LESSONS LEARNED THROUGH GHACOFS

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• Co-designing and co-production with key users is critical
• Continuity of personnel involved in co-production is very important: Most progress was made where this was achieved
• Face-to-face meetings are essential. For example, running Skype sessions for the Climate Service Development Team (STD) meetings did not work as well as face-to-face.
• “Training through doing” in which each SDT analysed new GPC outputs every month and shared on Huddle was effective – reinforcing the learning from workshops
• Not all processing for tailored climate service products can be done using bespoke software packages and strengthening of computer programming skills is needed
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USER OUTREACH / FORECAST UPTAKE / FEEDBACK

• Strengthen capacity of regional users in co-production of climate services
  – Main users are:
    • Eleven NMHSs in the GHA
    • IGAD Secretariat and Policy Makers,
    • Application sectors such as DRM, Energy, Health, agriculture, water institutions
    • Regional Platforms such as IDDRSI, NECJOGHA,, FSNWG, RAU, IPC
  – Strengthen sector based user interface platforms to enhance accessibility of climate services to the last mile in the knowledge value chain

• Strengthen ENACTS = Enhancing National Climate Service to simultaneously improve availability, access and use of climate information.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!