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Respondent (Country or Customs Territory)

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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).:
 Trade policy 2015, NTIS 2016, International Development Cooperation Policy 2019, 15th Periodic plan \ https://moics.gov.np/public/uploads/shares/policy/trade_policy_20721_1467958214_1470736457.pdf
https://moics.gov.np/public/uploads/shares/publication/NTIS_2016_1546150729.pdf
https://www.mof.gov.np/uploads/document/file/print_copy_IDCMP-2019_Eng-fullpage_20191107071739.pdf
https://npc.gov.np/images/category/15th_plan_English_Version.pdf

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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).

Building productive capacity	1
Connecting to value chains	2
MSMEs growth and development	3
Trade facilitation	5
Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)	4
Additional information and weblink(s) to the relevant strategy(ies), polic(ies) or plan(s) in which your Aid- for-Trade priorities are included.	15th plan, SDG framework, Constitution of Nepal, Trade policy 2015, NTIS 2016, National strategy for use and development of E-commerce 2019, Industrial Policy 2011, International Development Cooperation Policy 2019, Custom reform and modernization plan 2021-2026, National Climate Change Policy 2019.

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Q5**No**

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**Same**

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

Q8**Respondent skipped this question**

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).: Monetary and Fiscal policy (budget) have provisioned various economic recovery programs to address the COVID-19 economic impacts.

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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,

Job creation,

Industrial sector support,

MSME support,

Poverty reduction objectives,

Preparedness, recovery and resilience,

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

Trade facilitation,

Women's economic empowerment and gender equality

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

Trade policy 2015, NTIS 2016, International Development Cooperation Policy 2019

https://moics.gov.np/public/uploads/shares/policy/trade_policy_20721_1467958214_1470736457.pdf

https://moics.gov.np/public/uploads/shares/publication/NTIS_2016_1546150729.pdf

https://www.mof.gov.np/uploads/document/file/print_copy_IDCMP-2019_Eng-fullpage_20191107071739.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).: 15th plan

15th plan

https://npc.gov.np/images/category/15th_plan_English_Version.pdf

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Q13 **National development strategy, policy or plan,**
National export strategy, policy or plan

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).

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Q14 **Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7),**
Sustainable Production and Consumption (SDG 12),
Climate Action (SDG 13),
Life on Land (SDG 15),
Other (please specify),

Does your national development strategy, policy or plan explicitly target any of the following environment-specific goals? (You may tick more than one box).

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.:
 SDG 11, Safe, inclusive and sustainable city is also included.

Q15 **Yes**

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

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Q16 **Yes,**

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

Additional information on how sustainable development is reflected in your national policy document(s), plan(s) or strategy(ies). (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:
 Incentives provided to industry using efficient technology,
 Control of import and production of goods affecting animal and plant health and environment.

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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.:

Three high-level committees have been formed to help implement SDGs i.e. a Steering Committee chaired by the Rt Hon Prime Minister; a Coordination and Implementation Committee chaired by the Vice Chairman of the NPC and seven thematic committees are headed by NPC members. Secretary of Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies is the member of Coordination and Implementation Committee

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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.:

by implementing the plan document which has working procedure for achieving the targets of SDGs related to environment

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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,

Forestry,

Industry,

Services

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,

Industry,

Services

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,
 Domestic political challenges (e.g., security and stability)
 ,
 Existing transport infrastructure,
 High trade costs,
 Low productivity of agricultural sector,
 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)

Economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,
 Existing transport infrastructure,
 Lack of human resource capability,
 Low productive capacity in manufacturing,
 Low productivity of agricultural sector,
 Slow, expensive or insufficient digital connectivity

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Q23**Yes**

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

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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,
 Services

Q25**Yes**

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

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Q26**Yes**

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

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).:

The National Strategy on Development and Use of e-commerce in Nepal, 2019, Digital Nepal framework, Information and Technology Policy 2015
<https://moics.gov.np/public/uploads/shares/strategy/e-commerce.pdf> <https://mocit.gov.np/pages/digital-nepal-framework>

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****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).

Digital contents,**E-commerce,****E-government,****E-logistics,****Innovation and technology for gender equality,****Smart work,****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?

Respondent skipped this question**Q31**

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

Yes

Q32

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

Digital gender divide,
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,
Rules relating to e-commerce need updating,
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,
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,
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)
 ,
(c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)
 ,
Communications infrastructure,
Energy supply and generation infrastructure,
(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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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).

Australia,
Belgium,
Canada,
Denmark,
European Union,
Switzerland,
United Kingdom,
United States,
Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF),
International Trade Centre (ITC)

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,
South Korea*,
Singapore

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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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

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).:

EIF Project: e-Commerce Capacity Building for Women-led SMEs in South Asia, EU-Nepal Trade and Investment Program, Strategic Road Connectivity and Trade Improvement Project

<http://www.dftqc.gov.np/downloadsdetail/16/2020/84137455/>

https://www.intracen.org/uploadedFiles/intracenorg/Content/Redesign/Projects/EU_Nepal/Nepal%20Trade%20and%20Investment%202-pager%2020%20May%202020-EN%20version.pdf

Q41

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

Sustainable production practices, less use of chemical fertilizer, Green Infrastructure

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Q42

Yes

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

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 gender equality strategy, policy or plan,

National trade development 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).:

https://npc.gov.np/images/category/15th_plan_English_Version.pdf National gender equality policy 2021,

<https://nwc.gov.np/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Laingik-Samanata-Niti.pdf>

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).: <https://nwc.gov.np/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Laingik-Samanata-Niti.pdf> Strategy 4,5 and 6.

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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).: Voluntary National Review of SDG, and budget code for gender empowerment

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,
Difficulties in meeting regulatory and procedural requirements
 ,
Harassment, security and safety issues,
Lack of access to digital services,
Informal employment,
Poor access to information,
Seasonal employment,
Smaller sized business,
Time and mobility constraints,
Unpaid care and domestic work

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?

No

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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).

**Agriculture,
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).

(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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**Agriculture,
Industry**

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):

Respondent skipped this question