The Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)

Trade and Investment Partnership for LDC Prosperity

EIF Enhanced Integrated Framework

Informal Working Group
on
MSMEs

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The EIF Phase Three at a glance

Provide **catalytic resources** for country-owned trade and investment priorities.

A country-owned **multilateral partnership** supporting LDC trade and investment.

Trade and investment support for private-sector competitiveness and LDC prosperity.

EIF
Enhanced Integrated Framework

Funding Facility 1
Institutional & ecosystem strengthening

Funding Facility 2
Private-sector competitiveness, market access & investment promotion.

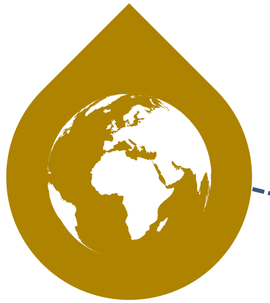
Cross-cutting priorities

- Gender equality
- Digital transformation
- Youth employment
- Climate resilience

The EIF works across **all 44 LDCs** and **2 recently graduated countries**.

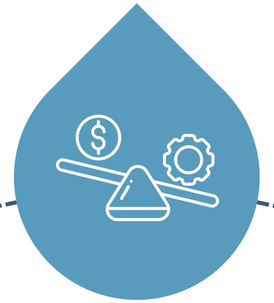
What makes the EIF unique

National ownership



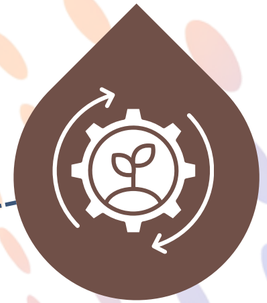
National Implementation Units (NIUs)

Catalytic impact



Alignment with the WTO work agenda

Best value for money



Achievements and results since Phase Two

- **Around 35,000 MSMEs** supported, **42% women-led**
- **USD 1.1 billion** in estimated export transactions generated through EIF trade diagnostics and support
- **60,000+** jobs created by EIF beneficiary MSMEs**, 66% benefiting women**
- **160+ new technologies** adopted by **50,000+ people**
- **170,000+ women** benefiting from EIF value-chain support

MSMEs in the LDCs: Constraints and Opportunities

Constraints

- High informality and low business survival rates
- Limited access to affordable and appropriate finance
- Weak managerial and technical capabilities
- Low productivity and limited value addition
- Limited access to domestic, regional and international markets
- Difficult compliance with standards
- Infrastructure and logistics deficits
- Digital divide

Opportunities

- Value-chain-led industrialization
- Regional and continental market integration
- Digital and services trade
- Green production and climate-resilient enterprise development
- Investment anchored in local enterprise development

Stronger together for LDC MSMEs

WTO dialogue + EIF country implementation = stronger support for LDC MSMEs.

WTO MSME Working Group

Global forum for MSME dialogue and knowledge

SHARE KNOWLEDGE
ALIGN PRIORITIES
DELIVER RESULTS

EIF Enhanced Integrated Framework

Country-owned platform for trade and investment

1 Share knowledge and experience

Bring country evidence and good practices into Working Group discussions.

2 Bring LDC priorities to the global dialogue

Feed national MSME priorities and challenges into Geneva discussions.

3 Showcase MSME solutions and champions

Share successful LDC business models and scalable solutions.

4 Connect MSMEs to finance and partnerships

Link MSMEs with financing, development and private-sector partners.

CPDs in action: strengthening MSME competitiveness

Illustrative MSME targets in approved EIF Phase Three CPDs

Building MSME capabilities, market access, investment and better jobs in LDCs.

PLANNED TARGETS

Stronger enterprises

Standards & value addition

Chad

40% of sesame & shea processed before export

~75 cooperatives/MSMEs to be supported & certified

Rwanda

30 MSMEs supported on testing & certification for export markets

Better market access

Markets & value chains

Zambia

3,000 producers integrated into structured value chains

Initial focus: beef & associated industries

Lao PDR

540+ rural household enterprises

partnered with 3 lead firms, for domestic & export markets

More investment

Finance & investment

Zambia

USD 30–40M

in private-sector investment targeted for priority value chains

Rwanda

AI-powered trade & market intelligence

Digital tools and upgraded CMIS to map production capacity, export potential and participation in priority value chains.

More jobs and incomes

Inclusive and sustainable growth

Zambia

6,000+

jobs targeted

Chad

1,500

FTE jobs created or consolidated

Lao PDR

+20%

participating household income

From digital skills to markets, investment and jobs

LDC Inclusive Digital Trade & Investment Accelerator

Supporting women- and youth-led MSMEs in LDCs from digitalization to markets, investment and jobs.

Digitalization
Skills, tools and information

Markets
Connections and value chains

Investment
Finance and partnerships

Growth & jobs
Competitive MSMEs and decent jobs

PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP ECOSYSTEM

EIF Enhanced Integrated Framework · UNCTAD · ITU · WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization · wit International · ITC · ILO

IFC International Finance Corporation World Bank Group · UNIDO · African Development Bank Group / Groupe de la Banque africaine de développement · ADB Asian Development Bank · ICC

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