

# Evaluation Report 2022

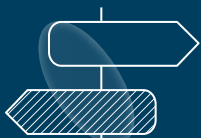
## HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 The EIF remains uniquely placed as a platform and partnership with a singular focus on supporting LDCs and with a mandate to promote collaboration and the coordination of trade-related support.
- 2 Alignment with national priorities and needs was a major achievement and unique value proposition of the EIF.
- 3 The EIF successfully shifted ownership of programme delivery to LDC governments, including through co-funding projects.
- 4 The EIF made steady progress in improving the trade environment in most of the supported countries.
- 5 Overall efficiency of the programme improved, but, more needs to be done to further strengthen the partnership principle, efficiency and value for money processes at the national level.

## AIM OF THE EVALUATION

Assess the results of the EIF throughout Phase 1 (2009 - 2015) and 2 (2016 - 2022) to capture lessons learned for future trade support in LDCs.

## HOW



Guided by the 6 Evaluation Criteria of the OECD Development Assistance Committee



3 global surveys



12 in-depth country reviews



25 country case studies in total



Overseen by a multi-stakeholder evaluation sub-committee



200+ global and local interviews



290+ project reviews

# KEY FINDINGS

## ACHIEVEMENTS

100%

of LDCs demonstrated EIF was aligned with their national priorities and needs.

Doubling EIF aid was linked to a

20%

increase in total exports compared to 4.7% from wider Aid for Trade.

+80%

of EIF countries established coordination mechanisms to engage trade stakeholders, including MSMEs.

25%

of trade policy reforms could be traced directly to the EIF partnership's influence.

80%

of EIF National Implementation Units integrated into government structures.

Expected **sustainability** of the EIF results is reasonable, apart from very low-capacity environments and countries in conflict.

## AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

MORE

TAILORED APPROACHES

needed for fragile and conflict-affected LDCs and already or soon graduating economies.

OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH

REGIONAL PROGRAMMING

not yet fully implemented.

MORE

SYSTEMATIC ENGAGEMENT

with private sector and civil society, and on climate change, gender mainstreaming and inclusion of most vulnerable groups.

NEED TO CONSTANTLY

ADAPT

to be better aligned with its recognised niche in trade-mainstreaming and brokering function.



The Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) is the only multilateral partnership dedicated exclusively to assisting Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in their use of trade as an engine for growth, sustainable development and poverty reduction.

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