Investing in Trade in the Least Developed Countries
Enhanced Integrated Framework

Trade for Development Partnership

WHO WE ARE

EIF is the only multilateral partnership dedicated exclusively to assisting Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in their use of trade as an engine for growth, sustainable development and poverty reduction. The EIF partnership of 51 countries, 24 donors and 8 partner agencies works closely with governments, development organizations, civil society and academia. Together we leverage our collective know-how, reach and reputation to tackle the world’s most pressing trade-for-development issues.
We help integrate partner countries into regional and global trading systems, ultimately creating jobs, increasing income and lifting people out of poverty.

**INVESTING IN TRADE FOR DEVELOPMENT**
EIF works with partner countries to harness trade for economic growth, poverty reduction and sustainable development. We ensure domestic actions are taken to make trade work for economic prosperity, poverty reduction, food security, stability and peace.

**ENCOURAGING COUNTRY OWNERSHIP**
We put partner countries in the driving seat and become their co-pilot, guiding them every step of the way. Together we identify sectors with export potential and help countries become more competitive in regional and global markets.

**ACTING AS AN HONEST BROKER**
We act as an honest broker and convene key and influential actors – government ministries, civil society groups, donors and private sector – to reinforce partner countries’ capacity to make trade work for development. Together we develop a practical sustainable framework for creating wealth and security.

**FINANCING AT SCALE**
Over the last 10 years, EIF has invested more than USD 220 million in trade-for-development initiatives with partner countries. We provide catalytic support for countries to seek additional funding from bilateral donors, multilateral development banks and private sector investors. EIF support has leveraged millions in increased national and international funding.

**WORKING IN VULNERABLE ECONOMIES**
We provide the intense level of engagement, planning and support required to build economic resilience among the world’s most vulnerable populations. EIF focuses nearly 40% of its work in small island countries and fragile countries.

**EXCHANGING KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION**
We help partner countries exchange and access the knowledge, expertise and technologies that can stimulate domestic markets to move further up global value chains and reduce their supply chain constraints.
**EIF’s 2022 mission:**
To support Least Developed Countries to use trade as a vehicle for economic growth and poverty reduction.

EIF funding needed for 2022 objectives:

**US$150M**

- funding still needed: **US$22M**
- already pledged: **US$128M**

Learn more about EIF’s 2019–2022 Strategic Plan at **enhancedif.org** or scan here:
Our achievements, so far

7 countries acceded to the World Trade Organization while in partnership with EIF

32 countries have identified, prioritized and addressed trade constraints and responded to trade opportunities with the help of our evidence-based analysis

33 countries have established trade coordination mechanisms, maintaining a dialogue and monitoring trade-related activities

35 countries have made trade a key component of their national development plans

‘000s of public and private officials have stronger capacity in trade facilitation, global value chains, quality standards, enterprise development, and trade policy formulation
Our partner countries today

AFRICA
Angola
Benin
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cabo Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Congo, Democratic Republic of the
Djibouti
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Gambia, The
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Lesotho
Liberia
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritania
Mozambique
Niger
Rwanda
São Tomé and Príncipe
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Sudan
Sudan
Tanzania
Togo
Uganda
Zambia

AMERICAS
Haiti

ASIA
Afghanistan
Bangladesh
Bhutan
Cambodia
Lao PDR
Maldives
Myanmar
Nepal
Timor-Leste
Yemen

PACIFIC
Kiribati
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Tuvalu
Vanuatu

1 billion people live in LDCs

% world population in LDCs
13%

% of people in LDCs who live on less than US$1.25 per day
51%

High potential as key trading partners
From high-quality textiles to food products to tourism
Our vision for partner countries:

- Increase LDC exports and join regional and global value chains.
- Create and sustain jobs for the poor and vulnerable, including women and youth.

How we work

**MAPPING THE WAY FORWARD**
EIF identifies, prioritizes and addresses trade constraints and opportunities in partner countries. We help them to diversify their exports by exploring new markets and sectors, adding value to goods and services, and offering a greater variety of products.

**IMPROVING COMPETITIVENESS**
We support partner countries in mobilizing the financial and technical resources they need to meet market standards and move further up the value chain.

**FACILITATING TRADE**
By helping to simplify, modernize and harmonize export and import processes, EIF helps partner countries reduce costs and cut through red tape.

**INCREASING INSTITUTIONAL AND POLICY CAPACITY ON TRADE**
In each partner country, EIF seeks to find the conditions that facilitate investments, working directly with trade ministries to develop effective trade policies and programmes.

**GENDER EQUITY AND WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT**
Ensuring that women, youth and marginalized people can participate more fully in regional and global value chains requires an understanding of the key constraints they face in each country context. EIF works to incorporate gender considerations in trade policies and strategies to increase their effectiveness, and to enhance women’s participation in decision-making committees and as business leaders.
The Enhanced Integrated Framework brings together partners and resources to support the Least Developed Countries in using trade for poverty reduction, inclusive growth and sustainable development.