

# Clixpesa

# **Smart Contract Security Audit**

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# 1 Introduction

Clixpesa engaged BlockHat to conduct a security assessment on the Clixpesa beginning on June 1st, 2025 and ending June 7th, 2025. In this report, we detail our methodical approach to evaluate potential security issues associated with the implementation of smart contracts, by exposing possible semantic discrepancies between the smart contract code and design document, and by recommending additional ideas to optimize the existing code. Our findings indicate that the current version of smart contracts can still be enhanced further due to the presence of many security and performance concerns.

This document summarizes the findings of our audit.

## 1.1 About Clixpesa

- Clixpesa Spaces Clixpesa spaces is basically a savings feature where users can save for personal goals, participate in saving challenges and also save in groups through RoSCAs. With Rotating Savings & Credit Associations (RoSCAs) users can come together as a group to help each other stay financially resilient. Users contribute to a pot, and the target amount goes to one of the users in a particular order until everyone has received a pot and the cycle starts over. This utility commonly known in Kenya as Chamas, helps many raise funds for otherwise big financial goals such as business capital or bills. Within the RoSCAs members can also ask for financial support for financial needs outside of the pot allocations. Users can create a RoSCA easily by inviting their friends through their phone numbers. Once the RoSCAs is created they can select their admins and around can be started. Funds disbursement happens automatically once a pot deadline is reached. Signatories to the RoSCA funds are randomised by the platform in order to give all members equal control over their funds.
- Clixpesa P2P Lending: 68% of loans in the alternative lending market in Africa are P2P loans. With Clixpesa P2P users are able to offer or request loans from each other at their own terms. Clixpesa Finance helps with monitoring the Credit scores of users and only recommending matches to users in order to minimize the risk of default among users. This feature is very useful for those who survive on day loans to run small businesses for purposes such as inventory purchases. This product greatly reduces the cost of loans as it democratises lending and also opens other earning avenues for users through interest.

Issuer	Clixpesa
Website	www.clixpesa.com
Туре	Solidity Smart Contract
Audit Method	Whitebox

# 1.2 Approach & Methodology

BlockHat used a combination of manual and automated security testing to achieve a balance between efficiency, timeliness, practicability, and correctness within the audit's scope. While manual testing is advised for identifying problems in logic, procedure, and implementation, automated testing techniques help to expand the coverage of smart contracts and can quickly detect code that does not comply with security best practices.

#### 1.2.1 Risk Methodology

Vulnerabilities or bugs identified by BlockHat are ranked using a risk assessment technique that considers both the LIKELIHOOD and IMPACT of a security incident. This framework is effective at conveying the features and consequences of technological vulnerabilities.

Its quantitative paradigm enables repeatable and precise measurement, while also revealing the underlying susceptibility characteristics that were used to calculate the Risk scores. A risk level will be assigned to each vulnerability on a scale of 5 to 1, with 5 indicating the greatest possibility or impact.

- Likelihood quantifies the probability of a certain vulnerability being discovered and exploited in the untamed.
- Impact quantifies the technical and economic costs of a successful attack.
- Severity indicates the risk's overall criticality.

Probability and impact are classified into three categories: H, M, and L, which correspond to high, medium, and low, respectively. Severity is determined by probability and impact and is categorized into four levels, namely Critical, High, Medium, and Low.



Likelihood

# 2 Findings Overview

## 2.1 Summary

The following is a synopsis of our conclusions from our analysis of the Clixpesa implementation. During the first part of our audit, we examine the smart contract source code and run the codebase via a static code analyzer. The objective here is to find known coding problems statically and then manually check (reject or confirm) issues highlighted by the tool. Additionally, we check business logics, system processes, and DeFi-related components manually to identify potential hazards and/or defects.

## 2.2 Key Findings

In general, these smart contracts are well-designed and constructed, but their implementation might be improved by addressing the discovered flaws, which include 2 critical-severity, 3 high-severity, 2 medium-severity, 6 low-severity, 5 informational-severity vulnerabilities.

