



Overview of ADB Aid for Trade Report

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Introduction

- 6th Aid for Trade Global Review, 11-13 July 2017, Geneva
- Theme of “Promoting Connectivity”
- High trade costs inhibit many developing countries from fully exploiting their trade and development potential
- Previous meetings highlighted the importance of services for economic development – and the relative neglect of research

M&E exercise: ADB Operations in Aid for Trade

Trade facilitation

- South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Trade Facilitation Program
- CAREC Transport and Trade Facilitation Strategy 2020
- The Greater Mekong Sub-region Transport and Trade Facilitation Action Program

M&E exercise: ADB Operations in Aid for Trade

Infrastructure upgrading and development of related services markets including support for investment climate reforms

- Banking on Business in Afghanistan
- Indonesia: Improving Access to Finance in Aceh and North Sumatra
- Papua New Guinea: Expansion of Microfinance Project

M&E exercise: ADB Operations in Aid for Trade

E-commerce development and efforts to bridge the “digital divide”

- Towards E-Development in Asia and the Pacific
- Digital Economy Study in Central and West Asia (Unleashing the potential of the Internet in Central Asia, South Asia, the Caucasus and Beyond)
- Developing Myanmar’s Information and Communication Technology Sector toward Inclusive Growth
- Instituting e-Government Procurement in Nepal
- Tonga’s High-Speed Revolution

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A. Regional trends in trade and Aid for Trade

- Overall patterns and trends in AfT and trade facilitation.
- Trade integration at the regional level: Extent of and participation of member countries in regional trade agreements and other trade facilitation agreements
- Trade Policy Developments and Reforms in Asia and the Pacific

B. SDGs, connectivity, and Aid for Trade

- The role of AfT in supporting the achievement of SDGs, particularly poverty eradication and gender empowerment, through increased trade and investment
- Upgrading the potential of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the digital economy and global trade

C. Effects of AfT on trade and FDI

- Estimating impact of AfT not only on goods trade in all industries but also in three different sectors – agriculture, mining, and manufacturing
- Estimating impact of AfT on FDI in terms of two different modes: greenfield FDI and cross-border M&A
- AfT disaggregated into three categories: trade-related infrastructure (INF), building productive capacity (BPC), and trade policy regulations and trade-related adjustment (TPR)

D. AfT in services sectors and services trade

- Severe data constraints: no existing literature that looks at the relationship between ODA in the services sectors and its effect on Trade in Services
- Study also examines the relationship between aggregate FDI data (sourced from UNCTAD) and FATS using the latter as a measure of Mode 3 services trade

