1 Key facts and figures
Infographic 1.1. Financing flows and Aid for Trade per region

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

FINANCING FLOWS

Aid for Trade disbursements and commitments, 2006-2020

- Aid for Trade commitments increased by 18% in 2020, reaching an all-time high of USD 64.6 billion.
- Aid for Trade disbursements reached USD 48.7 billion in 2020.
- A total of USD 556 billion was disbursed from 2006 to 2020.

AID FOR TRADE PER REGION

Share of Aid for Trade disbursements per region, 2020

AFRICA: 38%
ASIA: 35%
AMERICA: 10%
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, UNSPECIFIED: 10%
EUROPE: 6%
OCEANIA: 1%

AFRICA and ASIA remain the largest beneficiaries of Aid for Trade.

AFRICA received 38% of total Aid for Trade disbursements, followed by ASIA (35%), AMERICA (10%), EUROPE (6%) and OCEANIA (1%).
Infographic 1.2. Aid for Trade per category and by income group

AID FOR TRADE PER CATEGORY

AFT disbursements by category

An almost equal share of disbursements (49%) was allocated to Building Productive Capacity and Economic Infrastructure. Support for Building Productive Capacity grew by 20%. Support to Economic Infrastructure decreased by 5%.

AID FOR TRADE PER INCOME GROUP

Share of Aid for Trade disbursements

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27.1% of Aid for Trade projects contributed to **SDG 2** (Zero Hunger) through their contribution to improving food and agriculture production and distribution.

Another **16.5%** contributed to **SDG 7** (Affordable and Clean Energy), **14.3%** to **SDG 9** (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure) and **10.6%** to **SDG 8** (Decent Work and economic Growth).

**SDG 7** represented **24.9%** of total Aid for Trade disbursements, followed by **SDG 9** (17.6%) and **SDG 8** (16.4%), reflecting the higher cost of infrastructure projects.

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**Aid for Trade by SDGs compared with ODA (2020)**

*Sum of disbursements, SDG classification estimated based on project descriptions*

Source: Author's calculations based on OECD/Creditor Reporting System (CRS) database (2022)