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Development of the One Stop Border Posts (OSBP) in the EAC | Briefing Note

Phase II OSBP Development Program

BACKGROUND

One Stop Border Posts (OSBPs) in the East African Community (EAC) have been established as part of the East African Trade and Transport Facilitation Project (EATTFP), which was conceptualized in 2006. Under the EATTFP framework, the EAC, with support from development partners, identified for development several border posts across the region for conversion to OSBPs. The OSBPs aims at facilitating trade and transport in order to enhance regional integration and development through improved border operations. The development Partners who have been supporting the development of OSBPs in the EAC include TradeMark East Africa (TMEA), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the World Bank (WB) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

CURRENT STATUS

Through the coordination of the EAC Secretariat with funding from Partner States and Development Partners several achievements have been attained in terms of construction and operationalization of OSBPs in the EAC region. To date, out of the 15 borders earmarked to operate as OSBPs, 12 have been completed and 11 are operational. The completed OSBPs are: Gasenyi/Nemba, Ruhwa, Rusumo, Lunga Lunga/Horohoro, Holili/Taveta, Kagitumba/Mirama Hills, Mutukula, Kabanga/Kobero, Malaba, Isebania/Sirari, Busia and Namanga. Construction is on-going for the Katuna/Gatuna OSBP while fund mobilization is ongoing for construction of Mugina/Manyovu and Kanyaru/Akanyaru OSBPs

The 11 operational OSBPs are: Gasenyi/Nemba, Ruhwa, Rusumo, Holili/Taveta, Kagitumba/Mirama Hills, Mutukula, Kabanga/Kobero, Malaba, Busia, Namanga and Katuna/Gatuna (using old facilities). However, OSBP operations at Ruhwa have been temporarily suspended.

In order to support the operationalization of the OSBPs several instruments and frameworks have been prepared. Such supporting instruments include:

1. The East African One Stop Border Posts Act, 2016;
2. The East African One Stop Border Posts Regulations, 2017;
3. The EAC OSBP Procedures Manual;
4. OSBP Performance Measurement Guide which is under preparation;

5. The OSBP training curriculum which is also under preparation; and
6. OSBP Source Book

Following the construction and operationalization of OSBPs, notable transport and trade facilitation gains have been registered, namely:

- (i) time and cost savings at border crossings for both passengers and freight
 - (ii) improved information exchange and
 - (iii) improved working environment for border officials and improved safety and security for cross-border traffic.
- Available information indicates that the conversion of Malaba Border into an OSBP has resulted into substantial time saving for cargo processing from 24hrs to 4hrs only leading into cost savings amounting to more than US\$ 70 million per annum (Fitzmaurice and Hartman, 2013).



PROPOSED PHASE II INTERVENTIONS

The gains attained in the initial phase of OSBP implementation have motivated Partner States to consider converting other border points into OSBPs. It is in this view that the Sectoral Council on Transport, Communication and Meteorology during its 15th Meeting prioritized 12 border posts within EAC for conversion into OSBPs. Likewise, Partner States have identified improvements of both soft and physical infrastructure at existing OSBPs as another critical intervention to enable users reap full benefits of the OSBP concept.

PROPOSED NEW OSBPS

The proposed new OSBPs comprise the two (2) which are already prioritized at the regional level (Schedule to the OSBP Act, 2016) but not yet constructed due to financing constraints namely Manyovu/Mugina and Akanyaru/Kanyaru Haut. The newly prioritized OSBP are listed in the Table below.

Based on available information on costs for construction of an OSBP, it is estimated that, the total investment requirement for constructing 12 newly prioritized OSBPs will be approximately US\$ 204 million.

