

PARTNER COUNTRY QUESTIONNAIRE ON AID FOR TRADE

This questionnaire is intended to solicit information about the progress made since the last self assessment in 2008. It focuses in particular on the outputs and outcomes of aid-for-trade strategies and programmes to further knowledge sharing.

If you did not answer the self assessment questionnaire in 2008 please complete that questionnaire first. The 2008 questionnaire establishes a baseline concerning how your trade strategy is mainstreamed in your national development strategy.

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COUNTRY: **BANGLADESH**

MINISTRY/AGENCY (coordinating the self assessment):

A. YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES

1. HAVE YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE OBJECTIVES CHANGED SINCE 2008?

YES

NO

NOT SURE

NOT APPLICABLE

1.1 If YES, please elaborate on what these changes are:

	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT SURE
Changed trade capacity needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changed focus on:					
• Competitiveness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Poverty reduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Green growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Gender equality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Regional integration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify:

2. HAVE YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE PRIORITIES CHANGED SINCE 2008?

YES

NO

NOT SURE

NOT APPLICABLE

2.1 If YES, please indicate your new aid-for-trade priorities in each sector. (Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad aid categories – please rank the top three NEW priority areas among the 12 listed.)

SECTOR	PRIORITY
Trade policy and regulations	Trade policy analysis, negotiations and Implementation

	WTO accession costs
	Trade facilitation
Economic infrastructure	Network infrastructure (power, water, telecom)
	Other transport
	Cross-border Infrastructure
Building productive capacity	Competitiveness
	Value chains
	Export diversification
Other	Adjustment costs
	Regional Integration
	Other

Please describe:

2.2 *If your aid-for-trade objectives or priorities have changed since 2008, please explain what were the main drivers of these changes?*

	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
The economic crisis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New development priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change of government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multilateral trade policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional trade policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National trade policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify:

3. IF YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE OBJECTIVES OR PRIORITIES HAVE CHANGED, DID YOU MAINSTREAM THESE CHANGES INTO YOUR OVERALL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY?

YES NO NOT SURE NOT APPLICABLE

Please elaborate:

4. IF YOU HAVE OPERATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE PRIORITIES (WITH ACTION PLANS, TIMELINES AND BUDGETS), DID YOU UPDATE THESE OPERATIONAL STRATEGIES TO REFLECT THE CHANGES IN YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE OBJECTIVES OR PRIORITIES?

YES NO NOT SURE NOT APPLICABLE

4.1 *If NOT, are you planning to update these operational strategies with these new objectives or priorities?*

YES NO NOT SURE NOT APPLICABLE

5. DID YOU INCLUDE THESE NEW AID-FOR-TRADE OBJECTIVES OR PRIORITIES IN YOUR NATIONAL DIALOGUE WITH DONORS?

YES NO NOT SURE NOT APPLICABLE

5.1 *If NOT, are you planning to include these new objectives or priorities in your national dialogue with donors?*

YES NO NOT SURE NOT APPLICABLE

FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

6. ARE THE ENHANCED INTEGRATED FOCAL POINT AND COMMITTEE INVOLVED IN OVERSEEING AND COORDINATING YOUR TRADE AGENDA?

YES NO NOT SURE NOT APPLICABLE

*Are all relevant ministries involved in the EIF process?
Please detail: yes, a National Steering Committee headed by the honorable Minister for Commerce has been established with the representatives from relevant Ministries to oversee and coordinate the EIF process in Bangladesh.
If NOT, what are the reasons?*

6.1 Do donors use the EIF structures to coordinate the support they offer?

YES NO NOT SURE NOT APPLICABLE

If YES, to what extent do donors:

	ALWAYS	SOMETIMES	RARELY/NEVER	NOT SURE
Use the DTIS Action Matrix as a basis for programming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-ordinate their actions with the help of the in-country donor facilitator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify: Diagnostic Trade Integration Study(DTIS) is in progress. World Bank has been nominated by the Government of Bangladesh to prepare this DTIS as a Lead Agency and European Delegation is nominated for playing the role of Donor facilitator to address the priority needs to be identified in an action matrices of DTIS.

7. HAS THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK HAD AN IMPACT ON YOUR ABILITY TO MAINSTREAM TRADE INTO YOUR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN?

SIGNIFICANT MODERATE INSIGNIFICANT TOO EARLY TO ASSESS NOT SURE NOT APPLICABLE

7.1 *Please elaborate further on what the EIF has allowed you to achieve now compared to before its enhancement: DTIS is under preparation.*

B. AID-FOR-TRADE FINANCING¹

¹ The Aid for Trade Statistical Queries page offers access to aid-for-trade statistics (through the online interface called the [Query Wizard for International Development Statistics](#), or QWIDS). Users can extract and download aid-for-trade statistics from 2002 onwards (i.e. volume, origin, and aid categories for over 150 developing countries and territories, including project-level information). The latest year for which information currently exists is 2008.

