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BHUTAN

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):
The Five Year Plans (FYP) of Bhutan are a series of national economic development plans created by the government of Bhutan since 1961. We are currently following the 12 FYP (2018-23).

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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).

Environmentally sustainable (or green) growth, including circular economy	5
Export diversification	1
MSMEs growth and development	3
Trade facilitation	2
Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	4

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Q5**Unsure**

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

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Q6**Respondent skipped this question**

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).

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Q7**More**

Has Aid for Trade become more or less important to your government since 2019?

Q8**Yes**

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

Q9**Yes,**

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

Additional information on the specific national strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).: 21st century economic roadmap Bhutan

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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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Digital connectivity and transformation,

E-commerce,

Job creation,

MSME support,

Poverty reduction objectives,

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

Trade facilitation,

Trade policy modernization and upgrading

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Q11

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

Enhanced Integrated Framework under Department of Trade, Ministry of Economic Affairs
12 Five Year Plan of Bhutan
21st century economic roadmap of Bhutan

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Q12

Yes

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

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

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National environmentally sustainable growth strategy, policy or plan

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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).

Sustainable Production and Consumption (SDG 12),

Climate Action (SDG 13)

Q15 **Yes**

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

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Q16 **Unsure**

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

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Q17 **Unsure**

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?

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Q18 **Respondent skipped this question**

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

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Q19 **Agriculture,
Industry,
Services**

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).

Q20 **Industry,
Services**

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).

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,
- Business climate,
- Dependence on a narrow basket of goods and services
- ,
- Domestic political challenges (e.g., security and stability)
- ,
- Economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,
- Lack of human resource capability,
- Low productive capacity in manufacturing,
- 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)

- Dependence on a narrow basket of goods and services
- ,
- Economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,
- Existing transport infrastructure,
- High trade costs,
- Slow, expensive or insufficient digital connectivity

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Q23

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

Unsure

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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).

Respondent skipped this question

Q25

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

Respondent skipped this question

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<p>Q26</p> <p>Is digital connectivity reflected as a priority in your national sustainable development strategy(ies), policy(ies), or plan(s)?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q27</p> <p>Do you have a national strategy, policy or plan for digital connectivity (including digital economy, e-commerce, etc.)?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q28</p> <p>In which sectors could digital connectivity best support the transition to sustainable development in your country?(You may tick more than 1 box).</p>	<p>Industry, Services</p>
<p>Q29</p> <p>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).</p>	<p>Digital contents, E-commerce, E-learning, Real-time navigation</p>
<p>Q30</p> <p>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?</p>	<p>Unsure</p>
<p>Q31</p> <p>Do you agree that the COVID-19 pandemic has acted as an accelerator for the move to digital economy in your country ?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q32</p> <p>In which areas has the COVID-19 pandemic exposed shortcomings in national digital connectivity?(You may tick more than one box).</p>	<p>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</p>

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).

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 policy and administrative management,

Trade facilitation,

Regional trade agreements (RTAs),

Multilateral trade negotiations,

Trade education/training,

(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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(c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)

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Transport and storage infrastructure,

Communications infrastructure,

Business and other services,

Building productive capacity,

Industry,

Travel and tourism,

Unsure

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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).

Asian Development Bank (AsDB),

Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF),

EU Institutions,

International Trade Centre (ITC),

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP),

UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

,

World Bank,

World Trade Organization (WTO)

Q36**Unsure**

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).

Q37

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

Yes,

Additional information on the Aid-for-Trade financing that you have received as part of triangular co-operation projects.:

Enhanced Integrated Framework

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?

Enhance Integrated Framework (EIF) Tier 1 Phase 2- "Strengthening Institutional and Human Capacity for Trade Promotion and Development" and Tier 2- "E-Infrastructure for Trade and Services Development (E4T).

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Q39**Unsure**

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?

Q40

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

Yes,

Additional information on the Aid-for-Trade projects which combine the twin objectives of women's economic empowerment and environmental environmentally sustainable development. Please indicate the number of projects, the sector concerned (agriculture, fisheries, sustainable tourism, circular economy, etc.). (Please include weblinks as applicable).:

Enhance Integrated Framework (EIF) Tier 1 Phase 2- "Strengthening Institutional and Human Capacity for Trade Promotion and Development" and Tier 2- "E-Infrastructure for Trade and Services Development (E4T).

Q41**Respondent skipped this question**

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

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Q42**Unsure**

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

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Q43**Respondent skipped this question**

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

Q44**Respondent skipped this question**

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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Q45**Unsure**

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

Q46

High trade barriers,
Lack of access to digital services,
Poor access to information

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

Q47**Yes**

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

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Q48**Unsure**

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

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Q49

Respondent skipped this question

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.

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Q50

Respondent skipped this question

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).

Q51

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q52

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q53

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q54

Respondent skipped this question

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

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Q55

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q56

Respondent skipped this question

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

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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).

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).

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Trade facilitation,

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Multilateral trade negotiations,

Trade education/training,

(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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(c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)

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Transport and storage infrastructure,

Communications infrastructure,

Business and other services,

Building productive capacity,

Industry,

Travel and tourism

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

Q60

Respondent skipped this question

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