Vulnerabilities	Severity	Status
Unauthorized Overdraft Creation	CRITICAL	Fixed
Reentrancy Attack Vector in Token Transfers	CRITICAL	Fixed
Price Manipulation via Flash Loans	HIGH	Fixed
ID Collision Risk Due to Truncation	HIGH	Fixed
Stack Too Deep Compilation Error	HIGH	Fixed
Missing Withdrawal Mechanism	MEDIUM	Fixed
Incorrect Loan Validation for Borrower	MEDIUM	Fixed
Arithmetic Precision Issues	LOW	Fixed
Missing Zero Address Validation	LOW	Fixed
Token Decimal Assumption	LOW	Fixed
Timestamp Manipulation Risk	LOW	Fixed
Weak Randomness in ID Generation	LOW	Acknowledged
Unbounded Loop Gas Risk	LOW	Fixed
Magic Numbers Without Constants	INFORMATIONAL	Fixed

Incomplete SafeERC20 Usage	INFORMATIONAL	Fixed
Missing Events for State Changes	INFORMATIONAL	Fixed
Inconsistent Error Handling	INFORMATIONAL	Fixed
Gas Optimization Opportunities	INFORMATIONAL	Acknowledged

# 3 Finding Details

# A ClixpesaOverdraft.sol

# A.1 Unauthorized Overdraft Creation [CRITICAL]

#### **Description:**

The useOverdraft function allows any external caller to create overdrafts for any user without authorization. There is no validation that msg.sender has permission to create an overdraft for the specified userAddress, allowing attackers to force users into unwanted debt positions.

### **Exploit Scenario:**

```
contract UnauthorizedOverdraftExploit is Test {
function testUnauthorizedOverdraft() public {
    // Setup: victim has subscribed with 50e18 limit
    overdraft.subscribeUser(victim, 50e18, "CPODTest");

// Attack: anyone can force overdraft on victim
    vm.prank(attacker);
    overdraft.useOverdraft(victim, mUSD, 20e18);
```

```
// Result: victim now has unwanted debt
ClixpesaOverdraft.User memory user = overdraft.getUser(victim);
assertTrue(user.overdraftDebt.amountDue > 0);
assertEq(ERC2OMock(mUSD).balanceOf(victim), 20e18);
}
```

Likelihood – 4 Impact – 5

#### Recommendation:

We recommend restricting overdraft creation to self-only or implementing proper authorization:

# A.2 Reentrancy Attack Vector in Token Transfers [CRITICAL]

### **Description:**

The contract inherits ReentrancyGuardUpgradeable but doesn't apply nonReentrant modifier to critical functions. State updates occur after external calls, violating checks-effects-interactions pattern and allowing reentrancy attacks through malicious tokens.

### **Exploit Scenario:**

Likelihood – 3 Impact – 5

#### Recommendation:

We recommend applying nonReentrant modifier and following checks-effects-interactions pattern:

```
require(IERC20(token).transfer(userAddress, amount), "Transfer

→ failed");

emit OverdraftUsed(userAddress, baseAmount, token, amount);

13 }
```

## A.3 Price Manipulation via Flash Loans [HIGH]

#### **Description:**

The contract uses Uniswap V3's slot0 for spot price, which is vulnerable to manipulation through flash loans. Attackers can temporarily manipulate pool prices to get favorable exchange rates for overdrafts and repayments.

### **Exploit Scenario:**

```
contract FlashLoanAttack {
function attack() external {
    // 1. Get flash loan of large amount of tokenA
    // 2. Swap in Uniswap pool to manipulate price
```

Likelihood – 3 Impact – 4

#### Recommendation:

We recommend using TWAP (Time-Weighted Average Price) instead of spot price:

# A.4 Missing Withdrawal Mechanism [MEDIUM]

### **Description:**

The contract collects repayments from users but has no mechanism for the owner to withdraw collected funds. This creates a honeypot where funds accumulate but cannot be retrieved.

### **Exploit Scenario:**

```
contract MissingWithdrawalTest is Test {
function testFundsStuckInContract() public {
    // User repays overdraft
    vm.prank(user);
    overdraft.repayOverdraft(user, mUSD, 100e18);

// Funds are now in contract
```

```
assertEq(IERC20(mUSD).balanceOf(address(overdraft)), 100e18);

// Owner cannot withdraw - no function exists!

vm.prank(owner);

vm.expectRevert(); // No withdrawal function

ym.expectRevert(); // No withdrawal function
```

Likelihood – 5 Impact – 3

#### Recommendation:

We recommend adding a protected withdrawal function:

# A.5 Arithmetic Precision Issues [LOW]

### **Description:**

The order of operations in price calculations can lead to precision loss due to integer division. The current implementation performs division before multiplication in some cases, causing rounding errors.

