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Q2 About you

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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)

Connecting to value chains	1
Export diversification	2
International competitiveness	4
Trade facilitation	3
Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	5

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

No

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

**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
- High tariffs in target markets/products
- High trade costs
- Inadequate network infrastructure (power, water, telecommunications)
- Limited access to trade finance
- Limited agricultural production capacity
- Limited inward foreign direct investment
- Limited industrial or manufacturing capacity
- Limited services capacity,
- Limited standards compliance
- Low levels of training and skills
- Poor international competitiveness,
- Small domestic market
- Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)
- Unaffordable and/or unreliable electricity access

**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 facilitation,**

**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)**

**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)

**Export diversification**

**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 facilitation,
- 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)

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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
- Coordination among donors
- Country ownership,
- Good trade-related infrastructure
- Leveraging of foreign direct investment

**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.)

- Diverging priorities between partner and donor
- Inadequate infrastructure,
- Failure to mobilize domestic private investment
- Poor alignment of aid-for-trade received with national/regional priorities
- Weak institutional capacity

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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)

**Australia,**  
**European Union,**  
**United States,**  
**International Trade Centre (ITC) ,**  
**UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)**  
**,**  
**UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) ,**  
**World Bank ,**  
**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)

**China**

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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)

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

**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)

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Trade facilitation,

Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)

Transport and storage 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)

Agriculture,

Fishing,

Industry,

Travel and tourism

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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**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)

Sri Lanka Trade Information Portal

<https://srilankatradeportal.com/>

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

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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**

**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.:

[http://www.pmoffice.gov.lk/download/press/D00000000061\\_EN.pdf](http://www.pmoffice.gov.lk/download/press/D00000000061_EN.pdf)

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

**Yes**

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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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**Trade facilitation,**

**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)**

**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 information ,  
 Providing access to finance ,  
 Supporting the growth and economic development of women  
 ,  
 Supporting rural trade

**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 education/training

**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 ,  
 Mobilization of domestic private investment ,  
 Institutional capacity to implement projects ,  
 Sufficient funding and appropriate implementation timelines

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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)

Providing access to finance ,  
 Supporting rural trade ,  
 Improving access to information ,  
 Improving access to foreign markets ,  
 Improving access to global value chains

**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)

Trade facilitation,  
 Trade education/training



**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**
- Coordination among donors**
- Good trade-related infrastructure**
- 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)

- Providing access to finance**
- Upgrading business skills,**
- Improving access to information**
- Improving access to foreign markets**
- Improving digital connectivity**

**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)

- Trade facilitation,**
- 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)

- Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities**
- Capacity to draft funding applications**
- Coordination among donors**
- Good trade-related infrastructure**
- Institutional capacity to implement projects**

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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:

- 1. No poverty
- 2. Zero hunger,
- 5. Gender equality
- 7. Affordable and clean energy
- 8. Decent work and economic growth
- 9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- 10. Reduce inequalities
- 12. Responsible consumption and production
- 16. Peace, justice and strong institutions
- 17. Partnership for the goals

Additional information on the Sustainable Development Goal(s) Aid for Trade can help to achieve.:

In general, Aid for Trade helps developing countries to increase trade with the world which will lead overall economic growth. The SDGs are interlinked and the economic growth will support to achieve all the goals by underpinning them.

**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)

European Union,  
 United States,  
 Asian Development Bank (AsDB) ,  
 International Trade Centre (ITC) ,  
 UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) ,  
 World Bank ,  
 World Trade Organization (WTO)

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

China

**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)

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 Trade facilitation,  
 Trade education/training

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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.)

[http://www.pmoffice.gov.lk/download/press/D0000000061\\_EN.pdf](http://www.pmoffice.gov.lk/download/press/D0000000061_EN.pdf)

**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):

Respondent skipped this question