



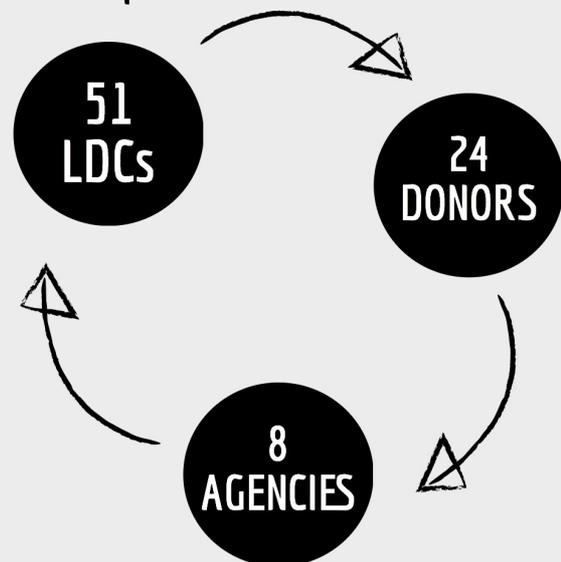
The EIF brings together partners and resources to support the world's poorest countries in using trade for poverty reduction, inclusive growth and sustainable development.

The EIF has a direct reference in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8a. This close alignment between the SDGs' targets and the EIF's targets underlines the importance of the programme to deliver on its mandate.

The Partnership

The EIF is the only Aid for Trade (AfT) programme exclusively designed for Least Developed Countries (LDCs). The EIF partnership provides coordinated, transparent and efficient delivery of AfT.

Over the past seven years, the EIF global partnership has effectively supported 142 projects in the LDCs totalling over US\$200 million.



How It Works

Institutional Capacity Building



Integrate trade and strengthen institutional capacities with the purpose of the country leading its own trade and development agenda.

Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS)



Identify the country's biggest constraints to trade integration, prioritize actions to address them and harmonize efforts to provide trade-related support.

Productive Capacity Building



Address priorities through concrete and specific projects in coordination with governments, donors and the EIF Trust Fund.

The EIF in Rwanda



Promoting inclusive cross-border trade

The EIF and the Government of Rwanda are implementing a US\$5 million Cross Border Trade (CBT) project supporting institutional coordination and implementation of CBT; improving trade skills and access to finance for informal traders; and establishing cross-border market centres on the borders of the DRC (Karongi) and Uganda (Cyanika).



The overall objective is to improve the livelihoods and earning potential of those engaged in CBT, 74% of whom are women and 90% of whom rely on CBT as their sole source of income. In 2015, informal cross-border exports were estimated at US\$108 million.

Through the EIF project, 720 cooperative members (including 495 women) were trained on entrepreneurship, border procedures and financial management across 9 districts.

Working with TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) and the Government, the EIF has established and strengthened a CBT Unit to coordinate the implementation of the National CBT Strategy and provide a central collaboration point for development partners.

The studies and projects funded by the EIF have played a role in triggering additional investments by other partners, including a US\$26 million commitment from the World Bank and a US\$6.7 million commitment from TMEA.

Trade capacity development

Through other projects, the EIF is supporting trade capacity development in Rwanda by:

- Developing and operationalizing the Single Project Implementation Unit to ensure coordination and sustainability of AfT projects.
- Training more than 500 officials in areas including trade negotiations, services and e-commerce.
- Training 64 women traders on entrepreneurship and trade standards.
- Establishing the "Ikaze Show Room" for top quality hand-made products and supporting traders' access to international markets.



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