### **Exploit Scenario:**

```
contract PrecisionLossTest is Test {
  function testPrecisionLoss() public view {
    uint256 amount = 1e18;
    uint256 rate = 1.5e18;

// Current implementation (loses precision)
    uint256 result1 = (amount * 0.995e18 / rate * 1e18) / 1e18;

// Correct implementation
    uint256 result2 = (amount * 0.995e18 * 1e18) / (rate * 1e18);

// Precision loss demonstrated
    assertTrue(result1 != result2);
}
```

```
15 }
```

Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2

#### Recommendation:

We recommend fixing the order of operations to maintain precision:

```
function _getBaseAmount(uint256 amount, address token) internal view
      \hookrightarrow returns (uint256) {
      if (token == supportedTokens[0]) {
         uint256 rate = _getRate(uniswapPools[0]);
         // Multiply first, then divide
         return (amount * 995 * S_FACTOR) / (rate * 1000);
      }
7 }
9 function getTokenAmount(uint256 amount, address token) internal view
      \hookrightarrow returns (uint256) {
      if (token == supportedTokens[0]) {
          uint256 rate = _getRate(uniswapPools[0]);
         // Maintain precision throughout
         return (amount * rate * 1000) / (995 * S_FACTOR);
      }
15 }
```

# A.6 Missing Zero Address Validation [LOW]

### **Description:**

Multiple functions accept address parameters without validating they are not zero addresses. This could lead to tokens being sent to the zero address or invalid contract states.

```
function initialize(
      address[] memory _supportedTokens,
      address[] memory _uniswapV3Pools,
      string memory _key
5 ) public initializer {
      __Ownable_init(msg.sender);
      __UUPSUpgradeable_init();
      supportedTokens = supportedTokens; // No validation!
      uniswapPools = uniswapV3Pools; // No validation!
      subscriptionKey = keccak256(abi.encodePacked( key));
11 }
13 function subscribeUser(address user, uint256 initialLimit, string memory
      \hookrightarrow key) external {
      if (user == address(0)) revert OD InvalidUser(); // Good
      // But no validation for token addresses used later
16 }
```

#### Risk Level:

```
Likelihood – 2
Impact – 2
```

#### Recommendation:

We recommend adding zero address checks for all address parameters:

# A.7 Token Decimal Assumption [LOW]

### **Description:**

The contract assumes all tokens have 18 decimals, which will cause incorrect calculations for tokens like USDC (6 decimals) or others with non-standard decimals. Price calculations and conversions will be off by orders of magnitude.

Likelihood – 3 Impact – 3

#### Recommendation:

We recommend storing and using token decimals:

13 }

#### Status - Fixed

# A.8 Timestamp Manipulation Risk [LOW]

#### **Description:**

Both contracts rely on <u>block.timestamp</u> for critical time-based logic. Miners can manipulate timestamps up to 15 seconds, which could affect loan due dates, overdraft timing, and fee calculations.

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2

#### Recommendation:

We recommend using block numbers for short durations or implementing tolerance ranges:

```
uint256 constant TIMESTAMP_TOLERANCE = 900; // 15 minutes

function _isOverdue(uint256 dueTime) internal view returns (bool) {
   return block.timestamp > dueTime + TIMESTAMP_TOLERANCE;
}

// Or use block numbers for critical timing
uint256 dueBlock = block.number + (days * 6000); // ~6000 blocks per day
```

# A.9 Magic Numbers Without Constants [INFORMATIONAL]

### **Description:**

The contract contains hardcoded values without named constants, making the code harder to understand and maintain. These magic numbers represent fees, time periods, and scaling factors.

```
Likelihood – 1
Impact – 1
```

#### Recommendation:

We recommend defining named constants:

Status - Fixed

## A.10 Incomplete SafeERC20 Usage [INFORMATIONAL]

### **Description:**

The contract imports SafeERC20 but doesn't use it consistently. Some token transfers use the safe methods while others use standard ERC20 transfers, which could fail silently with certain tokens.

```
import "@openzeppelin/contracts/token/ERC20/utils/SafeERC20.sol";

// But then uses regular transfer
```

Likelihood – 1 Impact – 2

#### Recommendation:

We recommend using SafeERC20 consistently:

### B Generateld.sol

# B.1 ID Collision Risk Due to Truncation [HIGH]

### **Description:**

The library truncates keccak256 hashes to only 6 bytes (48 bits), creating collision risks. Birthday paradox calculations show collisions become likely after 16.7 million IDs, which could lead to overwriting existing records.

