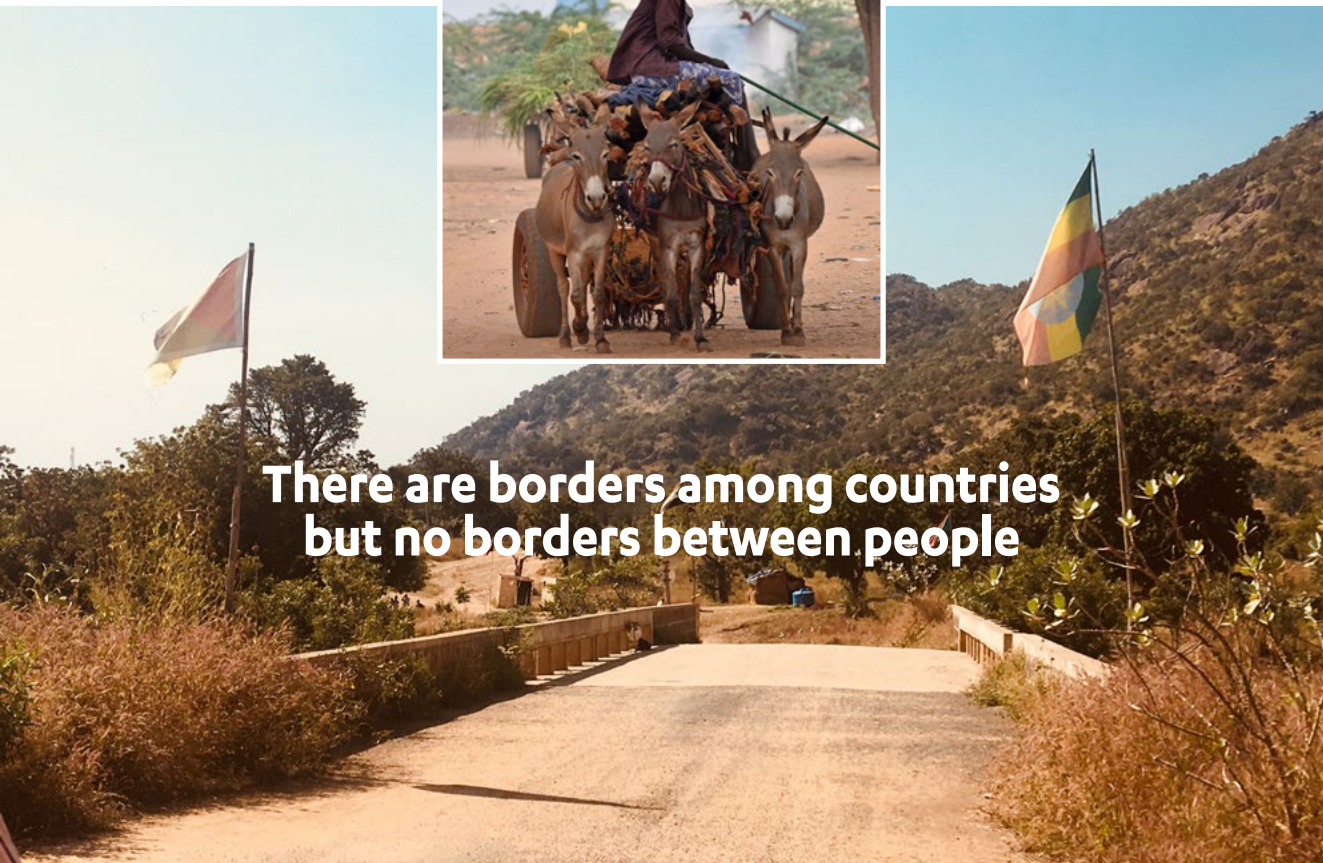
Programme (UNEP) who will bring expertise to support Governments in transboundary water management. It will build on dialogue in the region and will be implemented in close coordination with national and local Governments.



€ 8.1million
2018 - 2021



**There are borders among countries
but no borders between people**



The Western Ethiopia-Eastern Sudan Border

Cross-Border Collaboration Programme in Eastern Sudan and Western Ethiopia



Deforestation rate in the Benishangul-Gumuz region in Ethiopia is at 8% per year. The programme will introduce participatory forest management through sustainable honey and incense production which will also improve the community's income.



23.8million



2018 - 2021

Over 1.6 million people live in the predominantly rural border area between Benishangul-Gumuz in Western Ethiopia and Blue Nile State in Eastern Sudan. The influx of migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons has increased the pressure on local resources, such as land and water, and fuelled tension within the communities. The Cross-Border Collaboration Programme in Western Ethiopia and Eastern Sudan will help increase vocational training opportunities for young people on both sides of the border, promote agricultural production and help trade development in an area where most of the cross-border trade is currently informal and illegal. With the financial contribution of the German Government and managed by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit



implemented by **giz** Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

(GIZ), the project will also support the renovation of medical infrastructure and equipment, such as water supply, as well as help find new resources, such as solar modules, to address the high infant mortality rate in these regions – the highest in both countries.

To implement this programme, the European Union is working in partnership with:



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