



# **Kenya Shippers Council**

*The Voice of Cargo Owners*

**Kenya Shippers Council Monthly Progress Report**

**Submitted to USAID-COMPETE Program**

**Reporting Period: March 2011**

**Grant Activity Title: "Achieving Logistical Competitiveness of Eastern Africa  
Cargo Owners through the Enhanced Capacity of the Shippers Council"**

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**Duration: January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 with no Cost Extension to  
December 2011**

**Date of Submission: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

## **1. Introduction**

The month of March was relatively slower in implementation of grant activities in comparison to the month of February. The reason for this is that the advance request for the months of March and April had not been received by the end of March. This negatively impacted on the implementation of grant activities for the month of March.

### **1.1. Key Activities and Accomplishments over the Month of March**

#### **1.2. Membership Development**

- KSC membership increased by three from 50 in the month of February to fifty 53 in March. New membership came from Kibos Sugar & Allied Industries Ltd, General Cargo Services Ltd and Orbit Chemical Industries Ltd.
- Follow – up on renewal of membership annual subscriptions has ensured an 82% membership retention level. Outstanding renewals are set to be cleared in the second quarter.
- Participation in Kenya Maritime Workshop on utilization of INCOTERMS in Nakuru
- Petitioned the Monopolies Commission to ascertain the competitiveness of the recently announced increased rates of transportation by the Kenya Transport Association.
- Successfully lobbied for stay in implementation of an intended Emergency Risk Surcharge by Safmarine

#### **1.3. Member Services**

- Procured gift tokens for presenters at the International best practice workshop.
- Procuring branded items for KSC.
- Preparatory meetings for the Workshop on Integrity issues to be held in 28<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

#### **1.4. Knowledge Management and Advocacy**

- Policy paper on customs procedures and the functioning of container freight stations
- Collected data on cost, time and complexity indicators as at the end of March
- Policy advocacy meeting with Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) and Fresh Produce Exporters Association of Kenya (FPEAK)
- Worked closely with USAID COMPETE to recruit technical expertise for the development of East Africa's Import and Export Handbook and the Regional Directory of Logistics Service Providers

#### **1.5. ICT**

- Developed a KSC e-newsletter
- Develop a mailing list for the KSC e-newsletter
- KSC website content updated
- Needs assessment for KSC members database was undertaken

## **2. Key challenges Encountered and Proposals for Future Programme Implementation**

- Delays in the receipt of advance requests for the Month of March and April meant that implementation of planned activities for March had to be delayed.