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Q3 Does your national development strategy include trade priorities ? (i.e. Aid-for-Trade priorities)

Yes

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Q4 If yes, please indicate your Aid-for-Trade priorities: Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. Please rank the top 5 priority areas among the ones listed below. (1 being the most important)

Export diversification	2
Industrialization	4
International competitiveness	3
Network infrastructure (power, water, telecommunications)	5
Other priority areas including: MSMEs, Women's economic empowerment, Youth, etc. (please specify)	1

Please specify further the priorities that you selected above as well as the main problems/obstacles encountered in furthering them and provide a weblink to the relevant strategy.

In the 2017 Aid-for-Trade – Partner Country Questionnaire, the top 5 priority areas were: (1) Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port); (2) Network and/or transport infrastructure of a cross border nature; (3) International competitiveness; (4) Services development; and (5) Trade facilitation. For the 2019 Aid-for-Trade priorities, BITR proposes the following priorities: 1. Others: MSMEs; 2. E-commerce; 3. Others: Innovation/Financial Technologies/Innovative Products; 4. Industrialization; and 5. Network infrastructure (power, water, telecommunications). These priority areas are consistent with the Philippines' advocacies and initiatives in multilateral and regional fora. If given assistance, the country's capacity to increase its participation in international trade and boost its domestic industries can be strengthened.

Q5 Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2016?

Yes,

Please specify further the priorities that you selected above, as well as the main problems/obstacles encountered in furthering them. Please include a weblink to the relevant strategy.:

The Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 lays down a strong foundation for more inclusive growth, a high-trust and resilient society, and a globally-competitive knowledge economy by 2022. This strategic outcome is supported by strategic policies and macroeconomic fundamentals, and built on a solid bedrock of safety, peace and security, infrastructure, and a healthy environment. Specifically, the plan supports the advancing science, technology, and innovation; ensuring sound macro- and micro- economic policies; and accelerating infrastructure development. The PDP 2017-2022 can be accessed through the NEDA website (<http://pdp.neda.gov.ph>). Previous stated market access restrictions in certain economic activities and burdensome procedures and unnecessary costs are some of the identified obstacles/challenges (2017 AfT Self-Assessment Questionnaire 2017). Passage in 2018 of the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Delivery of Government Services Act will address bureaucratic red tape. The copy of the law can be accessed from the Official Gazette website (<https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2018/05/28/republic-act-no-11032/>).

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Q6 If yes, please rank the top 3 drivers of these changes :(Please choose no more than 3 options)

E-commerce development	1
Industrialization objectives	2
Digital or ICT-related strategy	3

Additional information on the top 3 drivers of changes in your Aid-for-Trade priorities since 2016.:

Citing the above-mentioned Aid-for-Trade priority areas, the areas changed from 2016 due to the following: 1. E-commerce development; 2. Industrialization objectives; and 3. Digital or ICT-related strategy.

Q7 Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?

Yes

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Q8 Please provide names, titles, references or weblinks to policy documents relevant to Aid for Trade in your country.

N/A

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Q9 Is economic diversification a priority in your national or regional development strategy? **Unsure**

Q10 What are the main constraints to economic diversification identified in your national or regional development strategy?(You may tick more than 1 box)

High input costs ,

Inadequate network infrastructure (power, water, telecommunications)

Limited inward foreign direct investment ,

Limited industrial or manufacturing capacity ,

Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)

Q11 Please indicate in which of category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing you receive aid-for-trade support for economic diversification.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

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)

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)

Q12 Does the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic diversification align with the priorities established in your national or regional trade and development strategy(ies)?

Yes

Q13 Has your government recorded progress in economic diversification since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade initiative in 2006?

Unsure

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Q14 If yes, please specify in which area(s):(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q15 If yes, please also indicate in which sector(s): (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q16 In which category(ies) of Aid for Trade is the support you receive impactful for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

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)

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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Q17 What factors contribute to the success of the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities

Q18 What factors may limit the success of the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors.)

Unsure

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Q19 Does the Aid for Trade you receive help mobilize other forms of development finance for economic diversification (i.e. non-concessional financing, foreign direct investment, remittances, trade finance, etc.).

Unsure

Q20 Which development partner(s) are the most important source of aid-for-trade financing for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box)

United States,
International Trade Centre (ITC) ,
World Trade Organization (WTO)

Q21 Which South-South partner(s) are the most important source of financing for your economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q22 Looking ahead, in which sector(s) will future support for economic diversification be most required? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Industry

Q23 Looking ahead, in which category of aid-for-trade financing do you think that your government will require aid-for-trade support for economic diversification.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

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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Trade policy and administrative management

Trade facilitation,

Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)

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Industry,

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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Additional information on which category(ies) of Aid for Trade you think your government will require further aid-for-trade support for economic diversification.:

The government will require aid-for-trade support for economic diversification in 1. Trade policy and regulations
2. Trade facilitation

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Q24 Is there any Aid-for-Trade project or programme for economic diversification that you would like to showcase as an example of best practice?(Please provide additional information and include weblinks as relevant)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q25 Is economic empowerment a priority in your national or regional development strategy?

Yes,

If yes, please provide additional information on how economic empowerment is prioritized in your national or regional strategy.:

One of the pillars of the strategic outcomes of the PDP 2017-2022 is the Inequality-Reducing Transformation. This pillar seeks to make it easier for the marginalized subsectors and people groups to participate in economic progress. This pillar is concretized through expanding economic opportunities in the following sectors: (1) agriculture, forestry, and fisheries; (2) industry and services; (3) accelerating human capital development; (4) reducing vulnerability of individual and families; (5) building safe and secure communities.

