

Lamu Port and New Transport Corridor Development to Southern Sudan and Ethiopia (LAPSSET).

Objectives

- Fostering transport linkage between Kenya, Southern Sudan and Ethiopia.
- Dynamic promotion of regional socioeconomic development along transport corridor especially in the hitherto under served Northern, Eastern and North ? Eastern parts of Kenya.
- Promote economic development of the region through enhanced cross ? border trade.

Profile

The project involves the development of a new transport corridor from the new port of Lamu through Garissa, Isiolo, Mararal, Lodwar and Lokichoggio to branch at Isiolo to Ethiopia and Southern Sudan.

This will comprise of a new road network, a railway line, oil refinery at Lamu, oil pipeline, Isiolo and Lamu Airports and a free port at Lamu (Manda Bay) in addition to resort cities at the coast and in Isiolo. It will be the backbone for opening up Northern Kenya and integrating it into the national economy.

Project Progress

Lamu Port and South Sudan Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) Corridor project has already been launched. H. E. Presidents Mwai Kibaki and Gen. Salva Kiir of Southern Sudan were joined by the late Ethiopian Prime Minister, Meles Zenawi, for the formal ground breaking ceremony held in Lamu on March 2, 2012.

The MoUs for the proposed railway and pipeline were signed between the Government of Kenya and Ethiopia and South Sudan, respectively. The World Bank has funded the feasibility study and design of the transport corridor linking Kenya to Southern Sudan. Feasibility studies for corridor components and the design of three (3) berths and associated facilities in Lamu are complete.

The Kenya government has set aside Kshs.2 billion for the construction of the three berths. Tendering process for the construction of the three berths is ongoing.

The Lamu Port headquarters is 80% complete and the due date is June 2013.

The second phase of construction of the port which includes police lines and staff houses will be completed in June 2014.

Benefits

- Competitiveness in global maritime trade.
- Promotion of international trade.
- Link East and Central African region to the International Markets.

Funding

Opportunities Of Funding

Cost

Implementing Agency

MTP Target

Annual Target

Funding Requirement

Funding Status (GOK), (Others)

Implementing Status Commenced

General Remarks

Progress 0

Components

1 Lamu - Southern Sudan/Ethiopia Road

Annual Target:

Funding

Requirements:

Funding Status: (GOK), (Others)

Implementing Status: On Schedule/Ahead of Schedule

General Remarks: The Design for the LAPSSET highway components provide for a heavy transportation route from Lamu to South Sudan through Garissa, Isiolo, Kisima and Nginyang to meet the existing Kenya - Sudan road at Lokichar.

The Lamu - Isiolo - Lokichar - Lodwar - Nadapal section measures some 1,256Km and the Northern Branch of the corridor to Ethiopia from Isiolo link measures some 470Km thus the total length of the LAPSSET road corridor is approximately 1,730Km.

LAMU - ISIOLO - SOUTHERN SUDAN BORDER

- Lamu - Garissa (D568) - 250Km
- Garissa - Isiolo (C81, D586, B9) 280 Km
- Isiolo - Maralal Link Road (C77, C78, C79) - 156Km
- Isiolo - Lokichar - Nadapal (D370, C113, C46, A1) 570Km.

KENYA - ETHIOPIA ROAD LINK

- Isiolo - Moyale (A2) - 470Km

Progress: 0

2 1500 km standard gauge railway line

Annual Target:

Funding Requirements:

Funding Status: (GOK), (Others)

Implementing Status: Not Started/Behind Schedule

General Remarks: To develop a railway line from Lamu to Nakodok totaling to 1,500 KM.

- Lamu to Isiolo 530KM.
- Isiolo to Moyale 450KM.
- Isiolo to Nakodok 420KM.

Progress: 0

3 Oil Refinery

Annual Target:

Funding Requirements:

Funding Status: (GOK), (Others)

Implementing Status: Not Started/Behind Schedule

General Remarks: To develop Oil Refinery at Lamu with a capacity of 120,000Bpd by 2015 to refine oil products for Kenya and Ethiopia.

Progress: 0

4 Oil Pipeline

Annual Target:

Funding Requirements:

Funding Status: (GOK), (Others)

Implementing Status: Not Started/Behind Schedule

General Remarks: To develop a Oil Pipeline that is 2,240KM from Lamu to Isiolo, Isiolo to Southern Sudan, and Isiolo to Ethiopia. Crude Oil 1,260KM and Product Oil 980KM.

Progress: 0

5 Airports

Annual Target:

Funding

Requirements:

Funding Status: (GOK), (Others)

Implementing Status: Commenced

General To develop International Airports in Isiolo, Lamu and Lokichoggio.

Remarks:

Isiolo International Airport.

Isiolo International Airport is the 5th Airport in Kenya to gain international status. President Kibaki will on February 8th 2013 preside over the ground breaking ceremony for the proposed Isiolo International Airport.

Scope of recently completed Works: Site clearing (Approximately 140,000 Square Meters), Construction of Runway to bitumen standards (1,200M x 30M wide), Construction of shoulders 2M wide either side of runway, Construction of apron 150M x 100M, 2 Taxiways each 50M x 15M wide, Terminal building (Approximately 1,000Sqm), Associated works such as storm water drainage, landscaping.

Within the LAPSET execution plan, Isiolo has been identified as a resort city. With the implementation of this Vision 2030 flagship project, Isiolo county will also be home to a fully fledged export processing zone, livestock and related food processing plants, an oil refinery and will also act as a domestic and international tourism center. The airport will help also provide a convenient transport solution for Agricultural produce, tourists wishing to visit the destinations around Isiolo. This airport will also boost the county to be a more important economic hub. Given the role played by Wilson airport in the transportation of khat(miraa).

Beyond transport, the airport provides infrastructural support to the proposed resorts that will soon dot this resort city area. The development of resort cities is one of the seven key LAPSET project components.

Besides Lamu, Isiolo and Turkana counties have been identified as resort city location areas. In Isiolo, the nearby Kipsing hill has been identified as one of the suitable sites to locate a five star resort; this will drastically change the life of the pastoral communities in the region

Progress: 0

6 Lamu Port

Annual Target:

Funding

Requirements:

Funding Status: (GOK), (Others)

Implementing Not Started/Behind Schedule

Status:

General To kick off the grand project is the construction of the initial three berths of the
Remarks: planned thirty two berths at the modern port of Lamu. The port will be three times the size of current Mombasa port at the more sheltered Manda Bay that is also large and deep enough to accommodate post-?Panamax? vessels. The three berths are designed to handle 30,000 Dead Weight Tonnage (DWT) and 100,000 DWT for general and bulk and container cargo respectively. The development of the berths is crucial for importation of building materials for the other project components.

Progress: 0

7 Resort Cities

Annual Target:

Funding

Requirements:

Funding Status: (GOK), (Others)

Implementing Status: On Schedule/Ahead of Schedule

General Remarks: To develop Resort Cities in Lamu, Isiolo and Lake Turkana.

Isiolo: Kipsing Gap has been identified and preliminary designs done.

Turkana: Eliye Springs has been identified as the future home of the resort city. Stakeholder sensitization meetings have been done and the consensus is the project to be expedited.

Lamu: Stakeholder sensitization meeting has been held. More consultations ongoing.

Progress: 0