



Towards sustainable trade facilitation in Asia and the Pacific

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- ✓ Trade facilitation for SMEs
- ✓ Women in Trade Facilitation
- ✓ Agricultural Trade Facilitation
- ✓ Resilient trade facilitation
(in times of crisis)

❖ *(Environmental)*



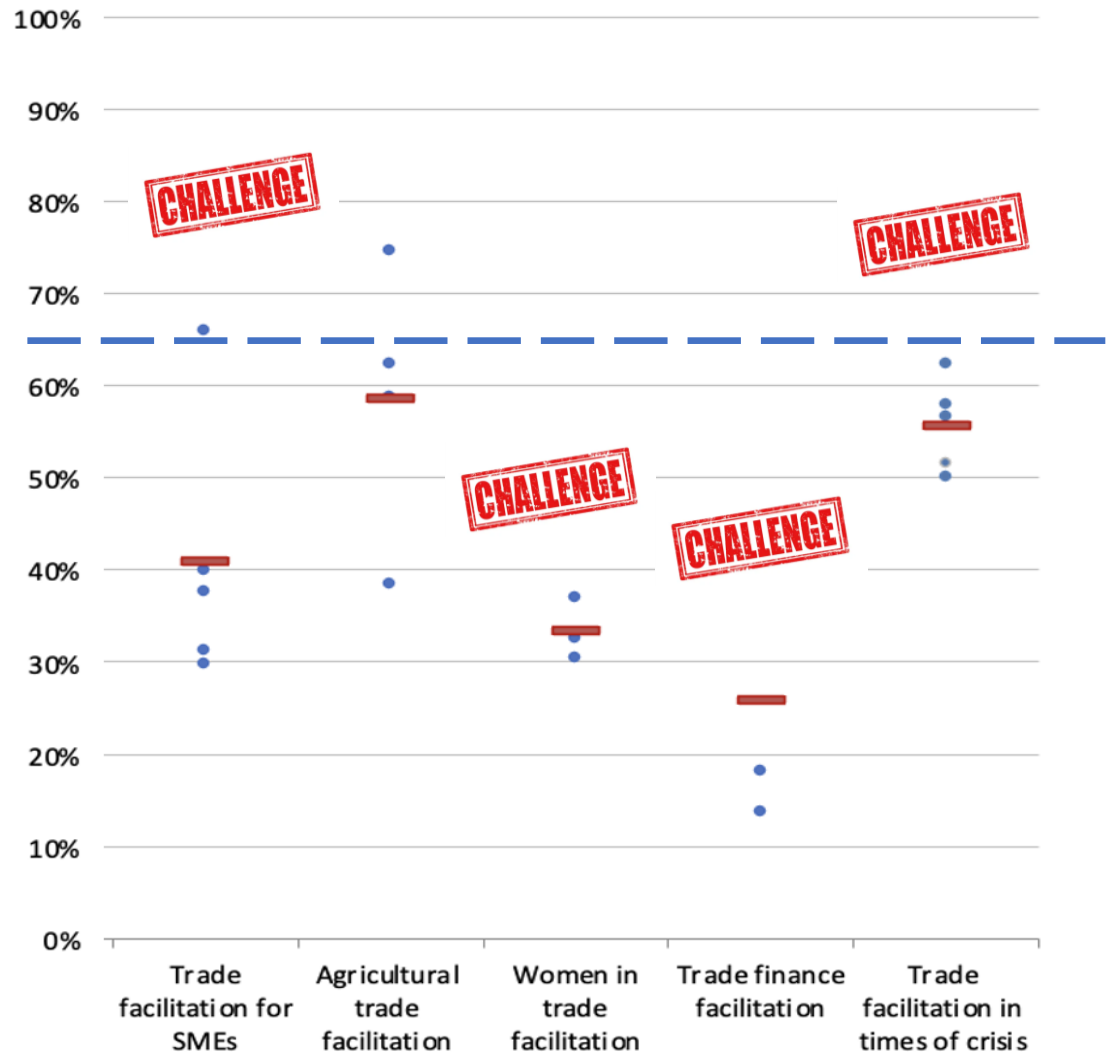
**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**

Implementation of Sustainable TF measures

- Implementation of TF measures for special and disadvantaged groups (SME & Women) remains low