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Q26 For which groups does your national or regional development strategy seek to promote economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Women's economic empowerment

Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises

Youth economic empowerment

Additional information on the groups for which your national or regional developing strategy is seeking to promote economic empowerment.:

The PDP 2017-2022 promotes economic empowerment to the marginalized subsectors and people groups to participate in economic progress. These are the following: rural agriculture, forestry, and fisheries (AFF) stakeholders, MSMEs, overseas Filipinos (OFs), and vulnerable groups (e.g., children, PWDs, overseas Filipino worker family circles).

Q27 Does the national or regional development strategy propose any indicators to track economic empowerment or include any targets to achieve?

Yes,

If yes, please provide additional information on the indicators, or targets, on economic empowerment that are included in your national or regional development strategy.:

The PDP 2017-2022 only focuses on strategic outcomes, strategies, plan implementation and monitoring. The PDP 2017-2022 Results Matrices, on the other hand, contains the required statistics, indicators, and information gathering systems. It can be accessed through this link: <http://www.neda.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Consolidated-Chapter-RMs-as-of-October-9-2017.pdf>.

Q28 Does the national or regional development strategy link economic empowerment to participation in international trade?

Yes,

If yes please provide additional information on how your national or regional development strategy links economic empowerment to participation in international trade. :
The strategies to expand economic opportunities in the Industry and Services (I&S) sector are linked to strengthening economic ties with other countries. The strategies, related to participation in international trade, are the following: (1) to increase local and foreign direct investments; (2) to increase competitiveness, innovativeness, and resilience of I&S; (3) to improve market access; (4) to ensure consumer access to safe and quality goods and services; (5) to improve access to production networks; (6) to improve the stakeholders' access to finance; (7) and to improve the stakeholders' productivity, efficiency, and resilience.

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Q29 Please indicate in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing you receive aid-for-trade support for economic empowerment.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

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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Agriculture,

Fishing

Q30 Does the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic empowerment align with the empowerment priorities established in your national or regional trade and development strategy(ies)?

Yes

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Q31 How best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Improving access to foreign markets ,
 Improving access to global value chains ,
 Improving digital connectivity ,
 Supporting the growth and economic development of women ,
 Upgrading ICT skills

Q32 What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support women's economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

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). ,
 Trade education/training,
 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.) ,
 Building productive capacity ,
 Industry,
 Trade related adjustment (Including supporting developing countries to put in place accompanying measures that assist them to benefit from liberalized trade.)

Q33 What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting women's economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities ,

Capacity to draft funding applications ,

Donor interest in specific projects/programmes ,

Good digital and ICT connectivity ,

Institutional capacity to implement projects

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Q34 How best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the economic empowerment of MSMEs?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Improving the flow of goods at borders (Trade Facilitation) ,

Providing access to finance ,

Supporting the growth and economic development of women ,

Upgrading business skills,

Upgrading ICT skills ,

Improving access to foreign markets ,

Improving access to global value chains ,

Improving digital connectivity

Q35 What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support the economic empowerment of MSMEs? (You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

- Building productive capacity**
- 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).**
- Trade facilitation,**
- Multilateral trade negotiations**
- 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.)**
- Industry**

Q36 What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting the economic empowerment of MSMEs? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

- Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities**
- Capacity to draft funding applications**
- Good digital and ICT connectivity**
- Institutional capacity to implement projects**
- Sufficient funding and appropriate implementation timelines**

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Q37 How best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to Youth economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

- Supporting the growth and economic development of Youth**
- Upgrading ICT skills**
- Improving access to information**

Q38 What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support to Youth economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

- Building productive capacity** ,
- Trade education/training**

Q39 What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting to Youth economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

- Good digital and ICT connectivity**

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Q40 In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ?

Yes

Q41 If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goal or Goals (SDGs) Aid for Trade can help to achieve.(You may tick more than 1 box)Sustainable Development Goals:

- 2. Zero hunger,**
- 4. Quality education,**
- 6. Clean water and sanitation** ,
- 7. Affordable and clean energy** ,
- 8. Decent work and economic growth** ,
- 9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure** ,
- 10. Reduce inequalities** ,
- 16. Peace, justice and strong institutions** ,
- 17. Partnership for the goals**

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Q42 Which donor(s) are now the most important source aid-for-trade financing for your economic empowerment.(You may tick more than 1 box)

DAC COUNTRIES,

Asian Development Bank ,
(AsDB)

International Trade Centre ,
(ITC)

UN Industrial Development Organization ,
(UNIDO)

World ,
Bank

World Trade Organization ,
(WTO)

United Nations Development Programme
(UNDP)

Q43 Which South-South partner(s) are the most important source of financing for your economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q44 Looking ahead, in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing do you think that further support for economic empowerment will be required.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

- Building productive capacity** ,
- 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).**
- ,
- Trade policy and administrative management** ,
- Trade facilitation,**
- Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)**
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- Transport and storage infrastructure** ,
- Communications infrastructure,**
- Energy supply and generation infrastructure** ,
- 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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- Industry,**
- 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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- Other trade related needs**

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Q45 Please provide any additional information that you think may be relevant.(Please references in the form or weblinks, document symbols etc.)

Respondent skipped this question

Q46 Is there any Aid for Trade project or programme for economic empowerment you would like to showcase as particularly important for your country or as an example of best practice?(Please provide any relevant additional information and include weblinks as relevant)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q47 CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply):

Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Board of Investments (BOI), Department of Finance (DOF) and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)
