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**PLANNING FOR
RESILIENCE IN
EAST AFRICA THROUGH
POLICY,
ADAPTATION,
RESEARCH, AND
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT (PREPARED)
PROGRAM**

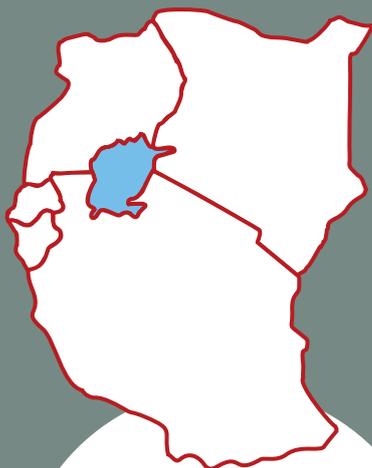
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GOAL:

USAID/Kenya and East Africa's PREPARED Program is a medium-term (five year), multi-organization, comprehensive program aimed at mainstreaming integrated, multi-sectoral, evidence-based, climate-resilient development planning and program implementation into the EAC and its Partner States' development agendas..

DURATION

DEC 2012 - DEC 2017



Geographical Focus:

- East African Community (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda)
- Lake Victoria Basin



A band march during Mara River Day celebrations in September 2015. PREPARED Program provides targeted institutional support to the East African Community (EAC).

THE PREPARED PROGRAM

The overall goal of the PREPARED Program is to strengthen the resiliency and sustainability of East African economies, transboundary freshwater ecosystems and communities. The Program facilitates partnerships, coordination, and capacity building among a broad range of institutions in the climate change, biodiversity, and water supply and sanitation sectors to create and strengthen policy leadership and knowledge frameworks that support and integrate adaptive and strategic decision-making and more effective development.

The Program supports the following areas:

- 1) climate change adaptation;
- 2) biodiversity conservation;
- 3) water supply, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and
- 4) build the capacity of regional partners to enable them to play a more central role in integrated development planning, decision-making and implementation.



CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

The scientific understanding of climate change predictions in the EAC region is still in development, and projected climate change impacts on key sectoral areas are not fully understood. In order to develop effective plans and policies in the face of climatic uncertainty, decision-makers in the EAC region must have ready access to information that is timely, useful, usable and tailored to their specific decision-making needs.

The PREPARED Program builds resilience in the EAC region through four interdependent but mutually reinforcing elements:

- 1) improving the institutional capacity of the EAC Secretariat, LVBC, and Partner States to prepare for, manage, and respond to increasing uncertainty and heightened climate-related risk;

- 2) increasing the availability, quality, and accessibility of information that can be employed by these institutions to develop robust policies, plans, and programs that are flexible to rapidly changing conditions and perform well under a range of climate scenarios;
- 3) main streaming climate change adaptation strategies into the Lake Victoria Basin (LVB) development planning; and
- 4) improving access to and management of climate change adaptation funds.



BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

East Africa's ecosystems encompass some of the most diverse terrestrial and aquatic landscapes of the world, providing a wide range of ecosystem goods and services of vital importance to the livelihoods and economies of the region. The LVB, in particular, contains a remarkable diversity of aquatic and terrestrial life, as well as unique landscapes. However, this rich diversity faces many anthropogenic threats due to population growth, pressures on habitats, impacts from climate change and poaching and illegal trade in wildlife & wildlife products.

Through facilitating the development and implementation of an integrated water resources management framework, the PREPARED Program is supporting the LVBC and Partner States in their efforts to achieve holistic and adaptive management of biologically significant, transboundary freshwater ecosystems in the EAC region.



WATER SUPPLY, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

The LVBC and EAC Partner States are facing considerable challenges of increasing the resiliency and sustainability of WASH services in the LVB:

- 1) unplanned growth in rapidly expanding secondary towns;
- 2) growing competition for water due to rising domestic, agricultural, and industrial demands;
- 3) increasing precipitation variability and uncertainty due to climate change;

- 4) limited human and financial capacity in Partner States; and
- 5) the LVBC's limited capacity in making strategic and integrated WASH-related decisions that take into account climate change and biodiversity conservation.

To address these challenges, the PREPARED Program provides targeted institutional support to the LVBC, local government units, and water and sanitation service providers to increase the role and relevancy of WASH programming in the LVB, thus more effectively integrating it into biodiversity conservation and climate change resiliency actions.



REGIONAL COORDINATION OF PREPARED PROGRAM

The PREPARED Program employs a Program Partner Coordination Committee (PCC) to actively align and coordinate the activities of its partners through participatory work planning and monitoring of program progress to optimize and sustain the impacts of USAID's financial support.

USAID/KENYA AND EAST AFRICA PARTNERS:

- East African Community (EAC) Secretariat and Partner States (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda)
- Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC)
- Famine Early Warning System Network (FEWS NET)
- Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC)
- SERVIR-East Africa/Regional Center for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD)
- PREPARED Project

EXPECTED RESULTS

1. **Increase legitimacy, confidence and authority of the EAC and LVBC to provide regional leadership and technical direction in climate change adaptation and integrated water resources management(IWRM) programming;**
2. **Improve climate change adaptation technical capacity, policy leadership, and action readiness of regional institutions;**
3. **Strengthen resilient and sustainable management of biologically significant transboundary freshwater ecosystems in the EAC regional; and**
4. **Enhance resilient and sustainable water supply, sanitation, and wastewater treatment services in the LVB.**

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