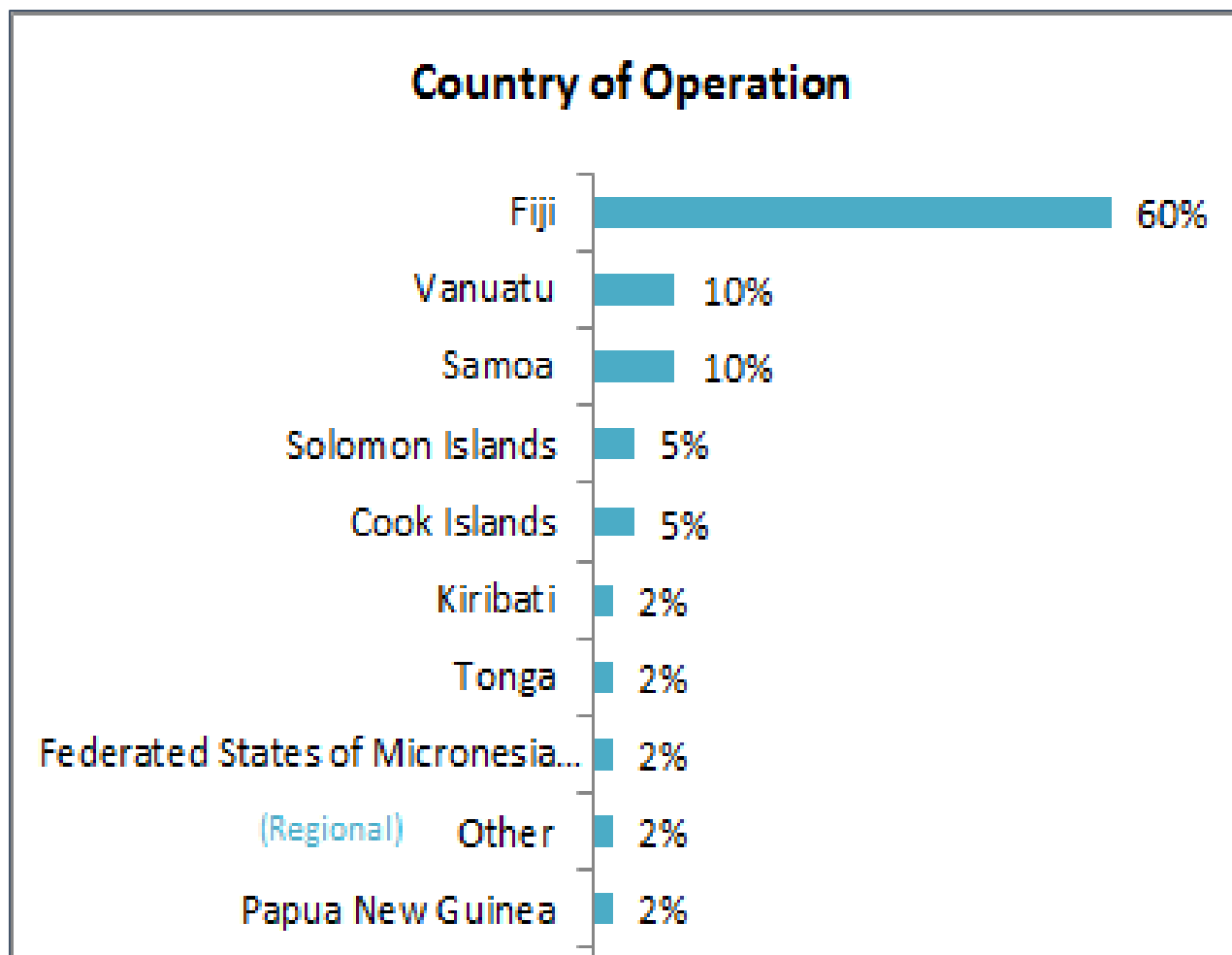
F. Promoting Connectivity in Central Asia, Pacific

- Geographically challenged economies
- Challenges in doing business
- Trade and trade policy developments
- Accelerating reforms in trade policy regimes and trade facilitation measures
- Unlocking the potential of the tourism industry in promoting trade, connectivity and gender empowerment (Pacific)