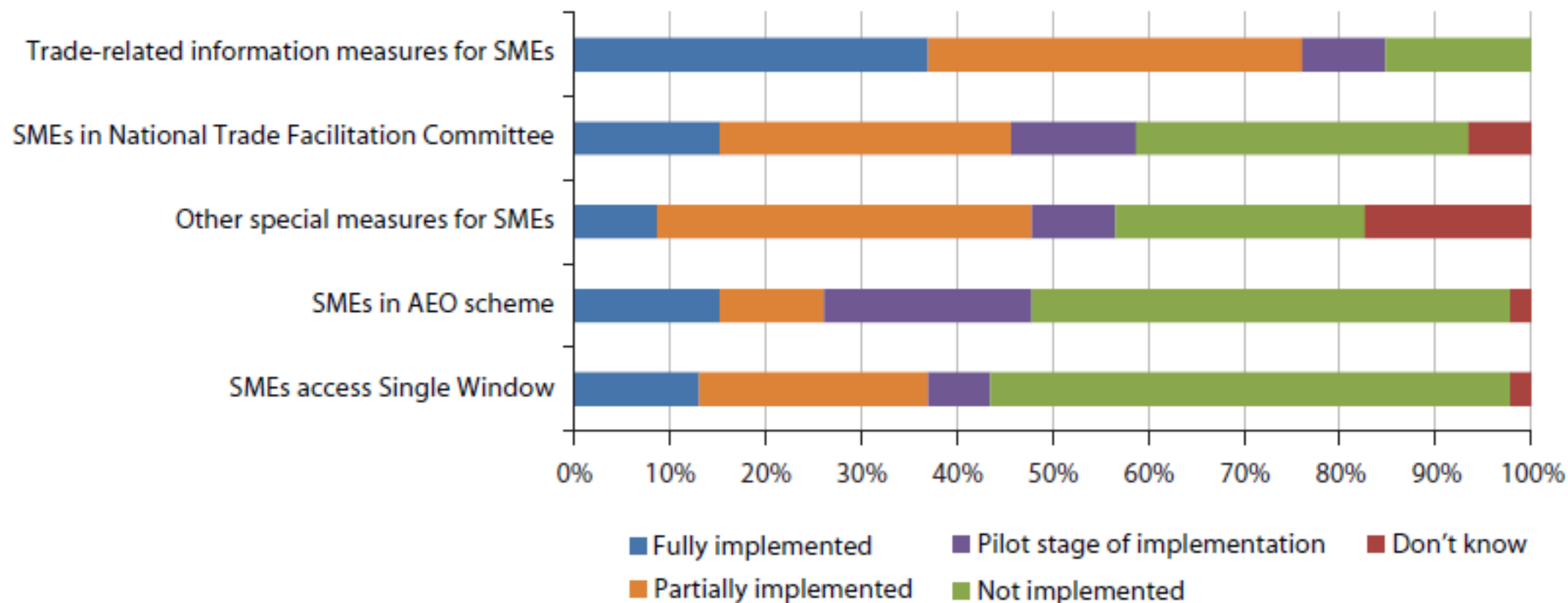
- Challenges also exist in TF in times of crisis



Trade facilitation for SMEs

Measures targeting SMEs such as facilities for SMEs access to Single Window and SMEs access to AEO scheme are carried out on a limited basis.

Figure 20. State of implementation of Trade Facilitation for SMEs in Asia and the Pacific





Good Practices – Trade Facilitation for SMEs

Measures targeting SMEs

TAJIKISTAN's Trade Information Portal guides SMEs for imports and exports, and documents to be submitted.

SMEs benefit from AEOs

REPUBLIC OF KOREA offers expedited AEO authorization examinations to SMEs through multiple procedural preferential provisions, including a "priority audit".

