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**Q1****MAURITIUS**

Respondent (Country or Customs Territory)

**Q2**

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**Q3****Yes**

Does your national development strategy, policy or plan include trade priorities (i.e., Aid-for-Trade priorities)?

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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).

E-commerce	<b>5</b>
Export diversification	<b>1</b>
International competitiveness	<b>4</b>
Regional integration	<b>3</b>
Trade facilitation	<b>2</b>

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**Q5****Yes**

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

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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).

**Economic diversification,****Economic and trade impact of COVID-19 pandemic,****Continental or regional policy instruments (e.g. AfCFTA)**

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**E-commerce development (and digital transformation)**

,

**Expansion of domestic services sectors and/or trade in services**

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**External factors (e.g changes in key trading partners policies)**

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**Industrialization objectives,****New national development strategy, policy or plan,****New trade capacity needs,****Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs),****Women's economic empowerment objectives,****MSMEs growth and development objectives,****Trade finance access**

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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.:

Following the Covid 19 pandemic aid for trade has become more important than before

**Q8****Yes**

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

**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).: A wide range of measures were introduced by the Government, the Bank of Mauritius and other public sector bodies to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on the economy and the population, including: financial support to private sector employees through a Wage Assistance Scheme and Self-Employed Assistance Scheme; establishment of a Covid-19 Solidarity Fund to finance pandemic-related projects; free distribution of basic foodstuffs to vulnerable persons; support and equity injections to financially distressed companies through the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd (MIC); concessional credit facilities by the Development Bank of Mauritius to rescue firms in financial difficulties; and loan moratoriums by the Bank of Mauritius to commercial banks in the form of deferred repayment of capital and interest. . This measure was extended until 30 June 2022.  
[https://budgetmof.govmu.org/Documents/2021\\_22budgets\\_peech\\_english.pdf](https://budgetmof.govmu.org/Documents/2021_22budgets_peech_english.pdf)  
<https://mof.govmu.org/Documents/Documents/Budget%202020-2021/Budget%20Speech%202020-2021%20%28English%29.pdf>

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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,**

**Industrial sector support,**

**MSME support,**

**Poverty reduction objectives,**

**Preparedness, recovery and resilience,**

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

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

**Trade facilitation,**

**Trade finance,**

**Trade policy modernization and upgrading,**

**Women's economic empowerment and gender equality**

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## Q11

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

[https://budgetmof.govmu.org/Documents/2021\\_22budgetspeech\\_english.pdf](https://budgetmof.govmu.org/Documents/2021_22budgetspeech_english.pdf)

<https://mof.govmu.org/Documents/Documents/Budget%202020-2021/Budget%20Speech%202020-2021%20%28English%29.pdf>

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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).: The Government Programme 2020-2024 lays emphasis on a Sustainable and Green Mauritius :

<https://www.mcci.org/media/230932/govt-programme-2020-2024.pdf>

<http://www.govmu.org/English/News/Pages/Government-Programme-2020---2024.aspx> Further, para 96 of the Budget 2021-2022 announced that 'We must produce 60 percent of our country's energy needs from green sources by 2030.' :

[https://budgetmof.govmu.org/Documents/2021\\_22budgetspeech\\_english.pdf](https://budgetmof.govmu.org/Documents/2021_22budgetspeech_english.pdf) The Revised Nationally Determined Contributions which has been recently submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat highly demonstrates Mauritius Commitments towards sustainable Development :

<https://environment.govmu.org/DocumentsList/Update%20of%20the%20Nationally%20Determined%20Contribution%202021.pdf>

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

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**National strategy, policy or plan for COVID-19 recovery**

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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.:

To ensure sustainability and responsible investment, Mauritius aims at championing this development policy based on four pillars: (i) Investing in clean energy; (ii) Shifting to a cleaner and greener Mauritius; (iii) Mitigating risks from climate change; and (iv) Protecting our marine resources. <https://www.mcci.org/media/230932/govt-programme-2020-2024.pdf>

**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).:

Fiscal incentives to promote use of electric vehicles, solar photovoltaic cells, low-emissions vehicles in the transportation sector. The Budget Speech 2020-2021 makes mention of Green and Blue Bond frameworks to be set up by the Bank of Mauritius. Weblink : <https://mof.govmu.org/Documents/Documents/Budget%202020-2021/Budget%20Speech%202020-2021%20%28English%29.pdf>

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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).: Through fiscal concessions to household and firms. Green Finance strategy including platform for issue of sustainable green bonds at the Stock Exchange of Mauritius

