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PARAGUAY

Respondent (Country or Customs Territory)

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About you

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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).

Export diversification	1
MSMEs growth and development	4
Network and/or transport infrastructure of a cross border nature	3
Services development	2
Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)	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.	In addition, the economic empowerment of women and youth are considered priority areas.

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Q5**Yes**

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

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Q6**E-commerce development (and digital transformation)**

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).

Industrialization objectives,
Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs),
Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) Implementation,
MSMEs growth and development objectives

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Q7**More**

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

Q8**Unsure**

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):

Economic Recovery Plan Ñapu'a Paraguay:

<https://www.set.gov.py/portal/napuaPy/home/leyes>

Analysis of sectors with major post COVID-19 potential:

https://www.mic.gov.py/mic/w/mic/MIC_Rediex_Plan_post_covid_2020.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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E-commerce,

Industrial sector support,

MSME support,

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

Trade finance

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

Paraguay National Development Plan 2030:

<https://www.stp.gov.py/pnd/>

Economic Recovery Plan Ñapu'a Paraguay: <http://www.set.gov.py/portal/napuaPy/home/leyes>

Analysis of sectors with major post COVID-19 potential:

https://www.mic.gov.py/mic/w/mic/MIC_Rediex_Plan_post_covid_2020.pdf

Paraguay economic and social context:

<https://www.mic.gov.py/mic/w/mic/Contexto%20Economico%20y%20social%20%20MAB%2028%2003%202021.pdf>

National Logistics Plan Paraguay 2030: https://www.mic.gov.py/mic/w/pdf/PNL_PY_Producto_4_publicable.pdf

Capital Seed Entrepreneur Woman: https://www.mic.gov.py/mic/w/mic/Convocatoria_Capital_Semilla_Mujer.php

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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 of Paraguay has actively worked on the preparation of its National Development Plan and its link with the SDGs. In this context, the National Development Plan (PND) contains a notable integration with the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development both at the level of goals and in terms of indicators: www.stp.gov.py/pnd/ Other reference: <http://www.mades.gov.py/politica-ambiental-nacional/>

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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 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.:

National Development Plan Paraguay 2030:

<https://www.stp.gov.py/pnd/> Economic Recovery Plan

Ñapu'a Paraguay:

<http://www.set.gov.py/portal/napuaPy/home/leyes>

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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 on Land (SDG 15)

Q15

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

Yes

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Q16

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

Unsure

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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?

No,

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

Paraguay has a SDG Commission (Comision ODS Paraguay) integrated by 17 State Agencies and Entities. Although the Ministry of Trade is not member of this Commission, it takes an active part, at a technical level, in three working groups or subcommittees: Subcommittee 8 "Decent Work, Innovation and Economic Growth"; Subcommittee 9 and 11 Sustainable "Cities and Infrastructure", and Subcommittee 12 "Responsible Consumption and Production".

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

Respondent skipped this question

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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,

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.:

Take into account what is understood by "gain" and its distribution in the population, and the particularities of countries and regions (developed and developing).

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

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,

High trade costs,

Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment

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Additional information on the challenges most likely to constitute obstacles towards sustainable trade, sustainable consumption and production patterns (i.e., circular economy) in your country. (Please provide examples as applicable).:

Paraguay has certain peculiarities (such as tthe size of its internal market and the condition of a landlocked developing country) that require additional efforts to attract investment and employment, and that often result in incentives that ultimately generate limitations in the financing of public policies, precisely needed for a proper development.

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,

High trade costs,

Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment

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Additional information on the main challenges that Aid for Trade should address to support a transition to sustainable development. (Please provide examples as applicable).:

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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

Respondent skipped this question

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

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Q26

Unsure

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

Q27

Unsure

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

Q28

Services

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

Q29

E-commerce,
E-learning,
E-logistics,
Innovation and technology for gender equality

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).

Q30

Unsure

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?

Q31

Yes

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

Q32

Insufficient or uneven internet coverage,
Lack of access to trade finance,
Poor access to internet services,
Poor digital skills and IT literacy,
Rules relating to e-commerce need updating

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

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Q33	Agriculture,
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).	Forestry,
	Industry,
	Services
Q34	Trade facilitation,
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).	(d) Building productive capacity,
	(c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)

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Q35	Unsure
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).	
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	Unsure
Have you received Aid-for-Trade financing as part of triangular co-operation projects?	
Q38	Respondent skipped this question
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?	

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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**Unsure**

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

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.:

National Development Plan Paraguay 2030:

<https://www.stp.gov.py/pnd/> IV National Equality Plan

2018-2024: <http://www.mujer.gov.py/index.php/noticias/iv-plan-nacional-de-igualdad-2018-2024> Seed Capital Woman Entrepreneur:

https://www.mic.gov.py/mic/w/mic/Convocatoria_Capital_Semilla_Mujer.php

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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,****Other (please specify),**

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

IV National Equality Plan 2018-2024:

<http://www.mujer.gov.py/index.php/noticias/iv-plan-nacional-de-igualdad-2018-2024>

https://oig.cepal.org/sites/default/files/paraguay_2018-2024_plan_de_igualdad.pdf

Q44**Unsure**

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**Gender pay gap,
Informal employment**

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

Agriculture,
Industry,
Services

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).

Q58

(d) Building productive capacity,
Communications infrastructure

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).

Q59

Respondent skipped this question

You may use the box below to elaborate on how you think that Aid for Trade can advance women's economic empowerment.

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

Ministry of Industry and Commerce
