

ABSTRACT

The study sought to assess the cross-border security challenges and strategies as case studies in Tanzania. The specific objectives of the study were to examine the key cross-border threats at selected borders in Tanzania, to investigate the strategies to address the cross-border insecurity at selected borders in Tanzania and to assess the effectiveness when addressing cross-border security challenges at selected borders in Tanzania. The study used mixed research design whereas purposive sampling technique was used to select 90 respondents. Data were analysed using descriptive, inferential for quantitative data and content analysis for qualitative data. The study found that no number of cases about terrorism was reported while there was no number of civilians killed by terrorists. The study also indicated that various strategies were taken by the government such as raising public awareness, providing training to the security officers, making patrol and civilians helps the security officers to provide information when they see there is any indicators of dangerous. The study further revealed challenges related to the cross-border security, and these challenges were changing tactics every day, large network of illegal immigrants in our borders and few of our soldiers are dishonest. The study concluded that on the importance of maintaining a delicate balance between ensuring security and fostering a positive experience for travelers and stakeholders at Julius Nyerere International Airport. The study recommends that there is a need to strengthen Cross-Border Collaboration, enhance partnerships with neighboring countries and international security agencies to improve intelligence sharing and coordinated efforts in addressing cross-border security threats.