Table 1:
Prioritized OSBPs

No	OSBP NAME	CORRIDOR	CURRENT STATUS
1.	Manyovu / Mugina (Tanzania / Burundi)	Central Corridor	Outlay design being done under the multinational road study for the Nyakanazi – Kasulu – Manyovu / Rumonge – Rutunga – Bujumbura project supported by AfDB. Funds are required for detailed design and construction of the Manyovu/Mugina OSBP.
2.	Akanyaru / Kanyaru Haut (Rwanda / Burundi)	Northern & Central Corridor	Designs are ongoing on the Rwanda side under funding from the Government of Rwanda.
3.	Cyanika (Rwanda/ Uganda)	Northern Corridor	Funding required for studies and construction
4.	Nimule / Elegu (Uganda / South Sudan)	Gulu Road Corridor (Northern Corridor Feeder)	Funding required for studies and construction
5.	Lwakhakha (Kenya / Uganda)	Northern Corridor Feeder	Funding required for studies and construction
6.	Suam / Suam River (Kenya / Uganda)	Northern Corridor Feeder	Funding required for studies and construction
7.	Oraba / Kaya (Uganda / South Sudan)	Northern Corridor Feeder	Funding required for studies and construction
8.	Lokiriyama (Kenya / Uganda)	Northern Corridor Feeder	Funding required for studies and construction
9.	Nadapal (Kenya / South Sudan)	Northern/LAPSSET Corridors	Funding required for studies and construction
10.	Gahumo / Murusagamba (Burundi / Tanzania)	Central Corridor	Funding required for studies and construction
11.	Murongo/ Kikagati (Tanzania / Uganda)	Mbarara - Rusumo Spur (feeder to the Central and Northern Corridor)	Funding required for studies and construction
12.	Illasit / Tarakea (Kenya / Tanzania)	Feeder to the Northern and Tanga Corridor	Funding required for studies and construction

OSBPS WITH NON-EAC COUNTRIES

Most of the countries in the EAC region operate a food safety Apart from the above named OSBPs which are within EAC borders, the Sectoral Council on TCM also prioritized 9 other border points linking the EAC Region to neighbouring RECs to be upgraded to OSBP status.

These are Rusizi/Ruzizi I (Rwanda/DRC), Bunagana (Uganda / DRC), Mpondwe (DRC / Uganda), Busunga / Lamia (Uganda / DRC), Goli (DRC / Uganda), Oraba (Uganda / DRC), Moyale (Kenya / Ethiopia), Gisenyi / Goma (Rwanda / DRC) Mtambaswala/ Negomano (Tanzania/Mozambique) and Gatumba/Kavimvira (Burundi/DRC).

INTERVENTIONS AT EXISTING OSBPS

Completed and operational OSBPs face several challenges which hinder either full operationalization or smooth operations. Such challenges include gaps in both physical and soft infrastructure which need to be addressed to facilitate smooth and efficient operations at the already constructed OSBPs. Notably, different OSBPs face different challenges which need to be addressed accordingly.

The most common challenges at OSBPs include lack of staff housing, reliable water and electricity supplies, animal holding pens, cross-border ICT connectivity as well as lack of baggage and passenger scanner. Specific deficiencies and corresponding interventions to address the identified deficits at each OSBP are contained in the Table below.

Table 2:
Identified deficits at each existing OSBP

OSBP NAME	CURRENT STATUS	REQUIRED INTERVENTIONS
Namanga (Kenya / Tanzania)	Operational	Staff housing on the Tanzanian side
		Animal holding pens on the Tanzanian side
		Furniture and Fittings
		Modification of Entry/Exit Gates
		Air conditioners and extractors
		Cargo for on the Tanzanian side
		Ring road (fenced) linking both facilities
		Additional furniture and ICT Facilities
		Interior partitioning
Lungalunga / Horohoro (Kenya / Tanzania)	Completed but not operational	Additional Staff houses/Rest Houses
		Cross-border ICT interconnectivity
		Baggage Scanner on the Kenyan side
		Cargo scanner
		Dog Kernels on the Tanzanian side
		Water supply
		Animal holding area on the Tanzanian side
		Ring roads (fenced) linking the OSBP facilities on both side
		Perimeter wall on the Tanzanian side

