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Activity	Comment
Validation of the EACFFPC training materials in Mombasa	<p>The secretariat prepared the CIC meeting scheduled for 31st – 2nd November 2012 in Mombasa. All National Associations, Revenue Authorities and the EAC Directorate of Customs were mobilized for the meeting. The meeting validated the EACFFPC training materials developed by the team of subject experts for deployment in January 2013. The meeting was supported by TMEA.</p> <p>The materials cover Customs procedures, Tariff classification, Valuation, Rules of origin, Application of ICT, Port Clearance, and Freight forwarding Operations, Basic management and Ethics and Integrity. This activity is being supported by TMEA.</p>
Visit the EACFFPC TMEA	A representative from the secretariat accompanied the TMEA's

supported facilities in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania	Director of Trade Facilitation and Transport on visit to Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania intended to physically see the facilities that had been procured with support from TMEA under the EACFFPC training program. During the visit, the delegation assessed the status of the training centres, review meetings were held in which key issues relating to the January 2013 intake, the certificate of competence, the TOTs and the collaboration of the revenue authorities. Important action points on enhancing the performance of the project were made in all countries for their attention. The exercise will be finalized in the month of December in Rwanda and Burundi.
Hold NCIC meetings in Uganda and Kenya	<p>FEAFFA participated in two National Curriculum Implementation committee meetings in Uganda and Kenya. These are meeting of the organs responsible for the running of the EACFFPC training program.</p> <p>In Uganda, the meeting learnt that an advert for the next intake had been sent for publication in the news papers. At least three classes are expected earlier next year. The meeting proposed to have the Ugandan TOTs on 26th November – 1st December 2012 and the certificate of competence seminars early in 2013 in the month of January 2013.</p> <p>The Kenyan meeting reviewed the status of implementation of the program. In particular, it resolved to redirect the program towards self-sustainability effective January 2013. By July 2013, students admitted into this program will have to pay the full commercial rate of offering the training.</p>
Hold a one day meeting of EACFFPC Training coordinators on Monitoring and Evaluation	A half day meeting of all training coordinators was held at Sheraton Kampala on the 13 th November 2012. During the meeting, members received Uganda’s new training coordinator (Anne Kibirige) and reviewed the EACFFPC data collection tools. The meeting also addressed challenges that were impeding national level implementation of the program brought up by the training coordinators. The meeting also briefly discussed matters of EACFFPC procurement. TMEA attended the meeting.
Produce the second edition of the East African Freight Forwarders Directory.	The project was reviewed and revised terms of engaged were finalized, the basis of which Efan Communications are embarking on the project. FEAFFA has been tasked with interesting close partners that will later be followed up by the contracted company for business. The directory will now have a magazine combined with companies

	data bases and will now be released more frequently. The directory is expected in January 2013.
Participate in other partners events.	<p>FEAFFA participated in a number of events organized by her partners including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A one day meeting with Crimson Logic the consulting firm that has been hired by the Kenyan Government to install the national electronic single window. The stakeholder meeting targeting the clearing and forwarding agents took place at KIFWA – Nairobi offices in ICD EMBAKASI. Two FEAFFA staff attended the meeting. According to Crimson Logic, the prototype of the National single window will be ready in three months time. • A one day meeting organized by the Nile Basin Organisation to disseminate the findings on a study on cross border movement of vegetables and fresh produce in the Eastern Africa Region. It was intended to show the trends of product flows in the region and determine required interventions to boost the flows. FEAFFA was represented by the Executive Director. • Launch of a report on corruption along EAC corridors by Transparency International. The study revealed that corruption was still rampant, a perception collaborated by both the private and public sector players on these corridors. Some of the stakeholders interviewed include clearing agents, transporters, police and customs officers.
Participate in interviews with the consultant on Stakeholder Engagement and Membership Strategy development.	The secretariat participated in several meetings with Joan Perrin the consultant hired by USAID COMPETE to assist the associations that are being supported by the COMPETE program. The consultant was accompanied to one of the FEAFFA member associations (KIFWA) to interview stakeholders. FEAFFA expects to gain enormously from this consultancy process in terms of enhancing service delivery the members.
Participate in two days	Two staff from the secretariat attended a two days training

training on Trade Facilitation in Africa	supposed by UK based crown agents at Intercontinental hotel, Nairobi. The training addressed areas of Barriers to trade, (NTBs), Tarriff Barriers to Trade (TBTs) and logistic constraints, International Trade contracting, Using ICT to create an enabling environment, Export Competitiveness-Exploiting Comparative Advantage, Supply chain security & predictability, Challenges in Freight Forwarding in East and others. Overall, the training was an eye opener for the participants on capacity building areas normally addressed by the Crown Agents in its trainings. They are generally very knowledgeable and experienced in offering international transport and logistics capacity building. The workshop was attended senior managers in the public and private sector in Kenya.
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