



# EASSI Quarterly Report

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# Preparatory Meetings for for the TMEA Grant



- Several meetings on line and in Kampala and Busia were held to discuss the recommendations by TMEA SLT as preconditions to issuance of the grant to EASSI
- EASSI and TMEA discussed the progress on implementation of the DCA action plan and the key project documentation.
- A budget and project results chain was then developed.

# TMEA Precondition to the Grant

- Revision and Board approval of Finance Manual
- Revision and Board approval of HR policy
- Any other policy related issues raised in the DCA
- EASSI to share the document on risk management developed in 2017 and any communication or minutes to indicate this document was approved by the Board.
- DCA recommendations- general, EASSI to share with TMEA an update on the status of implementation. Where the documents are available, EASSI to share.

# Signing of the TMEA Project

- EASSI has signed a grant with TMEA of **USD 1,300,000** to assist in financing the **Making Trade Work for Women Regional Project**
- Agreement is effective April 2020, for a duration of **three (3) years nine (9) months** and will expire on **30 December 2023**
- The project will be implemented at the borders of Busia Uganda/Busia Kenya, Malaba Uganda /Malaba Kenya, Mutukula/Gisenyi, Goli/Mahagi, Elegu/Nimule, Lunga Lunga (Kenya and Tanzania), Taveta/Holili, Isebania/Sirari, Kobero/Kabanga, Namanga Kenya/Namanga/Tanzania
- EASSI Resource Centres will be opened at Busia, Malaba, Goli, Elegu, Taveta, Kobero/Kabanga, Isebania/Sirari and Mutukula/Gisenyi. The advertisement for the Project Assistants is out.

# TMEA Funding Partners Visit to Busia OSBP on 28th Feb, 2020



# **Field Mission to Busia OSBP by the Senior Director - Pan Africa Regional Development Program- Global Affairs Canada, 11 March, 2020**

- Ms. Susan Steffen, Senior Director – Pan Africa Regional Development Program, accompanied by TMEA Deputy Director, Ms. Nalan Yuksel, visited the Busia OSBP and engaged with EASSI and the women cross border traders. The visit at the border included a short tour of the border post and the Busia (Kenya) Fish market. The TMEA team included, Gloria Atuheirwe the Women and Trade Regional Programme Manager, Allen Asiimwe the TMEA Chief Technical Officer and Daniel Muturi OSBP manager. The EASSI grant is from the Canadian Global Fund.