



WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION



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P1 **BANGLADESH**

Respondent (Country or Customs Territory)

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P3 **Yes**

Do you have a national development plan or strategy?
(ies)?

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P4 **Other (please specify),**

If yes, does your national development plan or
strategy(ies) include trade priorities?

If yes, please provide further details including hyperlinks
to relevant documents containing trade priorities::
Yes, Diversification of exports and export destinations is
the trade priorities in Bangladesh. It is provided in export
policy 2021-24
<https://mincom.gov.bd/site/view/policies/%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%93-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6>

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Yes

Does your national development strategy(ies) have a thematic focus?

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Other, (please specify),

If yes, please choose options from the non-exhaustive list of thematic options of key strategic objectives below. (If an objective(s) does not appear in the drop-down list, please tick other and add details in the text box.)

Additional information on thematic issues::
RMG will serve as the basis for industrialisation, along with RMG, Food Processing, Leather and Leather Products, Light Engineering, Pharmaceuticals are emphasized. Together with these, ICT Services, Tourism, Software development will be prioritized for rapid industrialization.

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Yes

Do the trade priorities found in your national development plan or strategy(ies) reflect specific development objectives or targets?For example, the national development plan of Benin aims to achieve a sustained, inclusive and sustainable growth of at least 10% by 2025.

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Achieving Middle Income Status,
Achieving Upper-Middle Income Status,
Other targets (e.g. digital connectivity, gender equality, renewable energy, circular economy, etc.)
,
Economic growth targets,
Poverty reduction targets

If yes, please choose options from the non-exhaustive list below. (If an objective(s) or target* do not appear in the list below, please tick other and add details in the text box. Please tick relevant boxes).Objectives & Targets*:

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Yes

In addition to the trade priorities you may have in your national development strategy, do you have trade priorities that are set out in other national policy documents or strategies?

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If yes, do you have a national trade policy or strategy, export development strategy or similar policy or strategy (e.g. national diagnostic trade integration study update, national e-commerce strategy etc.)? For example, Jordan has published a national export strategy for the period 2023-2025.

Yes,

(If yes, please provide further details, including dates the strategy covers and hyperlinks to relevant documents)::

Bangladesh has a Export Policy 2021-2024 for the period 2020-2024:

https://mincom.gov.bd/sites/default/files/files/mincom.portal.gov.bd/policies/7beeaaf5_e199_41dc_9d65_77ee3aff9cd1/%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF

[https://mincom.gov.bd/sites/default/files/files/mincom.portal.gov.bd/policies/7beeaaf5_e199_41dc_9d65_77ee3aff9cd1/%E0%A7%A8%E0%A7%A6%E0%A7%A8%E0%A7%AA](https://mincom.gov.bd/sites/default/files/files/mincom.portal.gov.bd/policies/7beeaaf5_e199_41dc_9d65_77ee3aff9cd1/%E0%A7%A8%E0%A7%A6%E0%A7%A8%E0%A7%A7-%E0%A7%A8%E0%A7%A6%E0%A7%A8%E0%A7%AA)

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Do these other national policy documents or strategies include trade objectives or targets? For example, Ghana's National Export Development Strategy envisages that over a duration of 10 years non-traditional exports will grow from \$2.8 billion in 2020 to \$25.3 billion in 2029 accompanied by deep structural transformation that positions Ghana as a competitive export-led industrialized economy.

Other (please specify: e.g. strategy expired, new strategy under discussion, etc.):

The 8th Five Year Plan 2020-2025

[https://plancomm.gov.bd/site/files/8ec347dc-4926-4802-a839-7569897e1a7a/-](https://plancomm.gov.bd/site/files/8ec347dc-4926-4802-a839-7569897e1a7a/)

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If yes, please chose options from the non-exhaustive list below. If an objective(s) does not appear in the list, please tick "other" and add details in the text box. If no, please indicate if there is another strategy or policy that includes specific objective of targets.

Additional information on trade objectives and targets including hyperlinks to relevant documents::

It envisages recovering the economy during the post Covid-19 pandemic and adopted export led growth policy.

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Do the trade priorities found in your national development strategy align with those found in other national policy documents or strategy(ies)?

Yes, in full,

Additional information on alignment of trade priorities::
Please kindly answer to this question.

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Do the trade objectives in your national development plan and/or those found in other national policy documents or strategies include sectoral objectives? For example, Vision 2030 Jamaica includes 31 Sector Plans (in 28 separate documents) prepared by Task Forces, comprising stakeholders from public and private sector bodies, civil society and international development partners). And Bhutan's National Export Strategy 2022 identifies the mineral and timber industries as holding potential for the development of value-added products.

Yes,

Additional information on trade objectives in other policy documents::

The 8th Five Year plan of Bangladesh has adopted sectoral development plan and objectives.

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If yes, please tick all relevant boxes and provide further details, including hyperlinks to relevant documents. If no, please indicate if there is another national strategy or policy that includes specific objectives or targets. (Please tick relevant boxes)

- Agriculture,**
- Forestry,**
- Fisheries,**
- Renewable energy,**
- Manufacturing sector,**
- Services (general),**
- Communication services, including ICT,**
- Energy services,**
- Environment services,**
- Oil and gas,**
- Recreation and sport,**
- Transport services (air, land and maritime),**
- Other (please specify),**

Additional information on specific objectives and targets in other documents::

Export policy and the 8th Five Year plan mostly contain specific strategies or targets.

