

The Enhanced Integrated Framework

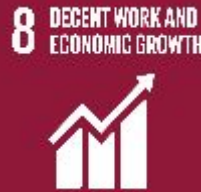
Inclusive trade for better lives



Born from and rooted in **WTO membership**



A **partnership** between 51 LDCs & recent graduates, 24 donors (across Phase 1 & 2), and 8 partner agencies



Only global AfT initiative dedicated to the LDCs (in SDG 8.a & Doha Programme of Action for LDCs)



Ecosystem approach – institutional, policy & tangible investments, underpinned by evidence



Built on **country ownership** and **trust**, facilitating **demand-driven** interventions

A Partnership

8 Partner Agencies



Other Partners



Some facts & figures

- **\$330m in financing** with 300+ projects across 51 Countries
- **Inclusivity** – working in all LDCs (except Eritrea); 60% women beneficiaries 19,000+ micro, small and medium-sized enterprises supported by EIF initiatives, such as in Senegal, where the EIF supported the development and integration of 600+ MSMEs into a new e-commerce platform.
- **Reach - 56 national trade policies** and strategies developed with EIF support demonstrating scale and reach.
- **USD 815+ million in new exports** helping grow and diversify LDC economies. For instance, EIF investments have contributed towards a 700% increase in honey exports from Zambia, 10-fold increase in the volume of soya produced in Togo, and increasing Cambodia's world market share of rice exports from 0.4% at the start of the interventions to 1.8% by 2020.
- **Supporting greener trade** with 80+ environmentally positive initiatives through EIF projects, where for instance CO2 emissions in climate-change vulnerable Vanuatu have been reduced by 5,000+ kg through the digitization of trade processes.

LDC Accession

6 (+2) new WTO Members



“ The EIF plays an important role in Timor-Leste’s accession to the WTO... This support has allowed Timor-Leste to engage with other stakeholders, including the private sector and civil society.

– H.E. Mr Joaquim Amaral,
Trade Minister, Timor-Leste

LDC Graduation

5 graduated from LDC status since EIF started
(+ 5 in next 3 years)



2027	Solomon Islands*
2026	Bangladesh*; Lao PDR*; Nepal*
2024	São Tomé and Príncipe*
2023	Bhutan
2020	Vanuatu
2017	Equatoria Guinea
2014	Samoa
2011	Maldives



Trade mainstreaming – anchoring the role of trade and development

- **Belief and ownership** of the trade agenda – begins with stronger Ministries of trade able to demonstrate evidence of results
- **Anchoring** trade into National Development Plans
- **Sector engagement** e.g. agriculture, ICT, transport
- **Institutionalising processes** – formalising dialogue mechanisms, e.g. Trade Committees
- **Evidence** through studies and practical trade interventions
- **Environment, gender & youth**

Vanuatu

- **National Single Window** co-financed by the Governments of Vanuatu and Australia reduced the time needed for the issuance of certificates from up to six days to ten minutes & cut CO2 emissions by 5,827 kg. New disaster response module.
- **Tourism** project co-financed with the Government of New Zealand, linking cruise-ship tourists to the local economy & investing in more climate resistant infrastructure.
- **Institutional & policy development anchoring role of trade** with the National Trade Development Committee, AfT coordination team & Trade Policy Framework.
- **Post WTO Accession support**



Bhutan

- **\$350m+ investment** facilitated through new e-portal
- **Policy and regulatory development**, including new National Export Strategy (2022); supported by diagnostics and stronger systems (e.g. tourism statistics framework) & trade inputs to the new National Development Plan.
- **Increased incomes and more efficient processes** for farmers through an online potato auction system (reducing processing from 4 to 1 day). Scaling up to other products with Government investment.
- **.WTO Accession support**



Rwanda

- **Stronger coordination** - Single Projects Implementation Unit (SPIU)
- A better environment for **small-scale traders**
- **e-commerce** development (e-commerce policy; consumer protection policy; IP regulations)
- **AfCFTA** implementation & resource mobilisation
- **Stronger exports**, including investing into standards & women owned businesses



Shea – a win for trade and the environment

Partner: Global Shea Alliance

- **USD 41 million in new exports.**
- **34,000 women** trained and 50 cooperatives established in Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali and Togo.
- **A global digital shea platform** has been established to connect producers, suppliers, brands and retailers around different shea products.
- **Other Shea projects** in South Sudan & Uganda



Bridging the digital divide for women

Partner: UNESCAP

- **E-commerce trainings** have been provided to 2,032 women entrepreneurs, including 943 from the target LDCs (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal).
- **An online course** on e-commerce and digital marketing is live at <https://www.unescap.wesellonline.org/>
- **818 women entrepreneurs from South Asia** have registered on the Wesellonline e-commerce website developed through the project and updated 1,474 product/service profiles.



Challenges and lessons learned



**Change takes
time**



**Externalities
matter**



**Partnerships
work**



**Adaptive
learning**



Where to next?



PHASE 2 CONCLUDING 2024



**TASK FORCE OF DONOR AND LDC
REPRESENTATIVES DISCUSSING THE
CONTOURS OF A FUTURE PROGRAMME**



Thank you

The Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) is the only multilateral partnership dedicated exclusively to assisting Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in their use of trade as an engine for growth, sustainable development and poverty reduction.

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