East African Community Headquarters, Arusha, Tanzania: 26 May 2015: The East African Community Secretariat in collaboration with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will launch a five-year project on Cross-Border Health Integrated Partnership designed to extend integrated health services in strategic border areas and other transport corridor sites in East Africa. The ceremonial launch is scheduled to take place on May 27, 2015 at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania.

The overall objective of the project is to catalyze and support sustainable African-led regional health development partnerships to improve health outcomes among mobile population and vulnerable communities residing along Eastern, Central, and Southern African transport corridors and cross-border sites.

The five-year project funded by USAID in support of the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and Trade Africa, will help achieve major strategic goals including safeguarding the health of people living, working and traveling along the transport corridors and waterways of the region.

The project will target key populations, including female sex workers, men having sex with men, drug users, transport and other migrant workers (truck drivers and their assistants, miners, border agency staff); people living with HIV and other vulnerable community members.

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NOTES TO EDITORS
The Cross-Border Health Integrated Partnership Project (CB-HIPP), supported by the US Agency for International Development (USAID) with funding from the U.S President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), is designed to extend quality integrated health services strategic border areas and other transport corridor sites in East, Central and Southern Africa.

In addition to service delivery focused on key and vulnerable population, the project recognizes the need for alternative health financing to increase uptake and sustainability of service within and enabling policy environment. It also highlights the challenges and opportunities this progress presents to the health sector.

CB-HIPP is a reflection of the growing collaboration between the EAC and the U.S. Government to address shared priorities.

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