How do LDCs feel about Aid for Trade?

LDC responses to the 2019 OECD-WTO Aid-for-Trade Monitoring and Evaluation Exercise

**LDC RESPONDENTS**

38 out of 47 LDCs participated

![81%](image)

This is the highest response rate from LDCs since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade Initiative in 2006

Among LDC respondents, there was **unanimity** in policy prioritization of economic diversification

95% of LDC respondents identified **economic empowerment** as a priority in their national or regional development strategies

The share of LDCs reporting progress in **economic diversification** was 50% higher than other developing country respondents

**AID-FOR-TRADE PRIORITIES**

Export diversification is the top aid-for-trade priority for LDCs. **Transport infrastructure** is of higher priority for LDCs than other developing countries.

**CHALLENGES TO ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION**

Inadequate **network infrastructure** poses a much greater challenge to LDCs than other developing partner countries.

**PROGRESS IN ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION**

Most LDC respondents reported progress in export diversification and agriculture.
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A brief look at trade statistics

EXPORT PRODUCT DIVERSIFICATION OF LDCS
Total number of HS product categories 2017

GLOBAL AVERAGE: 906
GLOBAL MEDIAN: 359

EXPORT DIVERSIFICATION BY INCOME GROUP

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

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