

# Reducing border delays: lessons from East Africa

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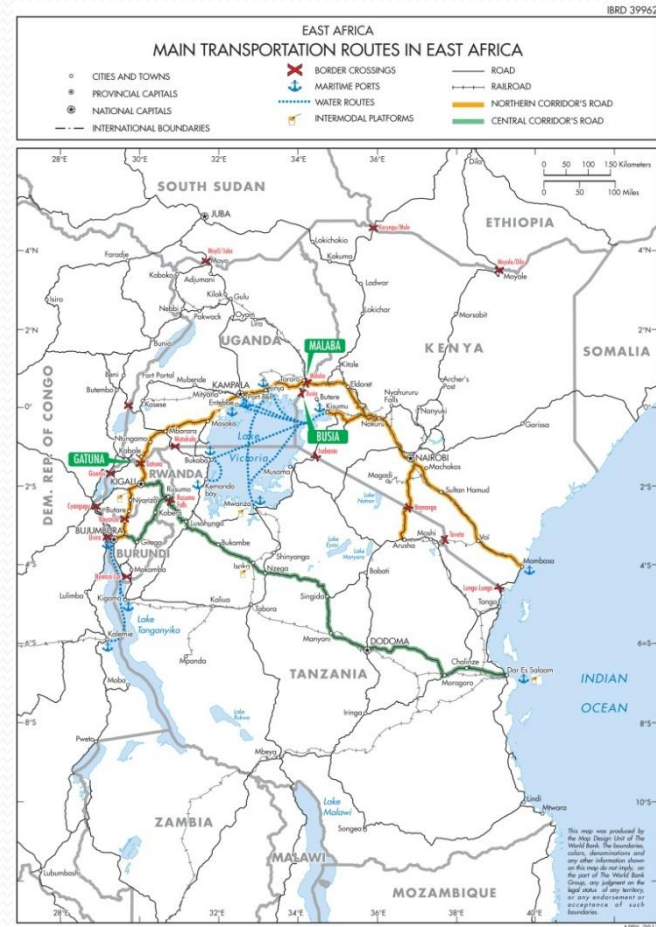


# Summary

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- Reducing border delays works
- A few words on the survey methodology
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# Background on the Northern Corridor

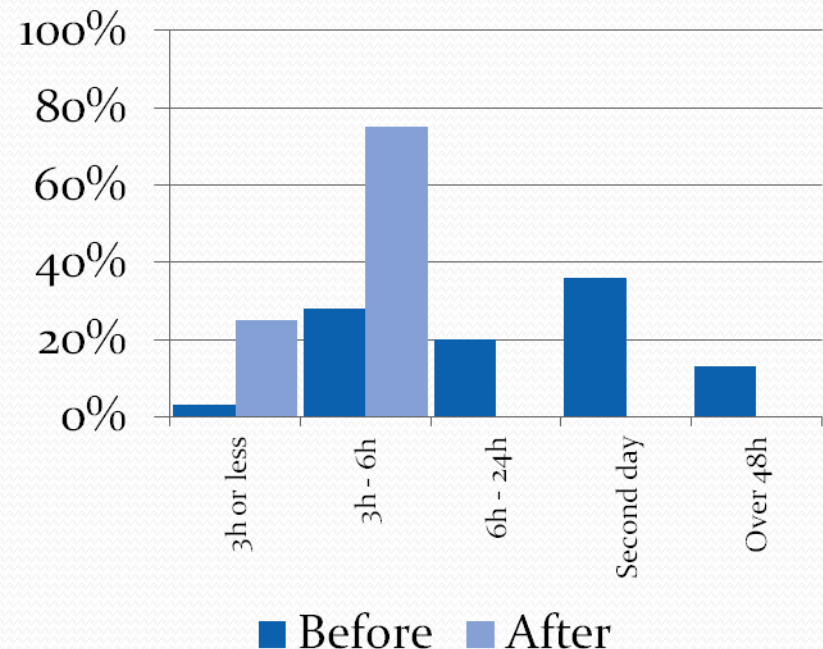
- The NC is a heavy volume route:
  - Transit through Mombasa reaching 6Mt.
  - Average 1000 trucks per day at Malaba (both directions)
- Border delays are / were a concern for trucking companies and traders
- Regional strategy to convert border posts into OSBP, with Malaba as early model



