

## One Stop Border Post (OSBP)

The two OSBP buildings Horohoro and Rusumo Border were officially opened and they are in operation.



OSBP Horohoro Border



OSBP Rusumo Border



Group Photo of Trade Hub Meeting at Kabanga Border

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## WOMEN ICBT TRADE HUBS

Developing Capacity of EAC Women Informal Cross Border Trade (WICBTs') and MSME's to Comply with Border Formalities



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## Description of the Trade Hubs

Women ICBT Association with their office at border operate Trade Services Hub as a focal point at each border post within the EAC for the provision trade facilitation services to women engaged in cross border trade.

Trade Hubs in Tanzania:

- ✓ Mutukula (Tanzania/Uganda border);
- ✓ Namanga (Tanzania/Kenya border);
- ✓ Kabanga (Tanzania/Burundi border);
- ✓ Rusumo (Tanzania/Rwanda border);
- ✓ Manyovu (Tanzania/Burundi border);
- ✓ Sirari (Tanzania/Kenya border);
- ✓ Tarakea (Tanzania/Kenya border);
- ✓ Holili (Tanzania/Kenya border);
- ✓ Horohoro (Tanzania/Kenya border).

Within the context of this project, a Trade Services Hub is defined as an office facility managed by women association at border established to facilitate small traders activities, particularly women involved in cross border trade.

Women Trade Services Hubs support women ICBTs/MSMEs to enhance their trade capacities by:

- ✓ Supporting increased compliance with border formalities;
- ✓ Creating awareness on the good practices of cross border trade;
- ✓ Supporting transformation of WICBTs from informal to formal trade;
- ✓ Supporting creation of associations and their management.

- ✓ Support trade facilitation initiatives and the provision of business support services to promote the creation of more formal cross border businesses;
- ✓ Promote Export-Import business development;
- ✓ Facilitate trade opportunities and linkages to women engaged in trade;
- ✓ Contribute to the effective implementation by SMEs of the simplified trade regimes under the EAC;
- ✓ Increase awareness of cross border trade and investment opportunities for women;
- ✓ Lobby for the reduction of non-tariff barriers for women ICBTs in order to increase intra-regional trade;
- ✓ Networking for WICBT in EAC region and create data base.



Trade Hub meeting at OSBP Mutukula Border

## Services Offered by the Trade Hubs

- ✓ Information on export and import opportunities and formalities as well as women traders rights and obligations;
- ✓ Capacity building for MSMEs that engage in cross border trade;

- ✓ Provide clearance support services at border to women MSMEs;
- ✓ Provide advice to MSMEs on issues such as export business formalities; creating, managing and strengthening of WICBTs Associations;
- ✓ Advice on registration of the MSMEs and Tax registration with appropriate authorities which are essential for transformation from informal to formal trade.

## Benefits of the Trade Hubs

The establishment of a Women Trade Services Hub can be highly beneficial for both Governments and the Small Traders involved in cross border trade. For governments it offers:

- ✓ Enhanced risk management practices affecting particularly women at borders;
- ✓ Improved levels of security;
- ✓ Increased revenue yields resulting from enhanced trader compliance
- ✓ Capturing trade statistics

The Women Trade Services Hub brings much needed trade facilitation services at the border to women traders by cutting transaction costs, increasing their business competitiveness, providing trade information and ensuring safety and security in business.