



JOINT MOBILE TEAM CONCEPT IN GHANA

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INTRODUCTION



- ❑ The advent of 9/11 has been a game changer in the way national and international borders are regarded and managed
- ❑ Borders are places of Economic and Political opportunities for nations and other host both legal and illegal. Borders represent the silent authority of states sovereignty.
- ❑ The border environment is complex and has a variety of Actors with conflicting interest.
- ❑ States have the legitimate interest in safeguarding internal security and combating transnational organized crimes such as Drug trafficking, robbery, smuggling, human trafficking, gun running, Terrorism and other emerging security threats



INTRO CONT'D



- ❑ Border environment is exposed to other kinds of external influences such as major security shocks
- ❑ There is a need to strike a very fine balance between legitimate movement of people and goods while also maintaining secure borders for national and international security.
- ❑ Globalization and trade liberalization coupled with cross-cutting edge technological advancement have enormous change in the supply chain and the growing pressure on border Agencies particularly Immigrations and Customs to discharge mandate .
- ❑ hence the need to manage the borders properly for effective and efficient discharge of our mandate.





AIM



- To apprise the conference on Ghana's effort in strengthening its borders through coordinated border management approach.
- To highlight the cooperation and coordination of joint mobile Team in strengthening border security in Ghana.
- To share Ghana's experience of joint mobile border Patrols in dealing with contemporary emerging security threats.



SCOPE



- The concept of the joint mobile Team
- The structure of the system
- Mode of operations
- Benefits
- Joint mobile Team agencies
- conclusion



THE CONCEPT OF THE JOINT MOBILE TEAM



- The concept was design out of integrated border management (IBM) concept
- It was meant to provide a one stop wholistic approach in dealing with trade facilitation and movement of people across borders
- To safe guard national safety and security in peace time
- To harmonised the shared security responsibilities of all border security agencies as a one-stop shop.



THE STRUCTURE OF THE SYSTEM



- Ghana has a national security strategy policy
- It has the National border security strategy doc on Air, Land and Sea borders
- Theme; Unified efforts for effective border management and security
- Goal; Sustain collaborative approach to border management with an End state of attaining "A unified administration and enforcement of Ghana borders"





STRUCTURE OF THE SYSTEM



MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

NATIONAL FUSION CENTER

NABSEC

REBSEC

BORSEC



MODE OF OPERATIONS



- All border security agencies contribute men to the joint mobile unit
- Heads of the various border security agencies formed the NABSEC, REBSEC and BORSECs. There is a shared responsibility of all men within the team
- Lead role is played by most senior among the uniformed men(Immigration/Customs)
- Shared logistics
- Pooling of scarce resources
- Well defined reporting lines (parallel, Vertical and horizontal)
- Drawing on individual institutional strength to create a formidable synergy.



BENEFITS



- ❑ Unified effort for trade facilitation of legitimate trade and travels, national safety and security.
- ❑ Effective collaboration, coordination and information sharing in real time to mitigate cross border crime and emerging security threats
- ❑ Coordinated synergy in strengthening and improving management of Ghana's land borders
- ❑ Platform for collaborative Regional integration
- ❑ it creates a very congenial atmosphere for Economic development.
- ❑ shared national security concern by all through collective effort.



JOINT MOBILE TEAM AGENCIES



- The joint mobile Team comprise of
- Ghana Immigration service
- Customs Division of Ghana Revenue Authority
- National investigation Bureau (NIB)
- Ghana Police
- Nacotics control commission (NACOC)
- Port Health
- Other notable state institutions with a border roles







COMMAND AND CONTROL



- Heads of Agencies (OICs of the Parties) formed the NABSEC, REBSEC and the BORSECs. Deployment of personnel are done under their command based on intelligence received and the intended intervention.
- In joint operations, the Command of the operation must be assumed by the party whose interest is paramount
- Most senior uniformed officer assume the command (immigration/customs)





CONCLUSION



- Management and security of borders are complex effort
- The border environment being complex as it is, with the mandates of several agencies that have responsibilities that affect national security, economy and society as a whole being interwoven; and having acknowledged that in the contemporary times security is a layered structure and shared responsibility, it is only prudent that a synergy been created to focus all its collective effort with a unity of purpose in dealing with its common threats such as smuggling, human trafficking, gun running, drug trafficking and trade in all kind of illicit goods, terrorism and other emerging security threats.
- The joint mobile team is the modern strategy born out of the security governance initiative (SGI) in combating modern cross border organised crime effectively.



THANK YOU



