Horn of Africa (HoA)

Taxation Perspective

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Role of Customs

a) Collect and Account for government revenue - Mainly import duty, excise duty and VAT on imports as well as agency revenue e.g. Sugar Development Levy, RML, PDL, APSC. The department’s contribution to exchequer revenue averages 35% per annum.

b) Trade Facilitation – Promote economic interests and development of trade through enhancement of trading activities and ease of doing business.

c) National Security - through Enforcement of Prohibitions and Restrictions.

d) Protection of Society – Domestic industry, health and safety of citizens.

e) Compilation of Trade Statistics
**Customs and Border Control**

**Integration** of Customs systems for information Exchange.

**MoUs**: Agreements amongst the Partner States

- Joint Capacity Building for **Officers** Operating at the Border
- **Programmes** for Small Scale Traders at the borders. (COMESA, AfCFTA, Etc)
Joint Border Management Committees: bringing together officials from both sides of the Partner states.

Simplified trade regimes agreeable between Partner States

Time Release Study: Done before and after implementation of the initiatives under HoA

Operationalization of One Stop Border Posts (OSBPs):
- Working together on areas of mutual interests
- Use of technology to ensure efficient Operations at OSBPs (such as use of smart gates)
- Agreeing on location of the OSBPs/ Border Stations
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