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**Q1**

**FINLAND**

Respondent (Donor country or headquarters location in the case of Organizations)

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**Q2**

About you

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**Q3**

Does your Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan include trade priorities (i.e., Aid-for-Trade priorities)?

**Yes,**

Additional information on the trade (or Aid-for-Trade priorities) included in your Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan (or other trade-related policy document):

Finland doesn't have an AFT or development policy strategy. The objectives and priorities are stated in the government program. One of four priority areas of development policy is "economic development, job creation and wellbeing". Trade is an important vehicle to achieve this. Trade is explicitly mentioned in many related documents, incl. government program.

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**Q4**

If yes, please highlight what these Aid-for-Trade priorities are: Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. Please rank the top priority areas among the ones listed below (1 being the most important).

Building productive capacity	<b>5</b>
Connecting to value chains	<b>4</b>
Environmentally sustainable (or green) growth, including circular economy	<b>3</b>
MSMEs growth and development	<b>1</b>
Women's economic empowerment (please specify in the box below: rural women, women-owned businesses, women-led businesses, female workers, etc.)	<b>2</b>

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**Q5**

Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2019?

**Unsure,**

Additional information: please specify which of the priorities you selected are new and provide further information. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).: Basically no because the government program runs in 2019-2023. However, the women's economic empowerment and gender equality has become an even bigger objective in Finland's policy.

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**Q6**

If yes, please identify the top drivers of change in your Aid-for-Trade priorities from the list below: (Please select no more than 5 options from the areas listed below).

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q7**

Has Aid for Trade become a more or less important part of your development policy since 2019?

**Same**

**Q8**

Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?

**Yes,**

Additional information on how changes in your Aid-for-Trade priorities may have been reflected in your dialogue with development partners.: Women's economic empowerment and gender equality is a standard element of Finland's dialogue with any development partner country and organization.

**Q9**

Do you have a specific development or aid strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic?

**Unsure,**

Additional information on your development or aid strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic. (Please provide weblinks as applicable):

Finland has developed internal documents on the best ways to help developing countries to cope with and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Q10**

**Respondent skipped this question**

If yes, please indicate whether your strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic addresses any of the following areas: (You may tick more than one box).

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**Q11**

Please provide names, titles, references or weblinks to policy documents relevant to your Aid-for-Trade activities and action.

See Finland's government program, esp. sections on global cooperation:

<https://valtioneuvosto.fi/en/marin/government-programme/globally-influential-finland>

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**Q12**

**Yes**

Is the environmental dimension of sustainable development reflected in your development or aid policy document(s), plan(s) or strategy(ies)?

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**Q13**

If yes, please indicate in which of your strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) sustainable development is reflected:(You may tick more than one box).

**Other (please specify),**

Additional information on the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) in which sustainable development is reflected.:  
Environmentally sustainable development, incl. climate change and zero-carbon development, is an important part of Finland's government program and global policies. It's also a key element of Finland's AFT although Finland doesn't have an AFT strategy as such. Environment and climate are a key area of cooperation in Finland's Africa Strategy. The links are:  
<https://valtioneuvosto.fi/en/marin/government-programme/globally-influential-finland> <https://um.fi/finland-s-africa-strategy>

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**Q14**

Does your Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan explicitly target any of the following environment-specific goals? (You may tick more than one box).

**Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7),  
Sustainable Production and Consumption (SDG 12),  
Climate Action (SDG 13),**

Additional information on the environment-specific goals and approaches such as financing, sharing of know-how, technology transfer (including sharing of know-how), promotion of value chain integration targeted by your Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan.:  
See the explanations in the previous answer.

**Q15**

Does your sustainable development strategy, policy, or plan include trade objectives?

**Yes,**  
Additional information on the trade objectives found in your Aid-for-Trade or development strategy policy, or plan that includes sustainable development. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:  
See the Government report on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda:  
[https://julkaisut.valtioneuvosto.fi/bitstream/handle/10024/162575/VNK\\_2020\\_13.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y](https://julkaisut.valtioneuvosto.fi/bitstream/handle/10024/162575/VNK_2020_13.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y)

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**Q16**

If yes, do the trade objectives address the environmental dimension of sustainable development?

**Yes**

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**Q17**

As a donor, do you have coordination or dialogues with developing countries' national committees, ministries of trade and agencies on sustainable development?

**Unsure,**

Additional information on how the Ministry of Trade is represented in your coordination or dialogue held with developing countries' national committee committees, ministries of trade and agencies on sustainable development.:

Finland conducts cooperation negotiations with the key partner countries at regular intervals, i.e. a few years. They are held between the MFA Finland and the key counterpart of the developing country. The counterpart is not usually ministry of trade.