8. DO YOU KEEP TRACK OF EXTERNAL CONCESSIONAL FINANCING FLOWS AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL?

YES

NO

NOT SURE

8.1 If YES, do you use one of the following tracking systems:

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
Aid Management Platform	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development Assistance Database	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National accounting system	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify:

8.2 If YES, did the volume of external financing for trade-related programmes and projects change since 2008:

	INCREASE	REMAIN STABLE	DECREASE	NOT SURE
DAC Donors (see glossary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non DAC Donors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South-South Providers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multilateral donors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private Development Assistance (NGOs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8.3 If YES, do you know the share of different aid-for-trade providers in your overall aid-for-trade flows?

	> 90%	90-50%	50-25%	< 25%	NONE
DAC Donors (see glossary)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non DAC Donors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South-South Providers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multilateral donors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private Development Assistance (NGOs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. COMPARED TO YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH OVERALL EXTERNAL FINANCING, DO YOU FACE ANY SPECIFIC CHALLENGES IN ACCESSING TRADE-RELATED FUNDING?

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
DAC Donors (see glossary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non DAC Donors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South-South Providers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multilateral donors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.1 If YES, please indicate which additional challenges you face:

	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conditionality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Predictability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Understanding procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficulties in designing "bankable" projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volume of available funding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please define:

C. HOW DO YOU IMPLEMENT YOUR STRATEGY?

10. HAS THE ENTITY (OR ENTITIES) RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE ACTIVITIES CHANGED SINCE 2008?

YES

NO

NOT SURE

NOT APPLICABLE

10.1 If YES, which entity or entities are now overseeing your aid-for-trade activities?

Ministry of Trade/	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sector Ministries	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specify:
Coordinating Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specify:
National Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specify:
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specify:
No one	<input type="checkbox"/>	

10.2 If YES, why did the changes take place? Please specify:

11. HAS THE DIALOGUE ON AID FOR TRADE BETWEEN YOUR GOVERNMENT AND DONORS BEEN STRENGTHENED SINCE 2008?

SIGNIFICANTLY

MODERATELY

RARELY/NO

NOT SURE

11.1 If YES, please describe and exemplify: The government has signed a Joint Cooperation Strategy (JCS) with 15 development partners. The strategy is based on the five principles of Paris Declaration and it is expected to help establish the framework for aid processes, procedures, complementarities and division of labour between the Government of Bangladesh and development partners.

12. HAS THE DIALOGUE ON AID FOR TRADE BETWEEN YOUR GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS BEEN STRENGTHENED SINCE 2008?

SIGNIFICANTLY MODERATELY RARELY/NO NOT SURE

12.1 *If YES, please describe and exemplify: Following the government's decision to join the EIF in 2009, the Ministry of Commerce organised two seminars in 2010 involving representatives of ministries, trade bodies and chambers, think-tanks and development partners. During these consultations, stakeholders deliberated on key areas deterring their growth potentials and put forward suggestions to correct some of these bottlenecks.*

13. ARE DONORS HARMONISING THEIR SUPPORT BETTER THAN PRIOR TO 2008?

SIGNIFICANTLY MODERATELY RARELY/NO NOT SURE

13.1 *How often do donors in your country coordinate through:*

	ALWAYS	SOMETIMES	RARELY/NEVER	NOT SURE
Joint needs assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-financing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sector-wide approaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint implementation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Common monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please elaborate:

14. HAS THE MONITORING OF YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE PROGRAMMES IMPROVED SINCE 2008?

SIGNIFICANTLY MODERATELY RARELY/NO NOT SURE

14.1 *If YES, please describe how you improved the monitoring of aid-for-trade programmes:*

15. HAVE DONORS ALIGNED THEIR SUPPORT BETTER AROUND YOUR COUNTRY'S TRADE-RELATED PRIORITIES SINCE 2008?

SIGNIFICANTLY MODERATELY RARELY/NO NOT SURE

15.1 *If donor support is better aligned, please describe how this was achieved:*

15.2 *If donor support is less aligned, please explain why and any steps you plan to take to reverse this trend: Since there is not yet a database detailing the AfT pillars where aid has been received, it is difficult to assess whether donor support has been aligned to meet national priorities. To tackle this gap, the government of Bangladesh has signed a Joint Cooperation Strategy (JCS) with 15 development partners, which is based on the five principles of Paris Declaration.*

D. IS AID FOR TRADE WORKING?

16. HOW DO YOU DEFINE THE SUCCESS OF AID FOR TRADE IN YOUR COUNTRY?

	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Enhanced understanding of trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased profile of trade in development strategy (mainstreaming)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More harmonised and aligned aid-for-trade projects and programmes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased aid-for-trade resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased exports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diversified exports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced poverty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater environmental sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater gender equality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please define:</i>				

