



Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)

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HAITI

Core details

Population:

10,123,787

WTO accession:

30 January 1996

Poverty head count (%):

N/A

Share of international non-oil trade (%):

0.745

Per capita growth rate (%):

-6.7

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

580

WB Trading Across Borders rank:

N/A

Employment in non-traditional export sectors:

N/A

Haiti became a beneficiary country of the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) in June 2008 and started undertaking preparations for a Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS). The DTIS process was halted because of the devastating earthquake in January 2010.

The impact of the earthquake forced Haiti to prepare an Action Plan for National Recovery and Development, presented in March 2010 to Development Partners (DPs) and subsequently endorsed. With the support of DPs, Haiti started to execute the plan, which included EIF implementation as part of its recovery and reconstruction strategy; as well as resuming DTIS activities.

In mid-2011, the DTIS process was resumed as part of the Action Plan for National Recovery and Development responding to the reconstruction needs of the country.

Main Projects Ongoing

Description of the projects (objectives and interventions):

Haiti's Tier 1 'Support to National Implementation Arrangements (NIAs)' project was approved by the EIF Board in December 2012. The project aims to develop and reinforce the institutional capacities of Haiti in the formulation and implementation of trade policies

and strategies through the establishment of an institutional framework facilitating synergies between the public sector and civil society, including the private sector, universities, women's groups and the donor community. These institutions are essential for a coordinated approach in mainstreaming of trade into the national growth and poverty reduction strategies.

Main progresses to date:

Haiti has set up robust NIAs, including an EIF National Steering Committee (NSC) established through a presidential decree. The NSC provides a platform for inter-ministerial and public-private sector dialogue on trade issues. As part of the NIAs, the EIF National Implementation Unit (NIU) is also fully operational.

Through the EIF resources, the capacity of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) has been built to lead Haiti's trade agenda. The EIF Tier 1 project is also working to support the implementation of the DTIS Action Matrix as well as Haiti's trade mainstreaming agenda. To this end, Haiti's Treasury has provided financial support of 2,364,000 gourdes (US\$60,000) in support of initiatives addressing the DTIS Action Matrix priorities.

Public-private-donor consultation mechanism has been reactivated through sectoral and thematic meetings organized by MCI (*Tables sectorielles et thématiques - TST*). Moreover, there is a framework for foreign aid coordination between the Government and DPs. To strengthen Government-donor consultation related to trade and Aid for Trade (AfT), the MCI plans to create an AfT Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) function at the Foreign Trade Department (*Service de suivi et d'évaluation de l'aide pour le commerce et de veille de l'intégration, SSEAPCVI*).

Haiti's DTIS was completed in December 2013 with the support of the World Bank. The DTIS 2013 focusses on export processing, in particular clothing and apparel; tourism; transformation and export of selected agricultural products such as mangoes and essential oils; and promoting potential non-traditional sectors, for example, business process outsourcing and other services supplied within the realm of mode IV of the WTO General Agreement on Trade in Services.

Haiti's Pre-DTIS project was approved by the EIF Board in October 2010, and was implemented between 2011 and 2012. The project helped Haiti to set up the EIF NIAs and to facilitate the consultative process for the DTIS. The Pre-DTIS project resources were also used to prepare the proposal for a multi-year Tier 1 'Support to NIAs' project, which supports the implementation of the DTIS Action Matrix as well as Haiti's trade mainstreaming agenda.

The NIU team has benefitted from an EIF organized Gender, M&E and Communications regional francophone workshop in Togo in March 2014, as well as an EIF regional awareness raising workshop for Central and Western Africa plus Haiti held in Mali in December 2010. This workshop was focused on sharing experiences on trade mainstreaming, coordination efforts and sharing of regional country examples.

In 2011, an EIF Familiarization Workshop was organized by the Government of Haiti, UNCTAD and the Executive Secretariat for the EIF bringing together key stakeholders to discuss the linkages between trade, poverty reduction and wealth creation, and how the EIF could help Haiti to make trade a motor for inclusive growth.

Outlook:

Haiti's primary focus is on mainstreaming DTIS priorities into the Government development plans and into the donor dialogue to facilitate resource mobilization to fund priority AfT projects. Moreover, Haiti is also looking at developing a Medium-Term Programme to support implementation of the DTIS Action Matrix.

Haiti also plans to develop an export oriented trade strategy and Tier 2 project proposals based on the DTIS Action Matrix.

In the pipeline, there are plans to also strengthen capacities of the MCI and NIU as well as the implementation of various training activities for MCI, line ministries, private sector, researchers etc., on trade and development and on WTO negotiation related issues.

Financial information

Pre-DTIS

Starting date / End date

23/12/2010

Approved Budget

50,000

Board Approval Date

15/10/2010

Disbursement

50,000

Expenditure Reported

49,995

MOU Approval Date

03/11/2010

MOU Expiry Date

30/11/2012

Phase:

Completed

DTIS

Starting date / End date

18/08/2011

Approved Budget

400,000

Board Approval Date

11/08/2011

Disbursement

400,000

Expenditure Reported

299,909

MOU Approval Date

18/08/2011

MOU Expiry Date

31/12/2013

Phase:

Completed

NIA Support

Starting date / End date

24/01/2013

Approved Budget

900,000

Board Approval Date

17/12/2012

Disbursement

525,000

Expenditure Reported

392,910

MOU Approval Date

28/12/2012

MOU Expiry Date

16/06/2016

Phase:

Implementation

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