



Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)

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AFGHANISTAN

Core details

Population:

35,320,445

WTO accession:

In progress

Poverty head count (%):

N/A

Share of international non-oil trade (%):

N/A

Per capita growth rate (%):

N/A

Value of non-oil goods traded (in US\$ million):

N/A

WB Trading Across Borders rank:

N/A

Employment in non-traditional export sectors:

N/A

Afghanistan joined the IF in 2007. To date, a Pre-Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS) project has been completed and a DTIS and its Action Matrix were validated in 2012.

Main Projects Ongoing

Description of the projects (objectives and interventions):

Afghanistan started work on the DTIS with the World Bank as the Main Implementing Agency. The National Steering Committee (NSC) was set up in 2008 and the DTIS will be used to further mainstream trade issues into line ministries and into the next Afghanistan National Development Strategy.

Afghanistan implemented a pre-DTIS project between April 2011 and December 2012 to help support the setting up of National Implementation Arrangements (NIAs) and to build capacity at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) in leading the EIF process in Afghanistan.

Main progresses to date:

Afghanistan validated the DTIS and its Action Matrix in September 2012. The validation process included two workshops, one for national stakeholders including key Ministries and the private sector. Another workshop targeted Afghanistan's development partners. To ensure full stakeholder engagement, the DTIS and Action Matrix were translated into Pashtun. Earlier, a pre-DTIS project was used to ensure full stakeholder involvement in the DTIS process and to support the World Trade Organization (WTO)

accession process through institutional strengthening.

Outlook:

In order to take the EIF process forward and in particular to implement the DTIS Action Matrix, the capacity in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) will need to be reinforced. It is the Ministry's intention to develop and implement an EIF Tier 1 project to that end, and first steps in that direction have been initiated. However, in order to advance the EIF process, the political commitment needs to be strong; otherwise, the window of advancing the EIF within the political cycle will be missed.

Links

Afghanistan, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

<http://www.commerce.gov.af/> [1]

Financial information

Pre-DTIS

Starting date / End date

28/04/2011

Approved Budget

50,000

Board Approval Date

22/09/2010

Disbursement

50,000

Expenditure Reported

49,960

MOU Approval Date

18/04/2011

MOU Expiry Date

31/12/2012

Phase:

Completed

DTIS

Starting date / End date

31/07/2009

Approved Budget

400,000

Board Approval Date

08/10/2008

Disbursement

400,000

Expenditure Reported

400,000

MOU Approval Date

28/07/2009

MOU Expiry Date

31/10/2012

Phase:

Completed

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