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Respondent (Country or Customs Territory)

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About you

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Q3

Does your national 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 national development strategy, policy or plan (or other trade-related policy document).: 8th Five Year Plan, Vision 2021, Perspective Plan (2021-2041)

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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).

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| Environmentally sustainable (or green) growth, including circular economy | 2 |
| Export diversification | 1 |
| MSMEs growth and development | 3 |
| Regional integration | 4 |
| Services development | 5 |
| Additional information and weblink(s) to the relevant strategy(ies), polic(ies) or plan(s) in which your Aid-for-Trade priorities are included. | Export Policy 2018-21 (http://epb.gov.bd/site/files/af57e8cb-9a5c-4bea-89c7-8682b0fa0eab/Export-Policy); 8th Five Year Plan (http://plancomm.gov.bd/site/files/8ec347dc-4926-4802-a839-7569897e1a7a/8th-Five-Year-Plan); Perspective Plan (https://plandiv.gov.bd/site/files/3306e77a-62bc-4a12-b76e-91ac5e56a821/Perspective-Plan-(2021-2041)) |

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Q5

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

No,

Additional information: please specify which of the priorities you selected are new and provide further information. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).: Coping up with post graduation trade related challenges.

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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 more or less important to your government since 2019?

More,

Additional information on the reasons why Aid for Trade may have become more, less, or remained equally important to your government than in the past.: Bangladesh has been selected for graduation from the LDC status in the second triennial review of UNCDP in 2021. Thus the country is going to be graduated from the LDC status in 2026.

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.:

All the development partners are appraised of the trade related challenges after graduation and requested to extend support for domestic capacity building and enhanced Aid for Trade.

Q9

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

Yes,

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

8th Five Year Plan (2021-2026) is mainly targeted for economic recovery and to address graduation challenges.

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Q10

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).

Agricultural sector, food production and supply chain support

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Building productive capacity,

Digital connectivity and transformation,

E-commerce,

Environmentally sustainable (or green) growth, including circular economy

,

Job creation,

MSME support,

Preparedness, recovery and resilience,

Services sector support (e.g., tourism),

Trade in health products (PPE, vaccines, etc.),

Trade facilitation,

Trade finance,

Women's economic empowerment and gender equality

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Youth economic empowerment

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Q11

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

8th Five Year Plan (2021-2026); <http://plancomm.gov.bd/site/files/8ec347dc-4926-4802-a839-7569897e1a7a/8th-Five-Year-Plan>. Annual Budget 2021-2022): https://mof.gov.bd/site/view/budget_mof/%E0%A7%A8%E0%A7%A6%E0%A7%A8%E0%A7%A7-%E0%A7%A8%E0%A7%A8/%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%9F%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0%20%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%82%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0/Budget-in-Brief

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Q12

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

Yes,

Additional information on how sustainable development is reflected in your national policy document(s), plan(s) or strategy(ies). (Please provide weblinks as applicable).: Delta Plan 2100 is mainly targeted to environment protection

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Q13

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

National development strategy, policy or plan,

National export strategy, policy or plan,

National environmentally sustainable economy strategy (or green growth), policy or plan

,

National strategy, policy or plan for circular economy/sustainable consumption and production patterns

,

National strategy, policy or plan for COVID-19 recovery

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Additional information on the national strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) in which sustainable development is reflected.:

8th Five Year Plan 2021-26 and Perspective Plan 2021-41 are targeted top achieve SDGs.

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Q14

Does your national 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),
Life Below Water (SDG 14),
Life on Land (SDG 15),

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 national development strategy, policy or plan.:

Export Policy 2018-2021 and Import Policy Order 2021-24 also has environment related targets to achieve resilience against climate change effect.

Q15

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

Yes,

Additional information on the trade objectives found in your national development strategy policy, or plan that includes sustainable development. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:

Green growth is one of the trade strategy of the country.

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Q16

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

Yes,

Additional information on how sustainable development is reflected in your national policy document(s), plan(s) or strategy(ies). (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:

Export Policy 2018-2021, Import Policy Order 2021-24, 8th Five Year Plan, Perspective Plan 2021-41.