### **Exploit Scenario:**

```
bytes6 id = bytes6(keccak256(abi.encode(i)));
if (seenIds[id]) {
    collisions++;
}
seenIds[id] = true;
}

// Statistically expect collisions
assertTrue(collisions > 0, "Collisions found");
}
```

Likelihood – 3 Impact – 4

#### Recommendation:

We recommend using at least 12 bytes or full 32-byte hash:

# B.2 Weak Randomness in ID Generation [LOW]

### **Description:**

Using predictable values like sequential counters and addresses for ID generation reduces entropy. While collision risk is the main concern, predictability could also be exploited in certain attack scenarios.

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood – 2 Impact – 2

#### Recommendation:

We recommend adding more entropy sources:

```
function withAddressNCounter(
   address user,
   uint128 count,
   uint256 nonce
  ) internal view returns (bytes32 id) {
   id = keccak256(abi.encodePacked(
      user,
      count,
```

```
block.timestamp,
block.difficulty,
nonce

nonc
```

### Status - Acknowledged

# C ClixpesaRoscas.sol

# C.1 Stack Too Deep Compilation Error [HIGH]

### **Description:**

The contract fails to compile due to stack too deep error in the approveLoan function. The Loan struct contains 16 fields, which when combined with local variables exceeds the EVM's 16-slot stack limit.

```
1 struct Loan {
     uint256 id; // slot 0
     uint256 roscaId; // slot 1
     address borrower; // slot 2
     address token; // slot 3
     uint256 principalAmount; // slot 4
     uint256 interestAmount; // slot 5
     uint256 repaidAmount; // slot 6
     address[] guarantors; // slot 7
     uint256 lastRepaymentDate; // slot 8
     uint256 disbursedDate; // slot 9
     uint256 maturityDate; // slot 10
     Frequency frequency; // slot 11
     uint256 installmentAmount; // slot 12
     uint8 numberOfInstallments; // slot 13
     uint256 tenor; // slot 14
     Status status; // slot 15
```

```
uint256 dueDate; // slot 16 - OVERFLOW!

19 }
```

### **Exploit Scenario:**

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood – 5 Impact – 5

#### Recommendation:

We recommend splitting the struct into smaller components:

```
struct LoanCore {
    uint256 id;
    uint256 roscaId;
    address borrower;
    address token;
    uint256 principalAmount;
    uint256 interestAmount;
    Status status;
    }

struct LoanSchedule {
    uint256 disbursedDate;
    uint256 maturityDate;
    uint256 dueDate;
```

#### Status - Not Fixed

# C.2 Incorrect Loan Validation for Borrower [MEDIUM]

### **Description:**

The performLoanValidityChecks function only checks msg.sender for existing loans, but when admin creates a loan for another user, it should check the actual borrower instead

```
function requestLoan(..., address _borrower) public screening {
   address borrower;
   if (_borrower != address(0)) {
       if (!hasRole(ADMIN_ROLE, msg.sender)) revert NotAdmin();
       borrower = _borrower; // Admin creating loan for someone else
   } else {
       borrower = msg.sender;
   }
}
```

### **Exploit Scenario:**

```
contract LoanValidationBugTest is Test {
function testAdminBypassesLoanCheck() public {
    // User already has a loan
    userLoanStatus[user] = true;

    // Admin can still create another loan for user
    vm.prank(admin);
    roscas.requestLoan(
    100e18, 10e18, 30, Frequency.Monthly,
    1, token, 0, user // Creating for user who has loan!
    );

// Bug: Admin bypassed the existing loan check
// Bug: Admin bypassed the existing loan check
```

#### Risk Level:

Likelihood – 3 Impact – 3

#### Recommendation:

We recommend passing the actual borrower to validation:

```
function requestLoan(..., address _borrower) public screening {
   address borrower = _borrower != address(0) ? _borrower : msg.sender;

if (_borrower != address(0) && !hasRole(ADMIN_ROLE, msg.sender)) {
   revert NotAdmin();
}

performLoanValidityChecks(borrower); // Pass actual borrower
}

function performLoanValidityChecks(address borrower) internal view {
   if (userLoanStatus[borrower]) revert ExistingLoan();
}
```

#### Status - Fixed

# C.3 Unbounded Loop Gas Risk [LOW]

### **Description:**

Several functions iterate over arrays without limiting their size, which could cause transactions to fail due to gas limits if arrays grow too large.

