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NCTTCA's Experience**

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**NORTHERN CORRIDOR TRANSIT AND
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Presentation Overview

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Overview of the Northern Corridor

- The Northern Corridor is a Transport Corridor linking the Great Lakes countries of Burundi, DR Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan and Uganda to the Kenyan seaport of Mombasa.
- The Corridor also serves Tanzania, Ethiopia and Somalia.
- It is a multi-modal Corridor encompassing: Road, Rail, Pipeline, Ports and Inland Waterways.
- It is the busiest route in East & Central Africa.



Objectives of the Northern Corridor

1. To facilitate trade, movement of persons, vehicles and goods in domestic, regional and international transport
2. To stimulate economic and social development in the Member States
3. To transform the Corridor into an Economic Development Corridor which in addition to offering safe, fast and competitive transport and transit services, will stimulate investment, encourage sustainable development and poverty reduction
4. To implement strategies for accelerating economic and social development along the Corridor while ensuring environmental sustainability



Main NCTTCA Roles

Research & Data Collection

Policy Advisory

Agency support

Support Policy Implementation

1. Identification of areas where improvements are needed in relation to transit transport
2. Provision of a set of tools for diagnosing problems and providing solutions
3. Measuring the evolution of the Corridor hence establishing the effectiveness of programs designed to address identified bottlenecks
4. Provision of key reliable information to policy makers to facilitate formulation of policies.



Covid - 19 Immediate Effects

- 1) Reduced business hours and productivity
- 2) Limited mobility of staff and other stakeholders
- 3) Longer Transit times
- 4) Escalation of cost of freight
- 5) Increased in Non-Tariff Barriers due to increased checkpoints and delays in border clearance



Covid - 19 NCTTCA Interventions

- 1) Cargo considered as an essential service
- 2) The Authority took charge of coordination of various players in the industry - restructured the Friday stakeholders' meeting, chaired by KPA, into a virtual meeting hosted by the Authority (regional platform for weekly virtual meetings)
- 3) Advocacy campaigns on Covid 19 safety measures for truck drivers & Corridor users; - real-time information exchange and updates; sensitization campaigns against the Spread of COVID-19 and stigma along the Northern Corridor
- 4) Promotion of regional roadmap to make the Corridor more resilient to future disruptive hazards



Specific Response Measures

- 1) The NCTTCA contributed a water tank to the Miritini Covid-19 Testing Centre and distributed 10,000 reusable Face Masks and Reflector Jackets, branded with messages of solidarity and hope to transporters and cross-border truck drivers
 - 1) Sensitization increased the number of drivers tested at the Miritini centre from 100 to nearly 600 per day
 - 2) It also increased self-confidence in Long Distance Drivers since the stigmatisation they were facing reduced
- 2) Promoted the harmonisation of response measures to mitigate COVID-19 in Member States



Key Lessons

- 1) The need to build resilience in the maritime, transport and infrastructure sector
- 2) Need for a coordinated approach to emergencies
- 3) Critical to have a focal point institution to guide efforts
- 4) Speedy mobilisation of resources is key
- 5) Harmonisation of efforts across countries within regional economic communities is paramount
- 6) Important to build adequate capacity to address challenges and emergencies



Sustainability Strategies

- 1) The Authority has designed cross border interventions for youth & women in business, targeting;
 - a) Impact assessment
 - b) Capacity building
 - c) Stimulus interventions
 - d) Compliance measures

- 2) Seeking partnerships with International Organizations for deeper outreach in Member States

- 3) The Authority is coming up with emergency mitigation interventions for safe trade at key Transport Nodes and critical supply chains for safe trade along the Corridor

- 4) Coming up with measures such as regional policy/coordination mechanisms to mitigate disasters & enhance quick resettlement of emerging bottle necks during & post pandemics





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