

Horn of Africa Resilience Workshop: Application of Evidence for Decision Making

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Background & Overview

This workshop follows the *Horn of Africa Resilience Data for Programming Workshop* held in Kenya in November 2016 and, to a lesser extent, a global *Resilience Evidence Forum* held in Washington, DC in October 2017. In addition to reviewing current approaches to analyzing resilience at various scales and in distinct contexts, a common objective of these events was to encourage key stakeholders to **apply emerging evidence to decisions on resilience policy and programming**.

This workshop is similarly purposed, albeit with important differences. First, since the 2016 workshop, donor staff, implementing partners, and host government representatives have gained greater awareness and understanding of resilience analysis and design principles. On this basis, they have continued to develop policies, strategies, and programs aimed at strengthening resilience in distinct contexts. Second, the last few years have seen a significant improvement in the availability of evidence related to resilience dynamics throughout the region. This growing evidence base not only provides a clearer, more detailed picture of factors contributing to and constraining resilience at the household and community levels, it also enables identification of **common trends affecting resilience** throughout a rapidly evolving regional context.

Together, these factors—a greater collective awareness of resilience principles; proliferation of resilience policies and strategies; and improved access to robust evidence on resilience—have fueled a growing demand for guidance on how to most effectively share information and translate evidence into policy and programming.

Drawing on a growing body of evidence from impact evaluations of resilience programs, recurrent monitoring surveys, and focused case studies, this event will convene key field-based stakeholders in the Horn of Africa (HoA) region.



Workshop Objectives

The HoA Resilience Workshop will convene resilience analysts, policy makers, and program staff best placed to translate emerging resilience evidence from the Horn of Africa into concrete action. The specific objectives include:

1. Understand evidence emerging from resilience research in the Horn of Africa
2. Explore common resilience trends and themes across countries
3. Translate learning into country plans and a future learning agenda

Primary Evidence Base for Review

The following sources of resilience evidence will serve as the primary basis for discussion and planning during the Working Meeting:

- Endline Evaluation of the *Pastoralist Areas Resilience Improvement and Market Expansion (PRIME)* project in Ethiopia.
- Baseline Study for the *Livelihoods for Resilience (L4R)* Activity in Ethiopia
- Endline Evaluation/Baseline Study for the *Partnership for Resilience and Economic Growth (PREG)* programs in Kenya.
- Resilience Analysis Recurrent Monitoring Survey, following the baseline study of the Enhancing Resilience and Economic Growth (EREGS) project in Somalia
- Analysis of data collected through resilience modules of Food for Peace-funded development food security activity (DFSA) Baseline Studies in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, and Uganda.
- South Sudan: Resilience Profiles IFPRI/DAI

Who Will Benefit

The workshop goals are to ensure participants are well-versed in recent evidence generated on resilience in their respective countries; to begin to build a strategic narrative around that evidence; to identify what questions these IEs in particular answer for them, and which remain unanswered; and to identify what decisions can be informed with these data.