



KRA's 'WHISTLE-BLOWER' CAMPAIGN WELCOMED BUT CRACKDOWN IS NEEDED ON ILLICIT TRADE

Wednesday 19 May 2021 - STOP Crime Kenya (StoCK) today welcomes the Kenya Revenue Authority's (KRA) new whistle-blower campaign and calls for an urgent focus on taxes being stolen by organised crime networks involved in illicit trade.

The KRA has rolled out the initiative dubbed 'PigaFirimbinaKRA' (blow the whistle) to combat tax evasion, bribery and corruption.

StoCK leader Stephen Mutoro says: "This is an important step in the battle against tax crime that steals the funds required to build a better nation.

"Kenya loses more than Sh153 billion a year in taxes to illicit trade. That is money urgently needed as the Treasury finalises its budget for fighting the pandemic and building economic recovery.

"As well as anonymous tip-off lines, the government must take bold actions to combat the organised crime networks behind the sale of counterfeit and smuggled goods. We need better enforcement, stronger borders and stiffer penalties for offenders."

The [KRA initiative](#) is complemented by a framework where those who volunteer information that results in recovery of tax revenues are rewarded. The framework provides for a reward of whichever is lower between five per cent of the recovered tax or Sh2 million.

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