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Yes

Does the trade objectives found in your national development plan or strategy(ies) and in other national policy documents or strategies include regional objectives? For example, the national development strategy of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2018-2040 includes, inter alia, the objective to work on harmonious integration of the Kyrgyz economy with the Eurasian Economic Union; active participation in regional projects that improve production and transit capacity; diversification of foreign economic focus of Kyrgyzstan through development of mutually beneficial trade, economic and investment cooperation with the countries of South and Southeast Asia, the Arab East and America.

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If yes, please identify the relevant economic community(ies).(Please tick relevant boxes)

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

,

Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)

,

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)

,

Mercosur

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Yes

Does your government have priority areas for Aid for Trade for which it is actively seeking support?

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If yes, please indicate the relevant priority areas for Aid for Trade for which your government is actively seeking support.(Please tick relevant boxes)

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 undertake trade reform/facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)

- ,
- Trade policy and administrative management,**
- Trade facilitation,**
- Trade education/training,**
- Trade-related Transport and storage infrastructure (e.g. port, dry port, inland container port, inland container depot, etc.)**
- ,
- Trade-related Communications infrastructure,**
- Trade-related Energy supply and generation infrastructure**
- ,
- Business support services,**
- Building productive capacity,**
- Agriculture,**
- Fishing,**
- Multilateral trade negotiations,**
- Industry,**
- Travel and tourism**

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Yes

Have these priorities been communicated to Donors and South-South partners?

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Other (please specify),

If yes, please provide additional information on how priorities were communicated:

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Please kindly answer to this question.

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Does your government face difficulties in financing implementation of the trade objectives found in your development plan or strategy(ies) or trade strategy?

Other (please specify),

If yes, please identify which sources of aid finance or other financial assistance for trade that you would like to attract to achieve your trade objectives. (e.g. Official Development Assistance (i.e. Aid for Trade), Other Official Flows (loans at concessional rates that do not qualify as ODA), South-South co-operation, Climate finance, etc.):

Bangladesh has often to trade off among its needs, and implementing trade objectives is not an exception to that.

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Do you face difficulties in accessing finance to address your Aid-for-Trade priorities?

Yes

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If yes, please choose options from the non-exhaustive list below. (If a difficulty in accessing aid for trade does not appear in the drop-down list, please tick other and add details in the text box.)

High cost of borrowing,

Difficulties accessing grant finance,

Conditions attached to access aid-for-trade financing,

Challenges engaging in public-private partnerships,

Limited ability to develop "bankable" projects

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Does your government face a situation where it is receiving an increasing share of Aid for Trade in the form of loans and a declining share of grants?

Yes,

Additional information on loans and grants::

Yes, It is likely that Bangladesh will face a situation when its share of grants and other soft loan will decline.

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If yes, does this situation present a challenge for your government to achieve its trade objectives?

No

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Do you plan to stop receiving Aid for Trade? Has a date been set to achieve this objective (e.g. a date to stop receiving foreign aid)?

No

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Mostly aligned

How well-aligned is the Aid-for-Trade support you receive with your Aid-for-Trade priorities?

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What challenges do you encounter in aligning the Aid-for-Trade support you receive with the sectoral level needs outlined in relevant policy documents ? (Please tick relevant boxes)

Conditions required by development partners to access support

Length of project/programme funding cycles,

Human capacity constraints to developing bankable projects

Weak institutional capacity (e.g. lack of coordination at domestic level)

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Do development financing partners (i.e. both donors and South-South partners) align their monitoring and evaluation with your national monitoring or results frameworks?

Other (please specify),

Additional information on alignment of monitoring and evaluation::

Unsure, Often the approach is to fit all recipient countries and national monitoring and evaluation framework may not be reflected.

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Yes

Do you measure the impacts of the Aid-for-Trade support you receive?

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If yes, where is Aid for Trade having a measurable impact in your opinion?(Please tick relevant boxes)

Trade policy and administrative management,

Trade facilitation,

Trade education/training,

Agriculture,

Industry,

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 undertake trade reform/facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)

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Is there an Aid-for-Trade project or programme that you would like to highlight as an example of best practice?

Yes,

Additional information on best practice examples::
Export Diversification And Competitiveness (TIER II) Project_and Diagnostic Trade Inegration Study Updates:Trade Roadmap for Sustainable Graduation Project

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Do you foresee a continued need for Aid-for-Trade financing?

Yes

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If yes, please tick all relevant boxes and provide further details including hyperlinks as relevant.(Please tick relevant boxes)

Other (please specify),

Additional information on sectors needing continuing Aid for Trade financing.:
In future, Bangladesh will require aid in Trade and Environment protection, Technical assistance in SPS and TBT issue among many others.

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In which categories of Aid-for-Trade support do you foresee future needs?(Please tick relevant boxes)

- Trade policy and administrative management,
- Trade facilitation,
- Regional trade agreements (RTAs),
- Trade education/training,
- Trade-related Transport and storage infrastructure (e.g. port, dry port, inland container port, inland container depot, etc.)
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- Trade-related Communications infrastructure,
- Building productive capacity,
- Agriculture,
- Fishing,
- Multilateral trade negotiations,
- Industry,
- Travel and tourism,
- 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 undertake trade reform/facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)

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Yes

Do you foresee future needs for Aid for Trade to support the achievement of trade-related aspects of the Sustainable Development Agenda?

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If yes, please indicate the relevant SDGs that Aid for Trade can help achieve.(Please tick relevant boxes)

GOAL 1: No Poverty,

GOAL 2: Zero Hunger,

GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation,

GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy,

GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth,

GOAL 13: Climate Action,

Additional information on the SDGs Aid for Trade can help achieve.:

Poverty and Hunger; employment, economic development, Environment and Climate change related SDGs can be benefited from the Aid for Trade initiatives.

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Yes

Do you foresee future needs for Aid for Trade to support the trade-related aspects of climate change ?