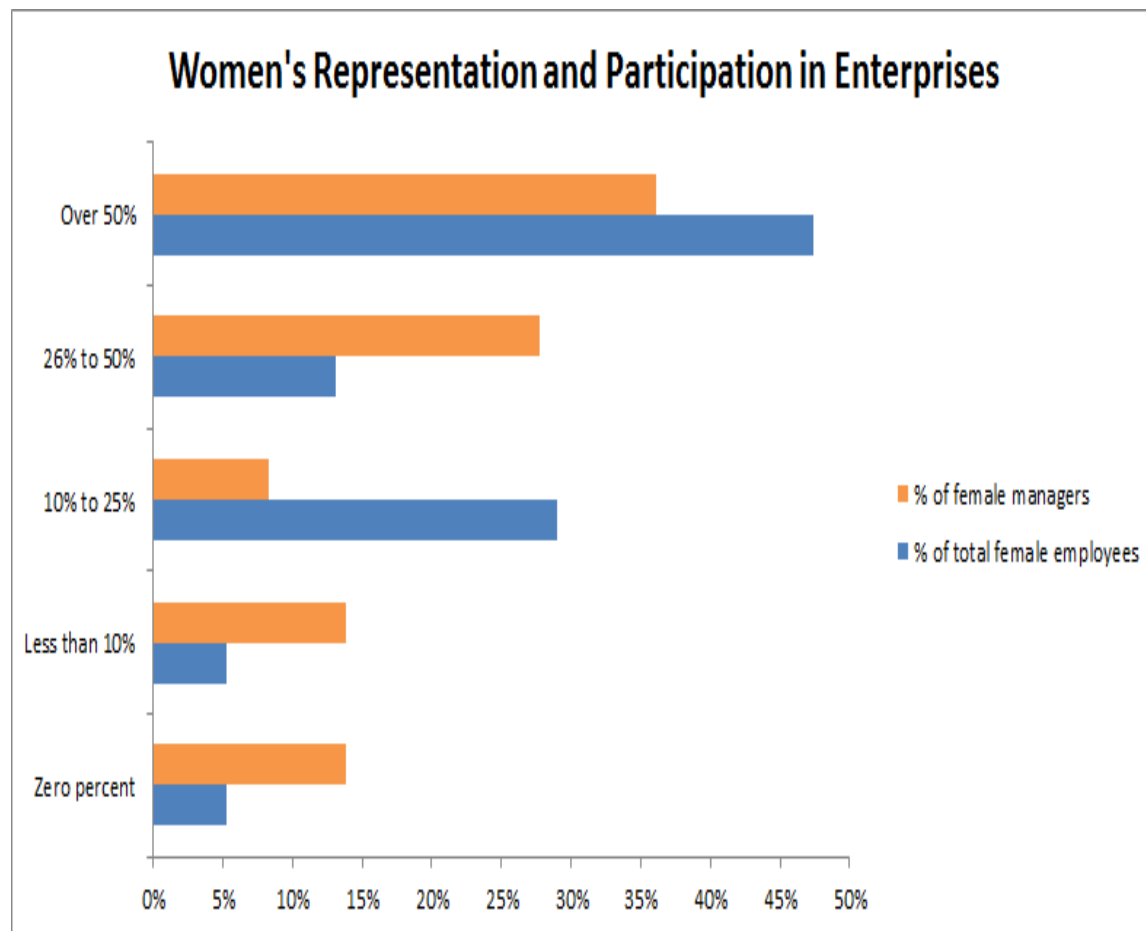
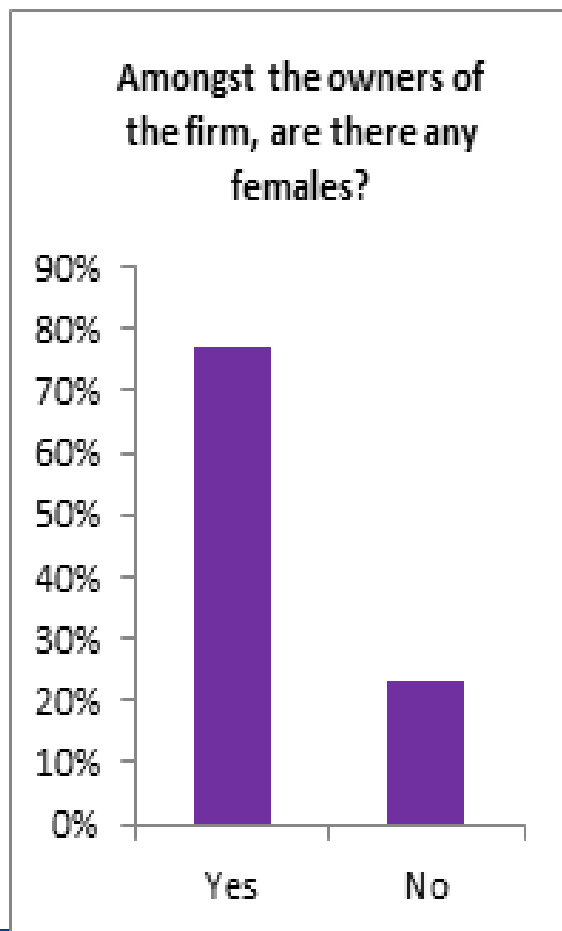
E. ADB Pacific Exporters Survey 2017

- Firm characteristics: foreign ownership, sales and exports, sectoral distribution, female participation and ownership
- Internet presence, e-commerce, and digital trade
- Business and trade finance
- Critical factors to business and trade
- Aid for trade

