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Q1 Donor Country (or headquarters location in the case of Organizations) **SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

Q2 About you

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Q3 Do you have an Aid-for-trade strategy? **No**

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Q4 If yes, please indicate your Aid-for-Trade priorities: Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. Please rank the top 5 priority areas among the ones listed below. (1 being the most important) **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q5 If no or unsure, does your development policy include trade priorities?

Unsure,

Additional information on whether your development policy includes trade priorities.:

The Medium-Term Strategy for Development Cooperation of the Slovak Republic for 2019-2023 includes the trade related priorities only indirectly. The Strategy defines one of the six sectoral priorities as: Support of the market environment - supporting micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, introducing innovation, creating jobs. (Please note that in the time of filling this questionnaire, the Strategy is not officialy valid. It should approved by the Government of the Slovak Republic on 30 January 2019.)

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Q6 If yes, please indicate the trade priorities in your development policy. Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. Please rank the top 5 priority areas among the ones listed below. (1 being the most important)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q7 Has your Aid-for-Trade strategy, or trade priorities in your development policy, changed since 2016?

No

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Q8 If yes, please rank the top 3 drivers of these changes :(Please choose no more than 3 options)

Respondent skipped this question

Q9 Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with partner countries and development institutions?

Unsure

Q10 Please provide names, titles, references or weblinks to policy documents relevant to Aid for Trade in your country.

The Medium-Term Strategy for Development Cooperation of the Slovak Republic for 2019-2023 was not approved yet. It is expected to be approved by the Government of the Slovak Republic on 30 January 2019.

The previous medium-term strategy for 2014-2018 is available here: <https://www.slovakaid.sk/en/publications>

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Q11 Is economic diversification a priority in your development or Aid-for-Trade strategy? **No**

Q12 What are the main constraints to economic diversification identified that your development or Aid-for-Trade strategy seek to address?(You may tick more than 1 box) **Unsure**

Q13 Please indicate in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing you provide aid- for- trade support for economic diversification.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do receive support) **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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Agriculture

Q14 Does the aid-for-trade support you provide for economic diversification align with partners' priorities as established in their national or regional trade and development strategy(ies)? **Unsure**

Q15 Has the aid-for-trade support you provide in economic diversification recorded progress in partner countries since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade initiative in 2006? **Unsure**

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Q16 If yes please specify, in which area(s):(You may tick more than 1 box) **Respondent skipped this question**

Q17 If yes, please also indicate in which sector(s):(You may tick more than 1 box) **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q18 In which category(ies) of Aid for Trade is the support you provide impactful for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

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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Agriculture,

Additional information on which category(ies) of Aid for Trade the support you provide is impactful for economic diversification, including information on which your answer is based.:

As mentioned previously, our development strategy is not directly focused on Aid for Trade. However, we have been supporting agricultural projects in Kenya and Ethiopia, which influence also the trade capacities of the beneficiaries (small and medium sized enterprises exporting different types of nuts).

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Q19 What factors contribute to the success of the aid-for-trade support you provide for economic diversification? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Unsure

Q20 What factors may limit the success of the aid-for-trade support that you provide for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors.)

Unsure

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Q21 Does the Aid for Trade you provide help mobilize other forms of development finance for economic diversification in partner countries (i.e. non-concessional financing, foreign direct investment, remittances, trade finance, etc.).

Unsure

Q22 To which partner country(ies) or territory(ies) do you provide aid-for-trade financing for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Ethiopia,

Kenya,

Additional information on the partner country(ies), territory(ies) or regional programmes in which you provide aid-for-trade financing for economic diversification.:

Within the agricultural projects marginally linked to aid for trade (as described earlier).

Q23 Through which channels do you provide aid-for-trade financing for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Bilateral programmes

Q24 With which South-South partner(s) do you partner to offer financing for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box or leave all boxes unticked if you do not partner with any)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q25 Looking ahead, in which sectors do you anticipate future support for economic diversification to be required? (You may tick more than 1 box)

**Agriculture,
Unsure**

Q26 Looking ahead, in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing do you anticipate that you will continue to provide aid-for-trade support for economic diversification.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

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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**Agriculture,
Unsure**

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Q27 Is there any Aid for Trade project or programme for economic diversification that you would like to showcase as an example of best practice?(Please provide additional information and include weblinks as relevant)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q28 Is economic empowerment a priority in your aid-for-trade and development strategy?

Unsure,

If yes, please provide additional information on how economic empowerment is prioritized in your aid-for-trade and development strategy.:

Only indirectly. The Medium-Term Strategy for Development Cooperation of the Slovak Republic for 2019-2023 defines one of the six sectoral priorities as: "Support of the market environment - supporting micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, introducing innovation, creating jobs".