17. IN YOUR COUNTRY, DID AID FOR TRADE RESULT IN:

	SIGNIFICANT	MODERATE	INSIGNIFICANT	NOT SURE	NOT APPLICABLE
Enhanced understanding of trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased profile of trade in development strategy (mainstreaming)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More harmonised and aligned aid-for-trade programmes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased aid-for-trade resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased exports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diversified exports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced poverty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater environmental sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater gender equality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please define:

17.1 Please illustrate with examples of both successful and unsuccessful aid-for-trade process, approaches and programmes: There are a few selected examples to illustrate the AFT's success. However, given its narrow focus on policies, regulation and building skills, it is yet to to achieve the intended results.

18. IN YOUR COUNTRY HOW DEPENDENT IS THE SUCCESS OF AID FOR TRADE ON COMPLEMENTARY POLICIES?

VERY IMPORTANT SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT NOT IMPORTANT NOT SURE

18.1 If important, how do you rate the importance of the following complementary policies?

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT SURE
Fiscal policies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monetary policies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Labour market policies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regulatory environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please elaborate: The Aft is too young of a concept in Bangladesh. The regulatory and governance environment will directly influence the Aft agenda though the outcomes are uncertain.

19. DO YOU DISCUSS COMPLEMENTARY POLICIES IN THE AID FOR TRADE DIALOGUE WITH:

	YES	SOMETIMES	NOT	NOT SURE
DAC Donors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non DAC donors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South-South Providers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multilateral donors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your private sector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please elaborate:

19.1 Please illustrate the importance of complementary policies with examples of both successful and unsuccessful aid-for-trade process, approaches and programmes:
The AFT agenda is yet to be fully operationalise in Bangladesh.

20. HOW DOES YOUR GOVERNMENT ASSESS THE MONITORING OF THE GLOBAL AID-FOR TRADE INITIATIVE TO DATE?

POSITIVE

NEUTRAL

NEGATIVE

DON'T KNOW

20.1 *What do you see as major challenges or areas for improvements: The foremost challenge is to build a database detailing Aft flows and projects. These two factors should be classified according to the three pillars of the Aft questionnaire to facilitate better monitoring of the process. Also, the development partners and the government of Bangladesh could contemplate on formulating an Aid Management Policy to increase the scope for targeted aid. This will also help to integrate donor's areas of preference with national priorities. Finally, the principles of Paris Declaration should inform the decisions made at both the national and global community level.*

21. ARE THERE ANY PARTICULAR EXAMPLES OF YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE PROCESSES, PROGRAMMES OR PROJECTS THAT HAVE OBTAINED GOOD RESULTS OR BAD THAT YOU THINK COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD PRACTICES?

BANGLADESH TRADE SUPPORT PROGRAMME (BTSP) WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU) WAS DESIGNED TO ASSIST THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND ITS ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS TO PREPARE THEM TO HANDLE THE AFTERMATH OF THE EXPIRATION OF THE MFA AND ALSO, TO PREPARE THEM TO BE WELL CONVERSANT IN WTO RULES AND PROCEDURES. THE ISSUES THAT WERE ADDRESSED IN THIS PROGRAMME WERE-STRENGTHENING OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, STRENGTHENING OF THE BANGLADESH TARIFF COMMISSION TO MAINTAIN THE TRADE DEFENCE MECHANISM, MAKE THE BANGLADESH FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE-THE LEADING RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR TRADE MORE EFFECTIVE AND STRENGTHENING OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING. BTSP WAS A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMME GIVEN ALL THE HURDLES IT HAD TO JUMP OR BY-PASS.

22. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO RAISE ANY ISSUE THAT HAS NOT BEEN ADDRESSED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE AND THAT YOU CONSIDER WORTHWHILE TO RAISE:

SIMILAR TO THE 'FAIR TRADE' AGENDA, TIME IS RAW TO PROMOTE AN 'EQUITABLE AID' NOTION. BANGLADESH'S REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE IN THE TRADE SECTOR DOES NOT JUSTIFY THE LOW VOLUME OF AID COMING INTO THE COUNTRY. IN THE 4TH ROUND OF THE AFT SURVEY, ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN 'TRADE HUNGRY' AND 'AID DEPENDENT' LDCs IN ORDER TO PROMOTE A MORE INCLUSIVE EIF AGENDA FOR THE FORMER. AFTER ALL, TRADE RELAINCE CANNOT COMPENSATE FOR REMAINING IN AN AID FATIGUE STATE. LDCs SHOULD GET SPECIAL PRIORITY IN THE AFT PROCESS.