The TANZAM Highway is a main traffic artery in East Africa. It plays a major part in connecting the port and airport of Dar es Salaam to the Tanzanian inland and its neighbouring countries.

Together with its Danish partner Per Aarsleff, BAM International rehabilitated the TANZAM Highway between Iyovi and Mafinga. Apart from rehabilitating and strengthening the carriageway, paved shoulders and climbing lanes were being constructed to make the road safer. Other traffic safety improvement measures were included in towns, villages and hazard spots. Furthermore the construction of a weighbridge station and ancillary works such as signage, road lining and guardrails were part of the scope of work. The project was financially supported by the Danish government.

"Upgrading the main arteries from a gateway to Africa."
The first phase of the project ended in September 2011 when the first four Sections were handed over. In addition to those first 150 kilometres, an extension contract to rehabilitate another 70 kilometres started in September 2011 and was completed mid August 2013.

A major impact on road safety will come from the extra width offered by the paved shoulders. In case of an emergency, drivers will have more room to avoid collisions without ending up in the soft soil. Also, on several steep hills extra width was created for slow moving trucks.

Safety during construction was a major concern, as the roadworks took place on a road where traffic is very lively. The simple but very effective solution was to work on one lane at a time, place barriers to cordon off the site and let a convoy vehicle guide all cars, trucks and buses along the open lane. The little yellow car was bought for this purpose and has proved a valuable investment.