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Q17

Does your government have a national committee (or has coordination or dialogues across ministries and agencies) on sustainable development that includes the Ministry of Trade?

Yes,

Additional information on how the Ministry of Trade is represented in your national committee on sustainable development.:

Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals is coordinated and monitored by the Prime Ministers Office and has Committee which includes Ministry of Commerce too.

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Q18

If yes, does that national committee address the environmental dimension of sustainable development?

Yes,

Additional information on how the national committee addresses the environmental dimension of sustainable development.:

As Bangladesh is the most vulnerable country of Climate change effect the government has taken initiative to address the climate change issue through SDG implementation.

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Q19

Please identify the economic sector(s) 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,

Fisheries,

Forestry,

Industry,

Services,

Additional information on the economic sector(s) that would gain the most in terms of economic and export diversification as a result of the move to sustainable development.:

Export Diversification and sustainable growth will be the main gainers of sustainable development.

Q20

Please identify the sector(s) of your economy that may face the biggest challenge from the move to sustainable development. (You may tick more than 1 box).

Mining

Q21

In your view, what challenges constitute the main obstacles to the transition towards sustainable development in your country?(You may tick more than 1 box).

Access to finance,

Dependence on a narrow basket of goods and services

,

Economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,

Existing energy and power generation infrastructure,

Existing transport infrastructure,

High trade costs,

Limited economic and export diversification,

Low productive capacity in manufacturing,

Slow, expensive or insufficient digital connectivity,

Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment

,

Lack of technology transfer (including know-how)

Q22

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

Access to finance,
Economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,
Existing energy and power generation infrastructure,
High trade costs,
Low productive capacity in manufacturing,
Slow, expensive or insufficient digital connectivity,
Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment

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Q23

Do you have a circular economy strategy, policy, plan?

Yes,
Additional information on your circular economy strategy, policy, plan. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:
The country has several policy documents to address different issues of circular economy.

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Q24

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

Agriculture,
Industry,
Additional information on the economic sectors covered by the circular economy strategy, policy, or plan. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:
Priority has given to reuse of resources in industrial and other sectors.

Q25

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

Yes

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Q26

Is digital connectivity reflected as a priority in your national sustainable development strategy(ies), policy(ies), or plan(s)?

Yes,
Additional information on how digital connectivity is reflected in your national sustainable development strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s).:
Vison 2021 and Digital Bangladesh policy targeted to increase digital connectivity in the country.

Q27

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

Yes,

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

Vision 2021 and Digital Bangladesh; National Digital Commerce Policy 2018; National AI Policy National Blockchain strategy etc.

Q28

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

Agriculture,**Industry,****Services****Q29**

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

E-civil service,**E-commerce,****E-government,****E-healthcare,****E-learning,****E-logistics,****Real-time navigation,****Smart energy grids,****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?

Yes,

Additional information on Aid-for-Trade projects for digital connectivity towards sustainable development, environmentally sustainable growth or circular economy that you want to showcase as an example of best practice. (Please provide weblinks as applicable):

Info Sarker Project

Q31

Do you agree that the COVID-19 pandemic has acted as an accelerator for the move to digital economy in your country ?

Yes,

Additional information on the impact of the pandemic on the uptake of the digital economy.:

E-commerce accelerated during COVID-19 Pandemic.

Q32

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

- Digital payments issues,**
- Inadequate network infrastructure including broadband capacity**
- ,**
- Insufficient or uneven internet coverage,**
- Poor access to internet services,**
- Poor digital skills and IT literacy,**
- Slow, expensive or unreliable internet services,**
- Trade facilitation and logistics issues**

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Q33

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

- Agriculture,**
- Fisheries,**
- Forestry,**
- 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).

- Trade facilitation,**
- Regional trade agreements (RTAs),**
- Multilateral trade negotiations,**
- Trade education/training,**
- (c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)**
- ,**
- Communications infrastructure,**
- Energy supply and generation infrastructure,**
- Business and other services,**
- Agriculture,**
- Forestry,**
- Industry**

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Q35

Which donor(s) are the most important for Aid-for-Trade financing for the environmental dimension of sustainable development in your country? (You may tick more than 1 box).