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**Q18**

If yes, do these dialogues address the environmental dimension of sustainable development?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q19**

Please identify the economic sector(s) in your developing and least-developed partner countries that would gain the most in terms of economic and export diversification as a result of the move to sustainable development? (You may tick more than 1 box).

**Agriculture,****Industry,****Services****Q20**

Please identify the economic sectors that may face the biggest challenge from the move to sustainable development. (You may tick more than 1 box).

**Fisheries,****Forestry,****Mining,****Industry**

**Q21**

In your view, what challenges constitute the main obstacles to the transition towards sustainable development in developing and least-developed partner countries?(You may tick more than 1 box).

- Business climate,**
- Dependence on a narrow basket of goods and services**
- ,
- Domestic political challenges (e.g., security and stability)**
- ,
- High concentration of economic activity in the informal sector**
- ,
- High trade costs,**
- Lack of data to support decision-making,**
- Lack of human resource capability,**
- Lack of political will,**
- Limited agricultural processing capacity,**
- Limited economic and export diversification,**
- Low productive capacity in manufacturing,**
- Low productivity of agricultural sector**

**Q22**

Please highlight the main challenges that Aid for Trade should address to support a transition to sustainable development? (You may tick more than 1 box)

- Business climate,**
- Dependence on a narrow basket of goods and services**
- ,
- Existing energy and power generation infrastructure,**
- Lack of human resource capability,**
- Limited agricultural processing capacity,**
- Limited economic and export diversification,**
- Low productive capacity in manufacturing,**
- Low productivity of agricultural sector**

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**Q23**

Do your Aid-for-Trade or development strategies include a circular economy strategy, policy, plan or objectives?

**Yes,**  
 Additional information on your circular economy strategy, policy, plan. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).: Finland's AFT includes circular economy objectives and activities. However, Finland doesn't have an explicit AFT or development strategy.

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**Q24**

If yes, which economic sectors does the circular economy strategy, policy, plan or objectives cover?(You may tick more than 1 box).

**Industry,**

**Services,**

**Other (please specify),**

Additional information on the economic sectors covered by the circular economy strategy, policy, or plan. (Please provide weblinks as applicable):

Other = Government policies

**Q25**

If yes, does the circular economy strategy, policy, plan or objectives include trade goals?

**Unsure**

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**Q26**

Is digital connectivity reflected as a priority in your sustainable development strategy, policy, or plan?

**Yes**

**Q27**

Do you have an Aid-for-Trade strategy, policy or plan for digital connectivity (including digital economy, e-commerce, etc.)?

**Yes,**

Additional information on your Aid-for-Trade policy documents for digital connectivity. (Please include weblinks of the source used):

Finland has internal documents on the above but not a public one.

**Q28**

In which sectors could digital connectivity best support the transition to sustainable development?(You may tick more than 1 box).

**Industry,**

**Services**

**Q29**

Please identify which issues where digital connectivity would offer most promise in the move to sustainable development?(You may tick more than one box).

**E-civil service,**

**E-commerce,**

**E-government,**

**E-healthcare,**

**E-learning,**

**Transport information systems**

**Q30**

Is there an existing Aid-for-Trade project for digital connectivity towards sustainable development and/or environmentally sustainable growth (or circular economy) that you want to showcase as an example of best practice?

**No**

**Q31**

Yes

Do you agree that the COVID-19 pandemic has acted as an accelerator for the move to digital economy in your developing and least developed partner countries?

**Q32**

In which areas has the COVID-19 pandemic exposed shortcomings in digital connectivity?(You may tick more than one box).

Digital gender divide,

Inadequate network infrastructure including broadband capacity

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Insufficient or uneven internet coverage,

Poor access to internet services,

Poor digital skills and IT literacy,

Slow, expensive or unreliable internet services

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**Q33**

Looking ahead, in which sectors do you think future Aid-for-Trade support should focus so as to support sustainable development objectives? (You may tick more than 1 box).

Mining,

Industry,

Services

**Q34**

Looking ahead, in which categories of Aid for Trade do you think support should be focused so as to advance the environmental dimension of sustainable development?(You may tick more than 1 box).

Regional trade agreements (RTAs),

Multilateral trade negotiations,

(b) Trade development (Including investment promotion, analysis and institutional support for trade in services, business support services and institutions, public-private sector networking, e-commerce, trade finance, trade promotion, market analysis and development)

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(a) Trade policy and regulations (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for national stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)

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Energy supply and generation infrastructure,

Business and other services,

Industry

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**Q35**

To which developing and least-developed partner countries do you provide Aid-for-Trade financing for the environmental dimension of sustainable development ? (You may tick more than one box).(You may tick more than 1 box).

