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The EIF works on the trade-related challenges of the world’s poorest countries, helping them leverage trade for growth and poverty reduction.

The EIF Partnership supported 149 projects totaling over US$ 200 million.

How it works

Institutional Capacity Building
Integrate trade and strengthen institutional capacities for country leading its own trade and development agenda

Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS)
Identify country’s biggest constraints to trade, prioritize action to address them and harmonise efforts to provide trade-related support

Productive Capacity Building
Address priorities through specific projects together with governments, donors and developing partners
EIF Partnership on Digital Connectivity

Evidence-based analytical work

- 21 DTIS/Updates with ICT priorities

Institutional support

- National Steering Committees for Greater stakeholder coordination (100%)
- 1st ICT project with e-commerce component to strengthen Bhutan’s connectivity

Strengthening catalytic role

- 90% of EIF Institutional Support projects have Government-Donor Dialogues

Reducing supply side constraints

Action Matrix Priorities

Some examples of priorities related to digital connectivity in the DTISs

- **AFGHANISTAN**
  - Reform licensing to enable greater competition

- **BHUTAN**
  - Connect all communities to the internet

- **LAO PDR**
  - Engage in e-commerce

- **HAITI**
  - Increase learning opportunities in the ICT Sector

- **COMOROS**
  - Improve quality and reduce cost for Internet

- **BENIN**
  - Implement competition policy in telecommunications

- **RWANDA**
  - Promote training for the use of ICT for women and youth

- **VANUATU**
  - Develop e-business strategy

- **DRC**
  - Modernize and harmonize legal and regulatory framework for ICT sector

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