# Reducing border delays works

- Measured concerned all parties:
  - Border management agencies, through advance preparation with pre-arrival lodgment of the declaration, and when the trucks have arrived, through coordination
  - Clearing agents: mandatory pre-arrival lodgment of declarations
  - Truck drivers: traffic and parking rules to decongest Customs Controlled Zone
- On average, crossing time was reducing by 20h
- Potential savings represent on annual basis 70M\$:
  - 45M truckers (based on 250\$ per day for trucks)
  - 25M for traders (based on 140\$ per day for the goods)
- Important to note that rehabilitation of facilities was not yet done

Proportion of containerized trucks crossing the border within time range, from survey sample



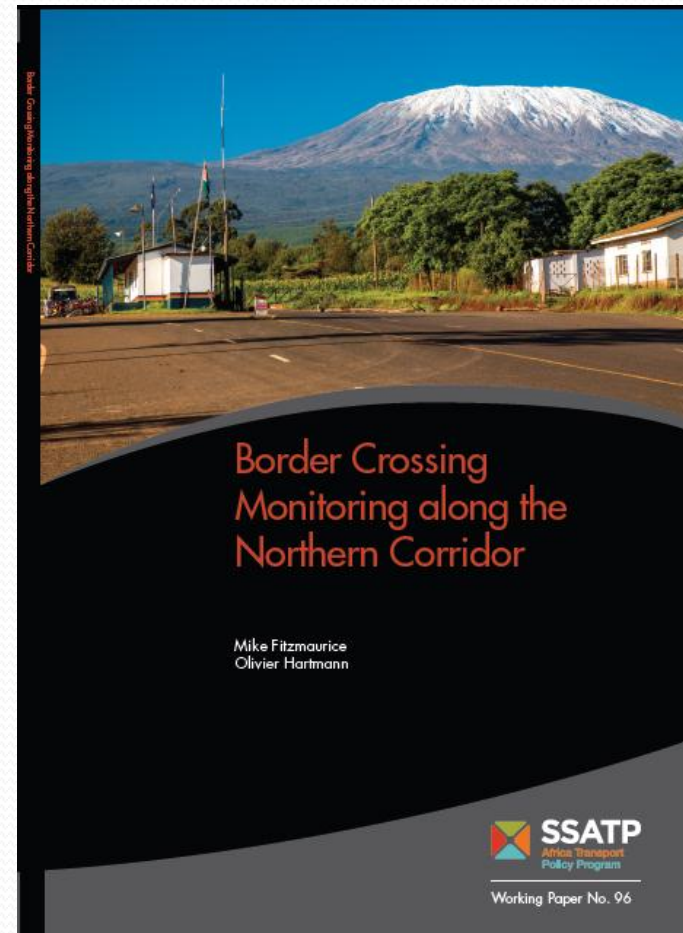
# A few words on the methodology

- The survey is based on a sample of trucks for which key events are recorded:
  - Truck movements
  - Documentation process
- Sample contained around 1200 truck crossings for three border posts over 5 months and 1/2
- Since the survey, URA has developed CURES, a system monitoring truck movements on the Uganda side of the border



# Next steps

- In the context of the Northern Corridor:
  - Questions about the 24/7 rationale
  - What impact of same day crossing on trucking operation?
  - Replication on other border posts
- In the wider context of African corridors:
  - The Malaba case is rebalancing the respective importance of infrastructure versus inter-agency cooperation and IT



# Thank you for your attention

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