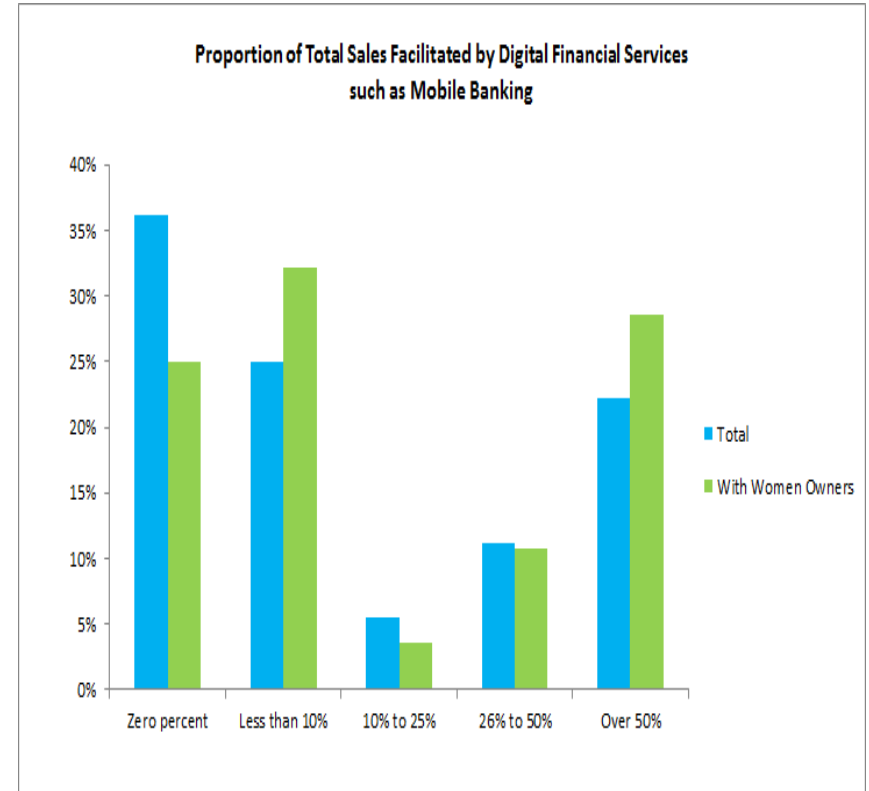
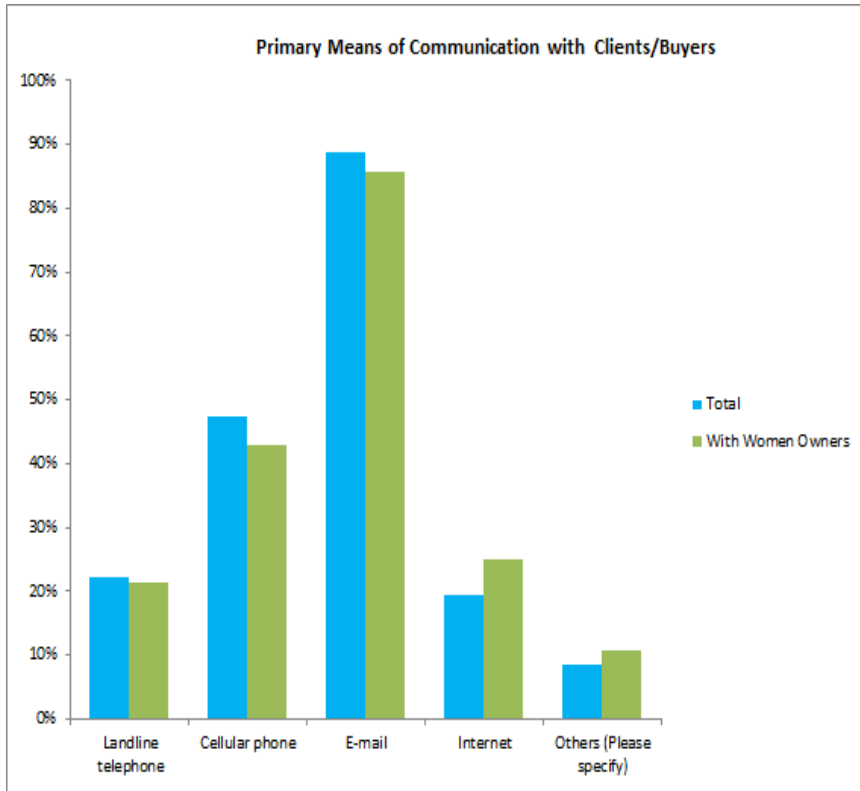
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