**Ethiopia,**  
**Kenya,**  
**Myanmar,**  
**Namibia,**  
**South Africa,**  
**Tanzania,**  
**Zambia**

**Q36**

Please identify the South-South and Triangular cooperation partners you work with in order to provide financing for sustainable development.(You may tick more than 1 box).

Respondent skipped this question

**Q37**

Is there an Aid-for-Trade project or programme for sustainable trade or development, green growth or circular economy that you want to showcase as an example of best practice?

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q38**

Do you implement policies that address the environmental dimension of sustainable development and that also support progress on gender equality and/or women's economic empowerment?

Yes

**Q39**

Do you implement Aid-for-Trade projects that combine the objectives of women's economic empowerment and environmentally sustainable development?

Yes

**Q40**

Any other information you wish to share? (e.g., where support for sustainable trade or development is needed).

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q41**

Is women's economic empowerment included as an objective in your development or Aid-for-Trade strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s)?

Yes

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**Q42****Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan**

If yes, please indicate the strategy, policy, or plan in which women's economic empowerment is included: (You may tick more than one box).

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**Q43****Yes**

Do the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) that you have identified seek to ensure non-discrimination with respect to conditions of employment or occupation (including through the provision of flexible work arrangements)?

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**Q44****Yes**

Does your government collect/institution data on women's economic empowerment in relation to trade and development?

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**Q45**

In your view, what trade and development constraints do women face the most?(You may tick more than one box).

**Difficulties accessing financial services,**  
**Difficult working conditions,**  
**Discriminatory practices,**  
**Harassment, security and safety issues,**  
**Lack of access to digital services,**  
**Informal employment,**  
**Occupational segregation,**  
**Poor access to information,**  
**Smaller sized business,**  
**Time and mobility constraints,**  
**Unpaid care and domestic work,**  
**Unpaid employment**

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**Q46****Yes**

Can Aid for Trade play a role in addressing these constraints?

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**Q47**

Yes

Have you provided Aid for Trade to finance projects for women's economic empowerment during the period 2015-2020?

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**Q48**

If yes, please provide further information on the countries in which you have provided Aid-for-Trade programmes on women's economic empowerment.

Number of total projects implemented in the period 2015-2020

**Not feasible to count; women's economic empowerment and gender equality is reflected or the key objective in many projects.**

Duration in years (1, 2 or more than 3)

**All: 1-4 years in general**

Percentage of projects that included women's economic empowerment as their sole/main objective (please include the % sign in your response)

**Several**

Percentage of projects that also included other objectives (please specify which in the box below and include the % sign in your response)

**Almost all**

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**Q49**

Please specify the areas that your Aid-for-Trade projects for women's economic empowerment sought to address:(You may tick more than one box).

- Developing training programmes,**
- Capacity-strengthening initiatives,**
- Facilitating access to digital technologies and e-commerce platforms**
- ,
- Facilitating women's traders' inclusion in Global Value Chains (GVC)**
- ,
- Facilitating women traders' inclusion in regional trade.**
- ,
- Gender sensitive awareness initiatives for trade stakeholders (e.g., border officials regarding safety issues);**
- ,
- Supporting women's entrepreneurship,**
- Supporting women-owned/led MSMEs to export**

**Q50** **Yes**

Have you used public-private partnerships to achieve your Aid-for-Trade objectives in relation to women's economic empowerment?

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**Q51** **Yes**

Does Aid for Trade help to mobilize funds for women's economic empowerment?

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**Q52** **Yes**

Are your Aid-for-Trade projects involving women's economic empowerment underpinned by a monitoring and evaluation/ results framework?

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**Q53** **Yes**

Does the Aid-for-Trade support for women's economic empowerment that you provide align with your partners' trade priorities and objectives?

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**Q54** **Yes**

Do women face particular difficulties in accessing digital technologies?

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**Q55** **High usage costs,**  
**Inadequate network infrastructure,**  
**Limited internet connectivity,**  
**Poor IT literacy and/or skills**

Please identify the top 5 barriers that prevent women from accessing digital technology:(You may tick a maximum of 5 boxes).

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**Q56** **Industry,**  
**Services,**  
**Other (please specify),**  
Additional information on the sectors in which future support for women's economic empowerment should be focussed.:  
Government policies

Looking ahead, in which trade sectors do you think future support for women's economic empowerment should be focussed?(You may tick more than 1 box).

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**Q57**

Looking ahead, in which Aid-for-Trade categories do you think future support for women's economic empowerment should be focussed?(You may tick more than 1 box).

**Business and other services,**  
**Banking and financial services,**  
**Building productive capacity,**  
**Agriculture,**  
**Industry,**  
**Travel and tourism**

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**Q58**

You may use the box below to elaborate on how you think that Aid for Trade can advance women's economic empowerment.

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Respondent skipped this question

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**Q59**

CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply):

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Respondent skipped this question