



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

LAKE VICTORIA BASIN COMMISSION

SECRETARIAT

MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS FOR SAFETY ON LAKE VICTORIA (MCSLV)

Sr. No. 001

Introduction and relevance to the Protocol and LVBC Strategic Plan

The project is designed around the 4th EAC Development Strategy (2011-2016) addressing the navigation safety intervention area and will contribute towards the provision of cheap, efficient, safe and environmentally friendly transport links that are essential to achieving the goals of poverty reduction and sustainable development in line with the Protocol for Sustainable Development of Lake Victoria Basin. The Project is a key component in the development of maritime transport potential in the lake that will promote trade and regional integration. Project addresses two key result areas in the LVBC Strategic Plan 2011 - 2016:

- (i) To improve safety of navigation and security on Lake Victoria
- (ii) To promote an enabling environment for investments in lake transport.

Project Rationale and Preparatory Studies

- i) Final Report on the Detailed Pre-investment Analysis/Study on Maritime Communications for Safety on Lake Victoria
- ii) International Maritime Organization (IMO) Report on Implementation of a Search and Rescue Service on Lake Victoria

Specific Objectives

- i) To improve maritime communication network coverage and functionality for Lake Victoria;
- ii) To operationalize the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre in Mwanza, Tanzania;
- iii) To establish, equip and strengthen the emergency search and rescue organization on Lake Victoria;
- iv) To strengthen the implementation capacity of the designated agencies.

Expected Results

- i) An effective regional maritime search and rescue system on Lake Victoria established and operationalized;
- ii) Improved maritime safety culture among the lake users and LVB communities; and
- iii) LVBC capacity to monitor maritime safety on LV strengthened.

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Goal

To create an enabling environment for increased investment in maritime transport in Lake Victoria and spur socio-economic development.

Project Objective

To improve safety of navigation by establishing maritime emergency search and rescue services on Lake Victoria.

Duration:

3 years

Implementing Agency

LVBC Secretariat jointly with the EAC Partner States of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda

Estimated Project Cost

USD 10,228,000

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