European Union,
Asian Development Bank (AsDB),
Climate Investment Funds (CIF),
International Labour Office (ILO),
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP),
World Bank,
World Trade Organization (WTO)

Q36

Which South-South partner(s) are the most important source of Aid-for-Trade financing for the environmental dimension of sustainable development?(You may tick more than 1 box).

China,
India,
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Q37

Have you received Aid-for-Trade financing as part of triangular co-operation projects?

Unsure

Q38

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?

Export Diversification for jobs (EC4J) project financed by the World Bank and Export Diversification and Competitiveness Development Project funded by WTO EIF.

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Q39

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

Yes,
Additional information on whether you implement policies that address the environmental dimension of sustainable development while also supporting progress on gender equality /women empowerment. You may also provide information on your intention to draft such policies in the future. (Please include weblinks as applicable).:
All the national Plans and Polies include women empowerment.

Q40

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

Yes

Q41

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

Aid for Trade support is needed for export diversification and domestic capacity building including women empowerment.

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Q42

Is women's economic empowerment included as an objective in any of your national strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s)?

Yes,

Additional information on how women's economic empowerment is included as an objective in your national policy documents.:

8th Five Year Plan 2021-26; Perspective Plan 2021-41.

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Q43

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

National development strategy, policy or plan,

National export strategy, policy or plan,

Women's economic empowerment's strategy, policy or plan

Q44

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)?

Yes,

Additional information on how the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) that you have identify seek to ensure non-discrimination with respect to conditions of employment or occupation. (Please include weblinks as applicable).:

Non discrimination policy is the key to every policy document.

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Q45

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

Yes,

Additional information on the data on women's economic empowerment that your government collects. (Please include weblinks as applicable).:

<http://www.bbs.gov.bd/>

Q46

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

Difficulties accessing financial services,

Informal employment,

Poor access to information,

Smaller sized business

Q47

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

Yes,

Additional information on the role that Aid for Trade can play in addressing these constraints.:
Aid for Trade can support access to finance and access to market information.

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Q48

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

Yes,

Additional information on whether you have requested Aid for Trade to finance projects for women's economic empowerment in 2015-2020, including reasons as to why or why not.:
Requested development partners to support women's trade capacity building.

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Q49

If yes, please provide further information on the donors, South-South or triangular cooperation partners that have supported your Aid-for-Trade programmes on women's economic empowerment.

Number of total projects implemented in the period 2015-2020

Numerous

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

3-5 years

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

30%

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

Sustainable Development, 60%.

Additional information on the donors, South-South and triangular cooperation partners that have supported your Aid-for-Trade programmes on women's economic empowerment. You may list other objectives of the projects where women's economic empowerment was not the sole/main focus and provide additional information on the partners with which you have worked. (Please include weblinks as applicable).

World Bank Group, JAICA

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Q50

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).

Capacity-strengthening initiatives,
 Increasing women's participation in services sectors,
 Facilitating access to digital technologies and e-commerce platforms
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 Facilitating access to trade finance,
 Facilitating access to trade-related information,
 Supporting women's entrepreneurship,
 Supporting women-owned/led MSMEs to export

Q51

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

Yes

Q52

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

Yes

Q53

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

Yes

Q54

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

Yes

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Q55

Do women face particular difficulties in accessing digital technologies in your country?

No

Q56

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

High cost of device (e.g., mobile phone),
 High usage costs,
 Inadequate network infrastructure,
 Limited internet connectivity,
 Poor IT literacy and/or skills,
 Privacy, safety and harassment concerns

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| Q57 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). | Agriculture, Forestry, Industry, Services |
| Q58 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). | Trade facilitation, Regional trade agreements (RTAs), Trade education/training, (c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure) , Communications infrastructure, Energy supply and generation infrastructure |
| Q59 You may use the box below to elaborate on how you think that Aid for Trade can advance women's economic empowerment. | Respondent skipped this question |

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| Q60 CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply): All the relevant government agencies and private sector associations, think tanks and professional bodies are consulted before preparing policy documents. | |
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