



Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)
for trade-related assistance for Least Developed Countries (LDCs)



EIF – State of Play and Way Forward

SYMPOSIUM ON LDC PRIORITY NEEDS FOR
TECHNICAL AND
FINANCIAL COOPERATION

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EIF programme at a glance

- Programme fully operational with both **Tier 1** and **Tier 2** funding facilities
- EIF Trust Fund: total pledges **US\$232m**, supported by **23 donors**
- Support to 24 countries on strengthening trade institutions to drive trade and development outcomes under Tier 1:
 - **US\$2.2m** approved for **10 countries** preparing Diagnostic Trade Integration Studies (DTIS) updates
- Support underway to tackle supply-side constraints to trade with **20 projects** in the pipeline under Tier 2

EIF results on the ground so far

- Helping build positive trade and development outcomes:
 - reforms in customs & business start-up (**Liberia, Yemen**)
 - increasing production & raising incomes (**Lesotho, Mali**)
 - improving standards, marketing and outreach (**Lao PDR**)
- Support for countries to leverage Aid for Trade funding:
 - Cambodia Trade SWAp approximately **US\$16.5m**
 - Lao PDR Trade Development Facility with **US\$6.8m**
- Upcoming Tier 2 projects

covering value addition, export growth & income generation (e.g., District Commercial Services – **Uganda** (approved by the Board!); tourism – **Sierra Leone**; gum arabic – **Mali**; agg/tourism/trade information – **The Gambia**)

EIF Tier 2 Project Development – Key Requirements

- Link to DTIS/(update) Action Matrix
- Identification as a priority by the LDC Government/National Steering Committee (NSC)
- Filling gaps re: project/programme funding by other development partners
- Programmatic approach – Medium-Term Programme for EIF implementation
- Project funding levels & duration

EIF Tier 2 Project Development – Step by Step

- Project preparation: formulation of proposals
 - Incl. selection of implementation modality: Government; EIF Partner Agency or other entity implementation
 - Incl. selection of Main Implementing Entity (MIE)
- Project appraisal: roles of the Tier 2 appraisal Committee (TAC2); NSC, ES and TFM
- Project approval: the EIF Board
- Agreements and disbursements: legal agreement between the MIE and the EIF TFM
- Monitoring and Evaluation

EIF Tier 2 Project Development – Assistance Available to the LDCs

- Tier 1 “Support to the NIA’s”-projects
- Guidelines prepared by the EIF Board (Tier 2 Guidelines included in the Compendium)
- Advise and assistance (project development consultants) by the ES and TFM
- Collaboration with the EIF Partner Agencies and other partners
- The EIF Capacity Building –programme: Module on project development
- M&E capacity building

EIF partnership going forward

Tools available

- EIF Compendium now finalized and **EIF strategic plan underway**
- EIF programme logframe in place and there is **strong focus on M&E**
- EIF capacity-building modules **project development, trade mainstreaming, gender** now being rolled out with **communications training** being developed
- EIF guidelines (communications material outlining partners' role, good practice and lessons learned currently under development)
- Continued strong partnership working and better coordination with EIF partners, including donors, agencies and strategic partners, regional bodies, private sector, civil society and wider networks



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