



# EU response to the health and socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in the IGAD region

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This €60 million programme aims to help mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic by providing coordinated, coherent, and comprehensive actions across the Horn of Africa.

It comes as a response to a call for international support made by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and is part of the Team Europe Global Response package to support partner countries face the pandemic and its consequences.

This programme will support vulnerable groups, including migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons and cross-border communities.

It will deliver medical equipment to selected locations, including 3.5 million surgical masks, 24 ambulances, 8 mobile labs and 70.000 test kits. In addition to this, it will help ensure borders and critical supply chains are safe for trade, and promote digital solutions to monitor the crisis.

The programme will be implemented by UNOPS, UNICEF, GIZ, IOM and Trade Mark East Africa and benefit Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan, South Sudan and Uganda.



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## Promoting a coordinated approach across the region

This programme supports IGAD in its mandate to coordinate national responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. It foresees establishing an IGAD Emergency Coordination Unit as well as Rapid Regional Response Team (RRRT) to deploy in the region.



## Protecting the most vulnerable populations

The programme will increase access to health and socio-economic support for vulnerable groups. This includes temporary shelters, assuring the continuation of existing services, such as primary health care, scaling up of water, sanitation and hygiene facilities. It also aims to raise awareness amongst 1.6 million people on prevention and will integrate gender responsive actions, including actions to address Gender-Based violence (GBV).



## Facilitating the continuation of trade and key supplies

It foresees support measures for the safe circulation of goods and commodities through Safe Trade Zones, facilitating the continuation of trade and preserving critical supply chains, such as food, fuel and medicines. It will also support the logistics sector in meeting hygiene requirements and rapid inspection measures.



## Digital solutions to track and monitor the health response

The programme will promote digital solutions relevant to the health COVID response, such as regional surveillance and monitoring systems. This may allow, for example, for health records to be transferred between countries. It will build on existing tools, compatible with other disease surveillance systems and compliant with EU standards, such as data protection.