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Q29 For which groups does your aid-for-trade strategy seek to promote economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises

Additional information on the groups for which your aid-for-trade strategy is seeking to promote economic empowerment.:

Slovakia does not have specific Aid for Trade Strategy. This refers only to the Medium-Term Strategy for Development Cooperation of the Slovak Republic.

Q30 Does your aid-for-trade or development strategy propose any indicators to track economic empowerment or include any targets to achieve?

Unsure,

If yes, please provide additional information the indicators or targets on economic empowerment included in your aid-for-trade strategy.:

The concrete indicators will follow in the Country Strategic Papers (for program countries: Kenya, Moldova, Georgia) which will follow after the approval of the medium-term strategy.

Q31 Does your aid-for-trade or development strategy link economic empowerment in partner countries to their participation in international trade?

No

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Q32 Please indicate in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing you provide support for Aid for Trade for economic empowerment.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

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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Agriculture,

Additional information on the categories of aid-for-trade financing in which you provide support for Aid for Trade for economic empowerment.:

As explained in the diversification section.

Q33 Does the aid-for-trade support you provide for economic empowerment align with the empowerment priorities established in partner countries national or regional trade and development strategy(ies)?

Unsure

Q34 Is women's economic empowerment a priority in your development or aid-for-trade strategy?

Yes,
 Additional information on how women's economic empowerment is prioritized in your development aid-for-trade strategy.:
 Medium-Term Strategy for Development Cooperation of the Slovak Republic includes the cross-cutting topic "Equal Opportunities". Under this can be supported also projects empowering women's economic activities.

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Q35 In your view, how best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to women's economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

- Improving access to information** ,
- Improving digital connectivity** ,
- Providing access to finance** ,
- Supporting rural trade** ,
- Supporting the growth and economic development of Youth** ,
- Upgrading business skills,**
- Upgrading ICT skills**

Q36 What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support women's economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

- Business support services,**
- Building productive capacity**

Q37 What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting women's economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

- Country ownership,**
- Good digital and ICT connectivity** ,
- Mobilization of domestic private investment** ,
- National/regional coordination**

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Q38 In your view, how best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the economic empowerment of MSMEs. (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

- Providing access to finance ,
- Supporting the growth and economic development of Youth ,
- Improving access to information ,
- Improving access to foreign markets ,
- Improving digital connectivity

Q39 What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support the economic empowerment of MSMEs? (You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

- Business support services,
- Banking and financial services ,
- Building productive capacity ,
- Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)

Q40 What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting the economic empowerment of MSMEs? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

- Country ownership,
- Good digital and ICT connectivity ,
- Mobilization of domestic private investment ,
- National/regional coordination

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Q41 In your view, how best can Aid for Trade contribute to Youth economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

- Supporting the growth and economic development of women ,
- Upgrading business skills,
- Upgrading ICT skills ,
- Improving access to information ,
- Improving digital connectivity

Q42 What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support Youth economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Business support services,
Banking and financial services ,
Communications infrastructure

Q43 What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting Youth economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Good digital and ICT connectivity ,
Leveraging of foreign direct investment ,
Mobilization of domestic private investment

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Q44 In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ?

Yes,
 Please provide a weblink to the relevant national strategy or policy document in which SDGs are referred to.:
https://www.vicepremier.gov.sk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/20131Agenda2030_VNR_Slovakia.pdf

Q45 If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goal or Goals (SDGs) Aid for Trade can help to achieve.(You may tick more than 1 box)Sustainable Development Goals:

1. No poverty ,
8. Decent work and economic growth ,
9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure ,
12. Responsible consumption and production

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Q46 Which partner country(ies) or custom territory(ies) are the main recipients of the aid-for-trade financing you provide for economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Ethiopia,
Kenya

Q47 Through which channels do you provide aid-for-trade financing for economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q48 With which South-South partner(s) do you partner with to provide aid-for-trade financing for economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box or leave all boxes unticked if you do not partner with any))

Respondent skipped this question

Q49 Looking ahead, in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing do you anticipate that you will continue to provide aid-for-trade support for economic empowerment.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Building productive capacity ,
Agriculture,
Unsure

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Q50 Is there any Aid for Trade project or programme for economic empowerment you would like to showcase as particularly important or as an example of best practice? (Please provide any relevant additional information and include weblinks as relevant)

Respondent skipped this question

Q51 Please provide any additional information.(Please reference in the form or weblinks, document symbols, including to evaluations of projects or programmes)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q52 CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply):

Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic, Foreign Trade Policy Department; Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic, International Affairs Section; Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation.