Single Window accessible to SMEs

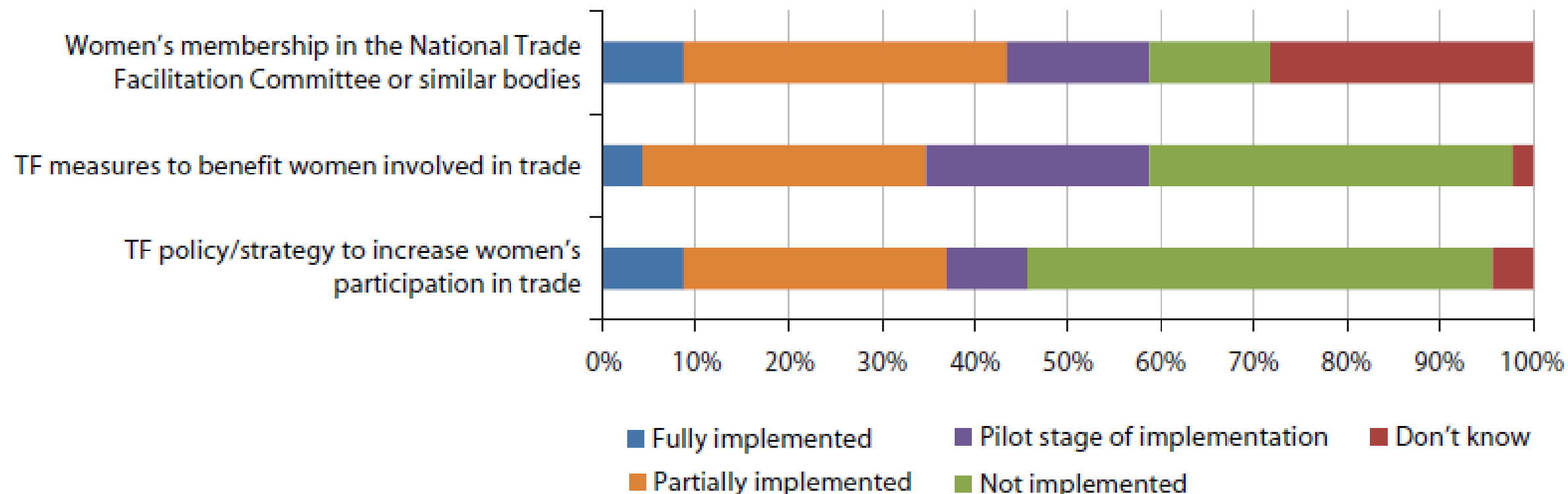
SINGAPORE established a document Service Center that helps SMEs to access single window more easily. The centers submit documents on behalf of SMEs.



Women in Trade Facilitation

The regional average level of implementation for Women in Trade Facilitation remains low – specific gender concerns remain limited in trade facilitation.

Figure 24. State of implementation of Women in Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific





Good Practices – Women in Trade Facilitation



TRADE FACILITATION POLICY/STRATEGY INCORPORATES SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF WOMEN

INDIA National Trade Facilitation Action Plan 2020-2023 promotes gender inclusiveness in trade: “Women in Global Business Program” capacity building and connectivity & provide information and resources monitoring program.



MEASURES TO BENEFIT WOMEN INVOLVED IN TRADE

AUSTRALIA promotes gender diversity in trade - “Building Futures: Pathways to Trades” to secure rewarding trade career paths for women in trade.



FEMALE MEMBERSHIP IN NTFC

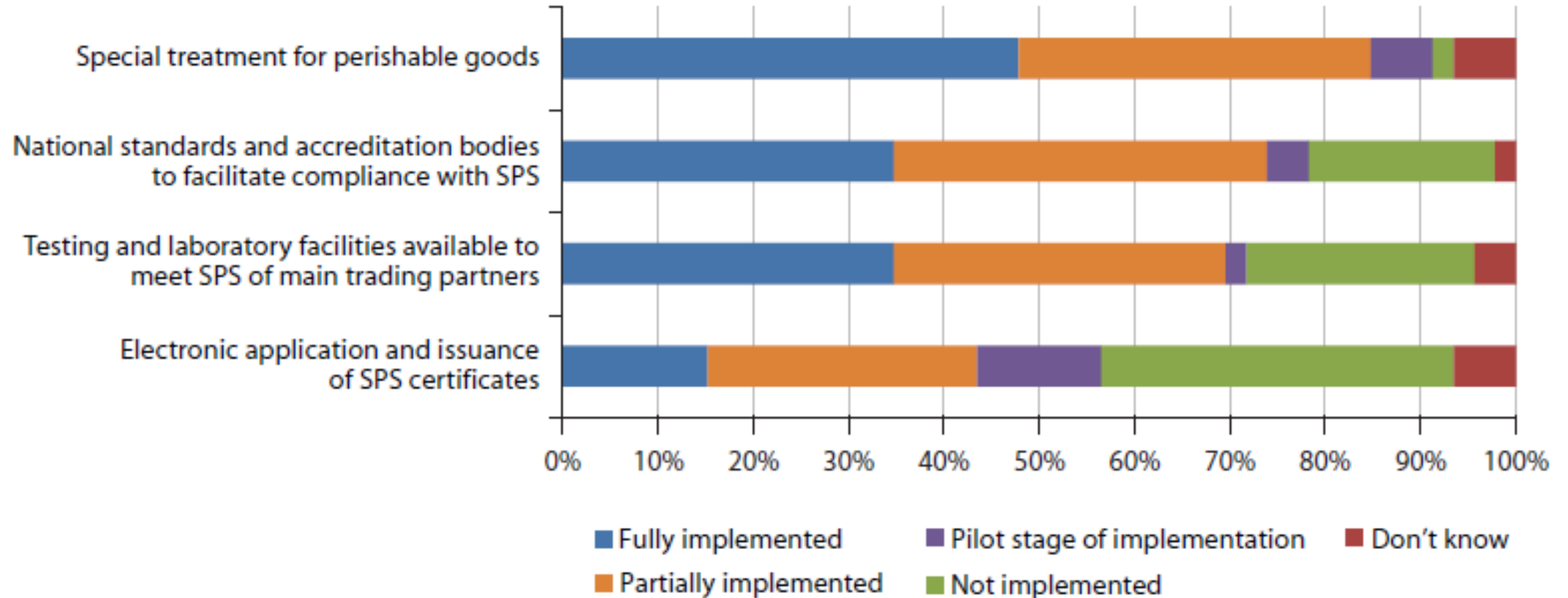
KIRIBATI National Women’s Organisation namely Aia Mwaea Ainen has representation in the NTFC.