Likelihood – 2 Impact – 3

#### Recommendation:

We recommend implementing batch size limits:

# C.4 Missing Events for State Changes [INFORMATIONAL]

### **Description:**

Several important state-changing functions do not emit events, making it difficult to track contract activity off-chain and potentially missing important audit trails.

```
1 // ClixpesaOverdraft.sol
1 function updateUserDebt(address userAddress) external {
      User storage user = users[userAddress];
      // ... updates debt
      user.overdraftDebt.amountDue = amountDue + user.overdraftDebt.
         \hookrightarrow serviceFee;
      // No event emitted!
7 }
9 // ClixpesaRoscas.sol
10 function blockAddress(address address, bool blocked) external onlyRole
      \hookrightarrow (ADMIN ROLE) {
      blockedAddresses[ address] = blocked;
     // No event emitted!
13 }
15 function updateLoanStatus(address member, uint256 requestId, Status
      → status) public onlyRole(ADMIN ROLE) {
      loans[ member][ requestId].status = status;
      // No event emitted!
18 }
```

#### Risk Level:

```
Likelihood – 1
Impact – 1
```

#### Recommendation:

We recommend adding events for all state changes:

#### Status - Fixed

# C.5 Inconsistent Error Handling [INFORMATIONAL]

### **Description:**

The contract uses a mix of custom errors, require statements, and assert statements. Using assert for business logic is inappropriate as it consumes all gas on failure and indicates invariant violations rather than input validation.

```
assert(msg.sender == roscas[_roscaId].admin);
```

Likelihood – 1 Impact – 1

#### Recommendation:

We recommend using custom errors consistently:

```
1 error NotRoscaAdmin();
2 error ActiveLoanExists();
4 // Replace assert with custom error
5 if (msg.sender != roscas[roscaId].admin) revert NotRoscaAdmin();
7 // Replace require with custom error
8 if (hasActiveRoscaLoanRequest[_roscaId]) revert ActiveLoanExists();
```

#### Status - Fixed

# C.6 Gas Optimization Opportunities [INFORMATIONAL]

### **Description:**

Several patterns in the code could be optimized to reduce gas consumption, including struct packing, storage access patterns, and redundant operations.

```
1 // Inefficient struct packing
2 struct Loan {
3    uint256 id; // 32 bytes
4    uint256 roscaId; // 32 bytes
5    address borrower; // 20 bytes (12 wasted)
6    address token; // 20 bytes (12 wasted)
7    // ... more fields not optimally packed
```

Likelihood – 1 Impact – 1

#### Recommendation:

We recommend optimizing storage and access patterns:

```
1 // Better struct packing
2 struct LoanOptimized {
3    uint256 id;
4    uint256 roscaId;
5    uint256 principalAmount;
6    uint256 interestAmount;
7    address borrower; // Pack addresses together
8    address token;
9    uint64 disbursedDate; // Use smaller types for timestamps
10    uint64 maturityDate;
11    uint64 lastRepaymentDate;
```

```
Status status; // Pack with other small types

Frequency frequency;

// Cache storage reads

User storage user = users[userAddress];

uint256 overdraftLimit = user.overdraftLimit; // Cache

uint256 availableLimit = user.availableLimit; // Cache

(overdraftLimit == 0) revert OD_NotSubscribed();

(toseAmount > availableLimit) revert OD_LimitExceeded();
```

### Status - Acknowledged

# 4 Conclusion

In this audit, we examined the design and implementation of Clixpesa contract and discovered several issues of varying severity. Clixpesa team addressed issues raised in the initial report and implemented the necessary fixes, while classifying the rest as a risk with low-probability of occurrence. Blockhat auditors advised Clixpesa Team to maintain a high level of vigilance and to keep those findings in mind in order to avoid any future complications.



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