

Press Release

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The Kenya Revenue Authority's Isebania One Stop Border post performed well financially in 2016/17 FY, recording a revenue collection of Kshs. 201.7 Million.

In the past three years, the revenue collected at the Isebania OSBP has grown steadily at 19%. This shows the great strides made at the OSBP, which is among the key business outlets contributing to the Country's economic growth.

A One Stop Border Post (OSBP) is an integrated border system whose aim is to bring together all the border agencies under one roof for improved efficiencies through streamlined, coordinated and harmonized operations.

Isebani OSBP began operations in the year 2012, with the first revenue collection falling in the FY 2013/14 at Kshs. 169 Million. Transformation of the OSBP operations to ensure technology is embraced has further led to varied changes in the last 3 years. One notable change is the faster clearance of goods through the Single Customs Territory (SCT) regime. The SCT has helped lift restrictive regulations and minimise internal border controls on goods moving across Tanzania and Kenya.

Isebania OSBP has focused on the KRA Customs Reform & Modernization Programme which aims at transforming and modernising Customs Administration and aligning it to internationally accepted standards and best practice.

It has also embraced the redefined function of Customs to put greater emphasis on trade facilitation and protection of society. In addition, the post has strengthened enforcement by implementing the OSBP initiative at key points of entry.

Key agencies that work via integrated systems at the OSBP are; Kenya Revenue Authority (Lead Agency), Department of Immigration and Kenya Bureau of Standards, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services.

Since inception, the following achievements have been recorded at the OSBP;

- Standard Operating Procedures developed to guide cargo and passenger process flow.
- Joint verification being carried out by key border agencies, including Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) and Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).
- Joint border meetings & consultations among border agencies and between Kenya and Tanzania.

- Reduced time to clear cargo and process passengers. Currently cargo clearance is within 2 hours of document presentation from the initial 6-8 hours.
- Information sharing between border agencies within Kenya and with Tanzania.
- Increased revenue collections.
- Increased seizures of prohibited/restricted goods.
- Full roll out of Single Customs Territory (SCT) regime between Kenya & Tanzania by 18th August 2017.
- Requisite taxes are assessed and collected by TRA before release at Mombasa (Marine Cargo) or Exporter (Kenya). TRA Officers have been deployed in Kenya (Mombasa & Nairobi).

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