Agricultural Trade Facilitation

Efficient trade facilitation is crucial for the expedited movement of perishable goods.

Figure 22. Level of implementation of Agricultural Trade Facilitation in Asia and the Pacific



Good Practices in Agricultural TF

01

INDIA

Bilateral
agreements with
the national
standards bodies
of trading partners



02

BANGLADESH

Special treatment
for perishable
goods through a
Statutory
Regulatory Order

03

GLOBAL

IPPC electronic
phytosanitary
(ePhyto) certificate
Solution

Trade facilitation to mitigate pandemic and crisis impacts



The pandemic highlighted the role of trade facilitation in ensuring the swift movement of medical and other essential goods.

Trade facilitation has emerged as an effective tool to mitigate the devastating effects on COVID-19.



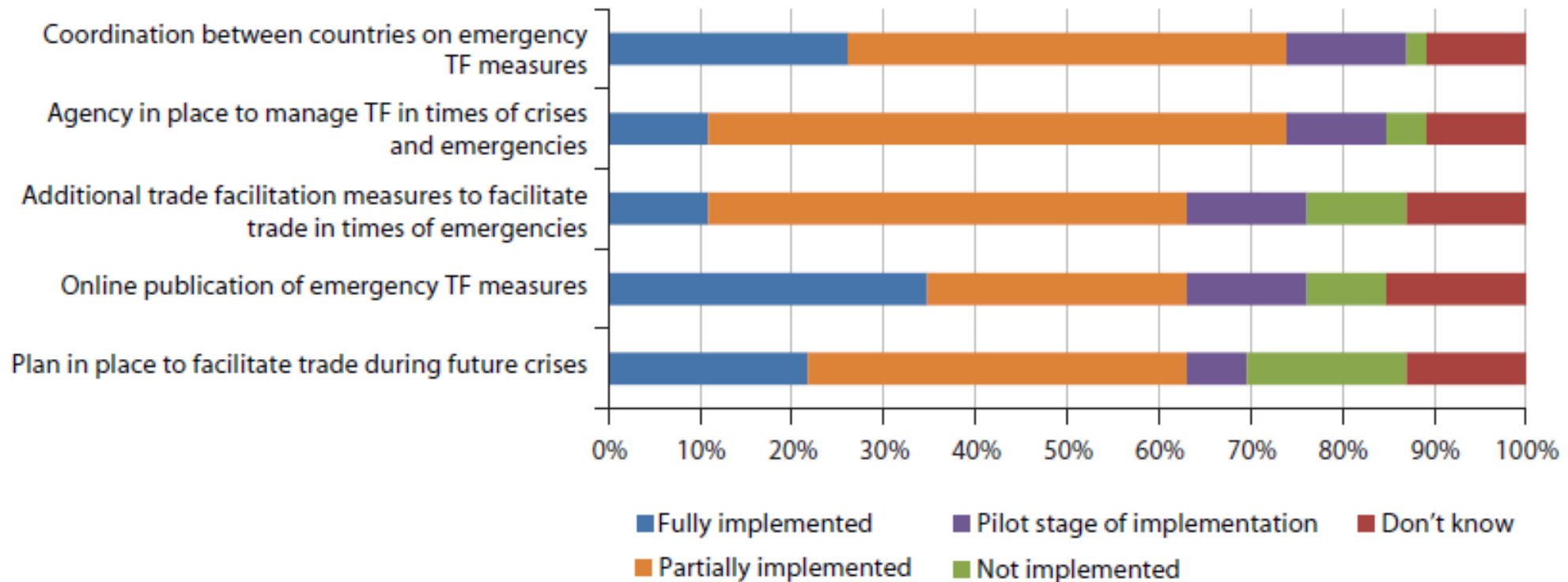
Many countries still lack long-term trade facilitation plans to enhance preparedness for future crises.