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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.:

The Multilateral Environmental Agreements Co-ordinating Committee (MEACC) which deals with treaties on the subject of Environment includes the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of Mauritius. The National Environment Commission chaired by the Prime Minister is responsible for making recommendations on environmental matters and has representatives from different ministries which comprise the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of Mauritius. The National Network for Sustainable Development under the Environment Protection Act includes a representative from the Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Protection. Weblink : [https://environment.govmu.org/Documents/THE%20ENVIRONMENT%20%20PROTECTION%20%20ACT%20%202002%5BSep%202020%5D%20\(1\).pdf](https://environment.govmu.org/Documents/THE%20ENVIRONMENT%20%20PROTECTION%20%20ACT%20%202002%5BSep%202020%5D%20(1).pdf)

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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.:

Para 11 of the Environment Protection Act informs on the objects of the National Network for Sustainable Development. Weblink : [https://environment.govmu.org/Documents/THE%20ENVIRONMENT%20%20PROTECTION%20%20ACT%20%202002%5BSep%202020%5D%20\(1\).pdf](https://environment.govmu.org/Documents/THE%20ENVIRONMENT%20%20PROTECTION%20%20ACT%20%202002%5BSep%202020%5D%20(1).pdf)

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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.:

If sustainability principles are followed in the Agricultural, Fisheries and Forestry sector, this would ensure conservation of resources and sustain the export industry regarding livestock, fish and raw materials and products (Wood, Medicinal plants etc...) being produced in the Forestry sector. The Industry and services sector can gain in terms of management of available resources such as less expenditure on utility bills if investment is made in renewable technologies and water efficient technology such as rain water harvesting.

**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).

**Agriculture,****Fisheries,****Industry,****Services,****Other (please specify),**

Additional information on the sector(s) that may face the biggest challenge from the move to sustainable development.:

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry: Each sector needs proper planning and access to finance in order to achieve sustainable development goals. For e.g. post-harvest losses in the agricultural field have to be assessed and if investment is required in change of technology, same should be investigated and implemented. Fisheries require adequate conservation equipment which should fall under the eco-friendly category. Industry and services : With the covid-19 pandemic, hotels who have a low turn-over find it difficult to invest in renewable technologies and change their way of operations.

**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,

Lack of data to support decision-making,

Lack of human resource capability,

Limited economic and export diversification,

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)

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,

Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment

,

Lack of technology transfer (including sharing of know-how)

**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 new Solid Waste Management Strategy & Action Plan has been approved by Cabinet on 13 August 2021. The setting up and operation of regional composting plants and sorting units is in line with Government's vision of implementing a circular economy approach in the solid waste management sector. The Consultant has recommended to pursue this project through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) using the Build, Operate, Transfer route, wherein the private sector would design, build, finance and operate the composting plants and the sorting units. The Consultancy Services of a Transaction Advisor would be enlisted to carry out a supplementary feasibility study to determine the propensity of implementing the regional composting plants and sorting units on a Public-Private Partnership basis and to prepare the Request for Proposal documents to invite potential project proponents to submit their bids for the setting up and operation of the composting plants and sorting units on a Design-Build-Own-Operate basis. The Budget Speech 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 has clearly stated Mauritius intentions and measures to adopt the circular economic strategy Weblink :

<https://pmo.govmu.org/CabinetDecision/2021/HIGHLIGHTS%20OF%20CABINET%20MEETING%20%e2%80%93%20%20FRIDAY%2013%20AUGUST%202021.pdf>

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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,****Forestry,****Industry,****Services**

**Q25**

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

**Yes,**

Additional information on the trade objectives included in the circular economy strategy policy, or plan. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:

An Extended Producer Responsibility Organization was announced in budget speech 2020-2021 for segregation and collection of E-Waste. The E-waste would thereafter be either exported, re-used or recycled. The EPR is still under implementation by the Solid Waste Management Division of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change. Weblink :

<https://mof.govmu.org/Documents/Documents/Budget%202020-021/Annex%20to%20Budget%20Speech%202020-2021.pdf>

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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).:

Paragraph 60 of the Government Programme clearly states 'Government will also introduce relevant legislation to consolidate cyber security, encourage online and cashless transactions, promote an open data culture and further democratise access to high-speed internet. It will invest further to digitalise public services and create an e-Mauritius' Web link:

<https://www.mcci.org/media/230932/govt-programme-2020-2024.pdf>

**Q27**

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

**Yes**

**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,**

**Forestry,**

**Industry,**

**Services,**

Additional information on the sector(s) in which digital connectivity can best support a transition to sustainable trade and the circular economy. (Please include weblinks of the source used).:

The Economic Development Board platform can facilitate ease of doing business for attracting potential investors in the field of recycling. Web link :

<https://www.edbmauritius.org/> The private sector initiated collaborations regarding sustainability:  
<https://signenatir.mu/>

**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,**

**Home energy management systems,**

**Innovation and technology for gender equality,**

**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).:

The Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change Division is implementing the Consumer Information System which is a digital platform to inform the public about environment-friendly and sustainable products. The public can change their consumption patterns by choosing the most eco-friendly product for consumption. The PV has been estimated to Rs. 0.9 M

**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.:  
Businesses and other institutions have embarked on digitizing their operations in order to facilitate their employees to work from home. The public sector has also emphasized the work from home principle which requires access to a digital platform.

**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,**

**National e-commerce development strategy needs to be developed/updated**

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**Rules relating to e-commerce need updating**

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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**

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**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).

Multilateral trade negotiations,

(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)

,

(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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Industry,

Travel and tourism,

(e) Trade related adjustment (Including supporting developing countries to put in place accompanying measures that assist them to benefit from liberalized trade)

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(f) Other trade related needs

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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,

France,

EU Institutions,

Global Environment Facility (GEF),

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP),

World Bank

**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).

Unsure

**Q37****Unsure**

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

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**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?

The Solid Waste Management Division is currently in the process of recruitment of a Transaction Adviser that will carry out a feasibility of setting up composting plants to handle the amount of green wastes being generated by the Mauritian Population. The project is still at preparation stage but might fit sustainable trade, green growth and circular economy given that it follows the reduce, reuse and recycle concepts and if successful can promote export of Mauritian compost to other countries.

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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?

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**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).: the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management Division and Climate Change together with the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare might want to collaborate on such projects.

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**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**

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.:

The National Export Strategy 2017-2021 provides a framework to enhance long-term export competitiveness and includes some gender components. Nevertheless, gender may be further mainstreamed in the overall strategy. Moreover, the legal framework in Mauritius is conducive for women to participate in economic activities. National institutions have been actively implementing various initiatives that support gender equality and women's economic empowerment. Mauritius supports the Buenos Aires Declaration on Trade and Women's Economic Empowerment. It has made progress in delivering on its commitment to gender equality in trade by actively engaging women in policy consultations, including gender concerns in trade agreements, collecting gender-disaggregated data on socio-economic indicators and building the capacity of the ministry responsible for trade on gender issues.

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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 export strategy, policy or plan,**

Additional information on the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) that include women's economic empowerment. (Please include weblinks as applicable).:

Mauritius supports the Buenos Aires Declaration on Trade and Women's Economic Empowerment. It has made progress in delivering on its commitment to gender equality in trade by actively engaging women in policy consultations, including gender concerns in trade agreements, collecting gender-disaggregated data on socio-economic indicators and building the capacity of the ministry responsible for trade on gender issues.

**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)?

**No**

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**Q45**

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

**Respondent skipped this question**

**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,****Lack of access to digital services,****Informal employment,****Restricted access to markets,****Seasonal employment,**

Additional information on the trade and development constraints faced by women in your country.:

• Limited access to finance • No dedicated women network institution or women in trade association providing trade expertise and visibility for women exports. • Most of them are yet to be export ready and tend to focus on the local market • Access to information and knowledge opportunities • Lack of gender disaggregated data on trade flow

**Q47**

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

**Yes**


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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?

**Unsure**


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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.

**Respondent skipped this question**


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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).

**Respondent skipped this question****Q51**

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

**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q52**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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**Q53**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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**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?

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**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).

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

Additional information on the sectors in which future support for women's economic empowerment should be focussed.:

E commerce

**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 policy and administrative management,

Trade facilitation,

Regional trade agreements (RTAs),

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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(d) Building productive capacity,

Communications infrastructure,

Business and other services,

Banking and financial services,

Building productive capacity,

Agriculture,

Industry,

Travel and tourism,

(e) Trade related adjustment (Including supporting developing countries to put in place accompanying measures that assist them to benefit from liberalized trade)

,

Additional information on the categories of Aid-for-Trade in which you think support should be focused so as to advance sustainable development.:

Developing training programmes Increasing women's participation in services sectors Facilitating access to digital technologies and e-commerce platforms Facilitating women traders' inclusion in regional trade Supporting women's entrepreneurship

**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):

Ministry of Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and Development