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Isebania / Sirari (Kenya / Tanzania)	Completed but not operational	Cross-border ICT interconnectivity
		Staff Houses on the Kenyan side
		Health Centre and Canteen on the Tanzania side
		Additional staff houses and repair of existing ones on the Tanzanian side
		Animal holding pens on the Tanzanian side
		Dog Kennels on the Tanzanian side
		Perimeter wall on the Tanzanian side
		Reliable Water supply
		Cargo & passenger scanners on the both sides
Incinerator on the Tanzanian side		
Taveta / Holili (Kenya / Tanzania)	Operational	Construction of entry gate on the Kenyan side
		Staff housing on the Kenyan and Tanzania sides
		Animal holding pens on the Tanzanian side
		Reliable water supply
		Walk through and baggage scanners on Kenyan side
Cargo scanners on both sides		
Rusumo (Rwanda/Tanzania)	Operational	Inspection sheds on the Rwandan side
		Cold rooms/warehouses
		Street lighting from the bridge to OSBP
		Construction of the road from Nyakanazi to Rusumo OSBP
		Widening of the entry and exist gates
		Additional staff housing on the Rwandan side
		Cargo & passenger scanners
Livestock holding pens		
Mutukula (Uganda/Tanzania)	Operational	Cold rooms
		Animal holding pens
		Ring road (fenced)
		No public toilets on the Tanzanian side
		Cargo & passenger scanners
		Replace the barbed wire perimeter fence
		Facilitation of 24/7 OSBP operations
		Additional staff houses

OSBP NAME	CURRENT STATUS	REQUIRED INTERVENTIONS
Kobero / Kabanga (Burundi / Tanzania)	Operational	A permanent structure for administration block to replace the prefab structure on the Burundian side
		Cold rooms
		Animal holding pens
		Incinerator
		Reliable water supply
		Upgrading of public conveniences
		Cargo & passenger scanners on Burundi and Cargo Scanners on the Tanzanian side
		Construction of walkways for passenger access to the OSBP from the rear side
		Construction of the health and quarantine area
		CCTV Cameras
		Replacement of the barbed wire fence
		Dog Kennels
Staff housing on the Tanzanian side		
Kagitumba / Mirama Hills (Rwanda / Uganda)	Operational	Expansion of the parking area on the Rwandan side
		Livestock holding pens
		Baggage scanners
		Inspection sheds at Kagitumba
		Staff housing
Nemba / Gasenyi (Rwanda / Burundi)	Operational	Staff housing
		Inspection sheds
		CCTV Cameras
		Dog Kennels
		Reliable water supply
		Perimeter fence
		Animal holding pens
		Cargo & passenger scanners
Incinerator		
Ruhwa (Burundi/Rwanda)	Operational but operations temporarily suspended	Cold rooms
		Improvement of the drainage system
		Animal holding pens
		Replacement of furniture and fittings
		Cargo & passenger scanners
		Incinerator
Dog kennels		

OSBP NAME	CURRENT STATUS	REQUIRED INTERVENTIONS
<p>Busia (Kenya/Uganda)</p>	<p>Operational</p>	<p>Upgrading of the access road on the Kenyan side</p> <p>Staff housing</p> <p>Incinerator on the Ugandan side</p> <p>Dog kennels on the Ugandan side</p> <p>Cargo & passenger scanners</p> <p>Parking yard for staff</p>
<p>Malaba (Kenya/Uganda)</p>	<p>Operational</p>	<p>Access roads/gates</p> <p>Staff housing</p> <p>Additional parking space on the Kenyan side</p> <p>Upgrading of the damage system on the Kenyan side</p> <p>Reliable water supply</p> <p>Perimeter wall</p> <p>Cargo & passenger scanners</p> <p>Additional furniture and fittings</p>
<p>Gatuna / Katuna (Rwanda / Uganda)</p>	<p>Operational using old facilities</p>	<p>Buildings and other facilities are under construction</p>