



## Tanzania: Movement of Goods and Services Project

### The challenge:

One of the major obstacles to regional economic integration in Africa is non tariff barriers. Amongst these are road blocks within and between countries which negatively affect the competitiveness of African businesses and stifle a country's ability to trade. The route from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania to Rusumo, Rwanda is 1,200 km and covers 7 regions in Tanzania. It also covers one of the busiest route segments: from Ubungo to Mlandizi which is also the road to the Kenyan, Zambian and Malawian Borders. During the due



diligence carried out in August 2010, a total number of 58 roadblock were identified along the route: 46 police road blocks, 4 TRA stops, 7 weighbridge stops and 1 stop by the Natural Resources Agency. Such conditions led to longer transportation duration and higher costs for the private sector. These costs would eventually impact on consumers, thus discouraging trade across borders.

### The solution:

ICF worked with the Government of Tanzania through the Tanzania Police Force (TPF) to ease the movement of goods and services along the highway from the port of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania to Rusumo, on the border with Rwanda. This would be achieved through the establishment of formal police checkpoint locations and facilitating speedier inspections through the use of a database query system. The project was funded by ICF and the Government of Tanzania. The project cost a total of US\$ 4,065,610. ICF contributed US\$ 2,246,260.00 and the Government of Tanzania contributed US\$ 1,819,350.00. This project was complimentary to the Modernization of Customs Project at the Tanzania Revenue Authority, also funded by ICF, which aims to reduce the clearance time of goods from the Port of Dar es Salaam.

### Achievements:

The project has set up a secure online system that enables the Tanzania Police Force, Tanzania Revenue Authority and the Tanzania Roads Agency (TANROADS) to share information and perform real time verification of documentation. The secure online query system is accessible from 300 handheld devices that are used by the police. The project was not completed satisfactorily, as the key component of reducing the amount of roadblocks from over 50 to 15 was not achieved. Positive aspects to be derived are the fact that TPF has been exposed to the management of donor funded projects (capacity built) and has worked, for the first time, in a collaborative fashion with stakeholders from the private sector (PPP).

**Project duration:** December 2010 – July 2012

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