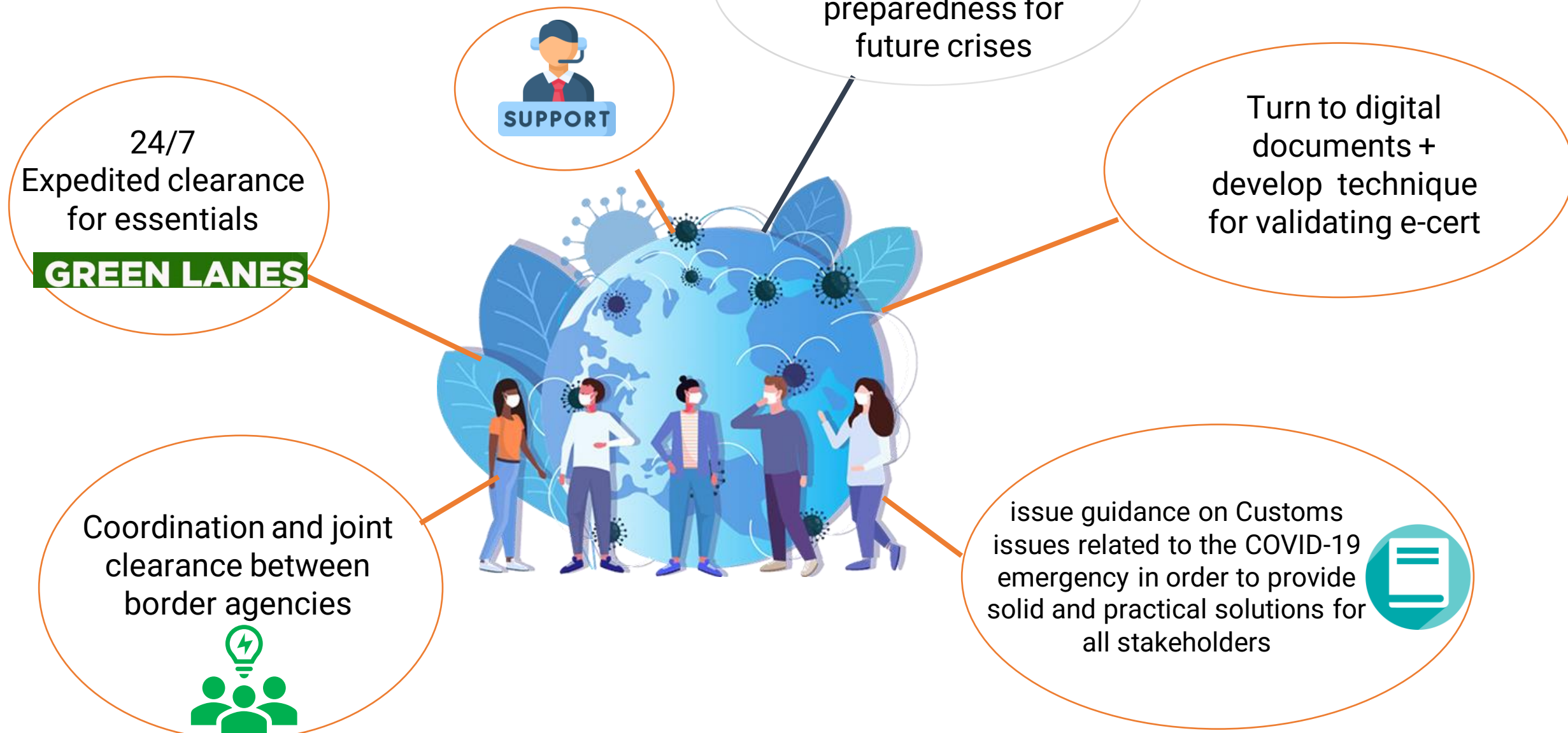
Resilient trade facilitation: TF in times of crisis

Continued and sustained efforts should be made to further enhance cooperation and make trade information transparent.

Figure 27. State of implementation of Trade Facilitation in Times of Crisis in Asia and the Pacific



Good Practices during crisis



Conclusion & Way Forward

01

Ensure implementation of digital trade facilitation measures lead to sustainable development

02

Design trade facilitation strategies that are inclusive and supportive of the SDGs

03

Strengthen long-term capacity to keep trade going during future crises



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**Regional Organizations Cooperation
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(ROC-TF)**



<https://www.unescap.org/our-work/trade-investment-innovation/trade-facilitation-digital-trade>

