

| Project Title | Safe Trade Emergency Facility |
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| Implementing Partner | Ministry of EAC and Regional Development, Ministry of Health, County Government of Busia, Kenya Ports Authority, Kenya Revenue Authority, Kenya Bureau of Standards, Kenya Private Sector Alliance, Fresh Producers Association of Kenya, International Organisation of Migration, Africa Medical Research Foundation |
| Funded by | <p>The European Union is the largest donor to Kenya’s component of TMEA’s Safe Trade Emergency Facility (STEF) programme with a contribution of KES 600 million (EUR 5 million).</p> <p>Other donors: The Netherlands, Denmark, and Finland</p> |
| Value (In US\$) | \$10,000,000 |
| Implementation period | From July 2020 -- |
| Target beneficiaries | Frontline workers at Port of Mombasa and key borders in Kenya; SMEs, Small scale women traders, truck drivers |
| Why this project | <p>COVID-19 threatens to reverse the significant economic gains that have been made in Sub-Saharan Africa, and particularly the reduction in trading costs accrued for the last 10 years. The Safe Trade Emergency Facility (Safe Trade) is TMEA’s response to support the East African governments mitigate the pandemic’s economic impacts and respond to health risks it poses. Safe Trade will support critical short to medium term measures to ensure safe continuity of trade in Eastern Africa, mitigate job losses and protect livelihoods dependent on trade. In Kenya, the Mombasa Port and the borders that have long been the arteries of cross border trade, have been clogged by the effects of COVID-19, long truck queues, closure of cross border markets and increased risk of infection to front line workers have been reported.</p> <p>Safe Trade interventions are centred on 7 key clusters: i) Provision of PPE to critical and frontline operations at ports and borders; ii) Technology interventions to keep trade moving (such as the Truck Driver Tracking App; iii) Trade Policy Interventions; iv) Supply chain support for resilience, relief and recovery in essential goods and exports; v) Standards and SPS interventions; vi) Advocacy interventions; vii) Gender Inclusion and women in trade and Safe Trade Zones.</p> |
| How the project will be implemented | Kenya Country Programme set up working group steered by the Government and Private Sector to ensure that a concerted effort is exerted in implementing Safe Trade. |
| Target Results | <p>Making the ports, borders and critical supply chains safe for trade</p> <p>Ensuring food security and access to critically required medicines</p> <p>Supporting measures that prevent jobs losses & support exports</p> |
| Progress | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Protective Equipment delivered to Mombasa Port, Busia, Malaba, Isebania and Namanga • Roll out of the Regional Electronic Cargo and Driver Testing App |

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