

Aid for Sustainable Trade Facilitation

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EIF trade facilitation offering Software-type

Analytical support

- **Diagnostic Trade Integration Studies, the EIF's foundational support, include sections on trade facilitation. Recent examples include:**
 - Bhutan
 - Cambodia
 - Myanmar
- **Inclusion of trade facilitation as a pillar of digital economy readiness assessments (e.g., Djibouti and The Gambia)**
- **Inclusion of trade facilitation as a pillar of eTrade Readiness Assessments (conducted in partnership with UNCTAD in 9 LDCs)**

Institutional/capacity-building support

- **Support to countries to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, including provision of training**
- **Trade mainstreaming support**
- **Feasibility study support**
- **Project preparation grant**
- **Cross-border paperless trade (e.g., a regional project with UNESCAP covering four graduating LDCs, namely Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Timor-Leste) by using modern technology**

EIF trade facilitation offering Hardware-type

Air cargo complex at Banjul, The Gambia

- Set up to speed up airlifting of perishable commodities, including agriculture and horticulture produce, to international and regional markets
- Mainly to help micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises reduce their trade costs through speedy clearance
- Processing and handling time reduced by about 40% as of August 2022

Cross-border market center in Rwanda

- **Five cross-border markets established in Rwanda for more efficient and safer trade for traders (of which >70% women). The EIF supported two markets, while three other markets were supported by other partners.**
- **Supported the development of warehousing, customs clearance, banking, basic amenities and daycare facilities.**
- **The cross-border market at Karongi in Rwanda funded by the EIF is now generating an income of Annual exports worth USD 3.8 million (as of March 2022), with number of buyers from DRC alone increasing by 220%.**

Vanuatu's Electronic Single Window

- The project has successfully leveraged over USD 2.4 million in co-funding from the Government of Vanuatu, Australia, the World Bank and UNCTAD
- Modules were rolled out – in collaboration with UNCTAD – including on biosecurity and certificates of origin, helping facilitate exports
- Traders can undertake processes online without needing to travel and download approved permits
 - Time reduced from 4-6 days to 10 minutes
 - CO₂ emissions cut by 5,827 kg
- Vanuatu ranked top country in sustainable and digital trade facilitation among Asia-Pacific Small Island Developing States (UNESCAP 2021)

Key lessons

- **Country ownership should be at the heart of trade facilitation reform**
- **Partnership is important for delivering quality results**
- **Full suite of support helps deliver better results**



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