THE ONE STOP BORDER POST (OSBP) IN MALAWI
Malawi at a glance

Land Area: 118,484 Km²
Population: Approximately 16 million
Capital City: Lilongwe
Main Towns: Blantyre, Zomba, Mzuzu
Climate: Tropical (cooler in highlands)
Official language: English
Common Language: Chichewa
Currency: Malawi Kwacha
Time: GMT +2
PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

- Improving crossborder trade through facilitation of movement of goods and people at border crossings;
- Facilitating legitimate trade;
- Minimizing cost of doing business in country.

PROJECT SCOPE:

The OSBP projects at the following border posts;
- Songwe border with Tanzania;
- Dedza, Mwanza, Muloza, and Chiponde borders with Mozambique; and
- Mchinji border with Zambia.

PROJECT COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION:

- The Ministry of Industry and Trade - as a national coordinating institution of all the OSBP’s;
- The Malawi Roads Authority - as the implementing agency of all OSBP at national level; and
- The Malawi Revenue Authority (MRA) - as the coordinating institution for the border agencies.

PROJECT FINANCING:

BENEFITS

- Enhancing trade and investments;
- Supporting the Regional Intergration agenda;
- Enhancing competitiveness and economic development;
- Greater cooperation of Customs and other border agencies;
- Facilitating easier movement of goods and personnel.
CHALLENGES

- International Level
  - Resource availability
  - Financing Agreements
  - International and Bilateral Agreements
  - Technical specifications

- National Level
  - Inter-agency Management of the Projects
  - Coordinating Units

- Micro Level
  - Technical Expertise
  - Resources

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Permanent coordinating mechanism;
- Joint development of project proposals;
- Joint resource mobilisation mechanism;
- Greater involvement of other key players such as the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and the World Customs Organisation; and
- Regional institutions such as SADC playing a greater coordinating role.
THANK YOU