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KTA- COMPETE CAPACITY ENHANCING TO SUSTAINABILITY

2013 MONTHLY TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

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1. OBJECTIVE

The core objective of this report is to highlight on the key activities undertaken and the extents to which targets set for the month of May 2013 have been met.

The analysis has been based on the three (3) pillars outlined in the KTA Strategic Plan namely;

- Advocacy.
- Institutional Development and Sustainability.
- Member Services.

NARRATIVE REPORTS

2 ADVOCACY

2.1 TATOA Visit

The Tanzania Truck Owners Association (TATOA) visited the KTA secretariat office in Mombasa on a fact finding mission. The two day visit that took place between 17th and 18th of May 2013 mainly focused on sharing experiences on Northern and Central Corridors vis a vis Southern Africa corridors. KTA and TATOA have been keen on the formation of a regional road transport association - named FEARTA, Federation of East Africa Road Transport Associations. The visit comes against a backdrop of high transport and logistics costs along the Northern and Central Corridors occasioned by unharmonized laws on customs procedures and vehicle load control, numerous and inefficient weighbridges, corruption and arbitrary charges, uncoordinated policy implementation, over-stretched road infrastructure capacity among others. The co-operation between the two regional bodies therefore gives impetus to the push for a quicker resolution of these impediments to trade.

The TATOA delegation of four led by the Vice Chairperson, Mrs. Angelina Ngalula, also paid a visit to the East Africa Heavy Commercial Drivers Development Institute during which they were briefed on the project and also had the opportunity to do test drive on the simulators.



KTA and TATOA officials pose for a group photo. Front from left to right: Jane Njeru (KTA), Omar Kiponza (TATOA), Paul Maiyo (KTA), Angelina Ngalula (TATOA), Alistair James (TATOA), Elias Lukumay (TATOA), Wellington Kiverenge (KTA). Back row: Zahir Kara (KTA), Stephen Ogolla (KTA) and Imran Pasta (KTA).



Mr. Omar Kiponza - TATOA Executive member test driving on the simulator.

2.2 Clean Up Exercise - Mombasa County

As part of our corporate social responsibility, KTA and members took part in the clean up exercise organized by the Mombasa county governor's office on 18th May, 2013. The Secretariat sent out invitation e-mails to members to partake in the exercise that is envisaged to not only improve the environment and enhance living conditions, but also to attract more business to the region. KTA members contributed tippers for garbage collection, drinking water, gloves and gumboots, garbage collection bins, wheelbarrows among others.



KTA Team poses for a group photo



KTA Team hard at work.

2.3 TTCA-NC Workshop

KTA participated at the workshop organized by the Transit Transport Coordination Authority - Northern Corridor (TTCA-NC) on 23rd May, 2013 to review and validate the Road Transport Industry Survey Report and the second Transport Observatory Project (TOP) report. The Road Transport Industry Survey (RTIS) was conducted by the Sub-Sahara Africa Transport Policy Program (SSATP) in Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda between March - April, 2012 with the primary objective of collecting information in the industry in order to update the knowledge on operating costs, market structure, prices and company organization across East Africa. The RTIS is complementary to the Transport Observatory Project which seeks to identify key choke points along the Northern Corridor with a view to informing policy discussions. TOP uses GPS tracking and Road Survey questionnaires to identify stoppage points, causes of stoppages, duration of stoppages and related costs. The two projects - RTIS and TOP - ultimately provide information on:

1. Volumes for international and intra-regional trade
2. Time and uncertainties of the critical stages of the logistics chain.
3. Prices and Costs.
4. Infrastructure capacity and logistics services delivery

This information is very critical to transport operators in assessing the viability of transport as a business as well as adjusting their operations appropriately to maximize on profits. KTA and its members are directly involved in the projects.



Group photo of participants at the workshop

3 INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY.

3.1 EA HCV Drivers Development Institute

The EA HCV Drivers Development Institute undertook a Commercial Driver Road Competence Driving Test for 16 drivers between 30th - 31st May, 2013. The training was organized in conjunction with USAID-COMPETE and Total Kenya and was officiated by the Total Kenya Executive director, Mr. Joseph Adewa. Most of the trainees were from KTA member companies.

The trainees were evaluated on the following criteria and marks awarded accordingly;

1. Getting started on a simulator
2. Road signs, signals and road markings
3. Changing gears
4. Driver behaviour and condition
5. Truck manoeuvres
6. Driving in traffic
7. ECO Driving

Upon completion of a session, trainees were appraised on their performance based on the laid down criteria. Each session lasted approximately one and half hours. The sessions were supervised by the Institute's instructor, Mr. Walter Misama.

The training fee was Kshs. 6 500 (VAT excl.) per driver and the total revenue earned was Kshs. 104 000.



A trainee goes through the simulator training



Trainees pose for a group photo with KTA CEO, Jane Njeru



Total Kenya Executive Director Joseph Adewa confers with David of USAID COPMETE and KTA management.



Mr. Joseph Adewa delivers his official remarks

3.2 Curriculum Review and Validation Workshop

KTA and USAID COMPETE held a workshop on 8th May, 2013 in Mombasa to review and validate the training curriculum developed for the East Africa Heavy commercial Vehicle Driver Development Institute. The curriculum has endeavored to plug the training gaps identified in the various local and regional Training Needs Assessment reports.

The curriculum has been designed to deliver training in three levels namely:

1. Basic Skills: Modules include - Introduction to Professional Driver training, getting started on a simulator, basic control of the truck, basic road driving, driver behavior and condition and vehicle inspection.

2. Intermediate Training: Modules include - Trip/journey management, intermediate road driving, accident procedures, health and safety.
3. Advanced Training: Modules include - Hazard perception, handling cargo, cross border procedures, night driving and, efficient and economic driving.

A total of 20 persons participated in the workshop held at Flamingo Beach Resort and Spa.



Mr. Kiverenge delivers opening remarks at the workshop



Mr. Kiriri takes participants through the curriculum

4 MEMBER SERVICES

4.1 Visit to Mariakani Weighbridge

The KTA Secretariat visited the Mariakani weighbridge on 21st May 2013 upon learning of the traffic snarl up at the weighbridge caused by protesting drivers. During the visit, the KTA team held a brief session with the drivers to establish the cause of the blockade and the following issues were canvassed:

1. That the weighbridge attendants were exercising discrimination as to who is allowed to pass the weighbridge and that transporters who were evidently overloaded on gross vehicle weight were being allowed to pass whereas those who slightly exceeded the axle limit were stopped and harassed at the weighbridge.
2. That the axle load requirement was unfair particularly to transporters carrying transit, indivisible and liquid cargo.

KTA has moved to have these issues addressed. We have engaged with government on issues pertaining axle load/GVW weighing and weighbridge operations. Currently KTA is part of the seven member team

constituted by H.E the Deputy President to look into these matters. The committee is expected to make its recommendations within the month.