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**Addressing Multifaceted Vulnerability: Trade & Transport
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Challenges on the Central Corridor

- Transportation costs still very high - accounting for over 40% of the prices on the market- According to the WB.
- Longer Clearing processing of goods at Port and Border posts
- Inefficient infrastructure on all transport modes: Ports, roads, railways and inland waterways
- Issues of road safety
- Over 90% of cargo is transported by road

Ongoing Initiatives to address these challenges

- 600 million USD being invested in Dar es Salaam Maritime Port Improvement program Capacity & efficiency. **Capacity of the Port to 28 million metric tons by 2025 from 17 million tons in 2018.**
- Installation of Single window system underway in Dar es Salaam port.
- Implementation of EAC Single Customs Territory since 2013 - this was a game changer – improved processes and revenue as well
- Construction and launch of One Stop Border Posts at all major border crossings: Tanzania/Rwanda, Tanzania/Burundi/, Tanzania/Uganda. Border crossing time reduced by 70% since the launch of the facilities.

Ongoing Initiatives to address these challenges

Implementation of the Central Corridor Sustainable Freight Transport Strategy: Modal Shift

- Rehabilitation of the existing meter guage ongoing to be completed by 2022: 300\$ million WB Funding & Tanzania Government Budgetary support
- Construction of the Central Corridor SGR. First 2 phases: 300kms & 422 kms underway.
- After completion its projected that it will reduce transport costs by 40%.
- Also modal shift will reduce Green Gas Emissions, hence reducing pollution of the Environment.
- Reduced road safety threats

Central Corridor Support in Project Implementation

1. **One Stop Inspection Stations** under construction- Rationalizing Transit Truck inspection along the Central Corridor. Trucks to stop at only 3 locations.
 - **Vigwaza, Manyoni & Nyakanazi: 500kms between each other.**
 - Addresses issue of driver fatigue, multiple inspections of Transit Trucks and Revenue Check points

Support the Modal Shift to RAIL/WATER

1. Lake Tanganyika Integrated Transport Programme

- DRC Kalundu Port – dredging done, and equipment procured
- Kalundu Port – Uvira – Ruberizi Road (Lot 1) – FS underway
 - Lot 2 – Funds secured as well up to Bukavu for feasibility studies.
- CCTTFA is coordinating the studies under WB Funding:
 - ❖ *Assessing the potential for enhanced Ferry Services and Private Operations on Lake Tanganyika.*
 - ❖ *Feasibility Study for Search and Rescue Service on Lake Tanganyika*
 - ❖ *Lake Tanganyika port access and safety of navigation improvements under varying lake levels.*

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2. Lake Kivu integrated Transport program

- Supported Hydrographic surveys and production of navigation charts and other aids to navigation on Lake Kivu with funding from TMEA

3. Lake Victoria Integrated Transport Program

- Dar-Mwanza-PortBell through Lake Victoria route re-opened in June 2018. Now 3 block trains operated per week

Support to Maritime Sector Capacity Building

10 students under CCTTFA Sponsorship trained
at Dar es Salaam Maritime Institute

Central Corridor Road Safety and Security Audit

- *The matrix of the key interventions were recommended:*
 1. **Strengthen Institutional Leadership - Strengthen a lead Agency**
 2. **Strengthen Enforcement**
 3. **Improve Driver Training and Testing**
 4. **Safer Vehicles**
 5. **Strengthen Post-Crash System**
 6. **Improve Safety of Road Infrastructure**
 7. **Strengthen Crash Data System**
 8. **Strengthen Road Safety**
 9. **Education and Campaign**

Key Recommendations

- TPA and TRC to adopt a “deliver-as-one” scheme- This would be a “game changer”;
- CIF Kigoma, Isaka and Mwanza
- TRC to acquire additional capacity (in terms of locomotives and wagons);
- Predictability rail services (improve efficiency)
- A need to mobilize resources to invest on safety components along the Corridor especially at OSBP’s to avoid fire accidents

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