Trade Facilitation Support Program (TFSP)

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World Bank Group Trade Facilitation Support

World Bank Group Implementation of Trade Facilitation Support Program
World Bank Group is a major provider of trade related assistance throughout the world.

- Fiscal year 2013 - $5.8 billion devoted to trade facilitation projects
- Two thirds devoted to low or lower middle income countries
- Program includes:
  - Knowledge and analytical products
  - Diagnostics
  - Technical assistance and advisory services
  - Financing for major projects
  - Research and data products (LPI/Doing Business)
- Over 120 customs and border management projects over past 20 years
Focus on three themes critical to improving trade competitiveness:

- **Institutions**
  - Customs and border management agency modernization
  - Adoption of simplified and harmonized procedures in line with international standards (WTO/WCO)
  - ICT

- **Infrastructure**
  - Ports
  - Border facilities
  - Road and rail networks

- **Logistics Services**
  - Trucking
  - Forwarding and clearing
Bank Group trade facilitation projects typically align closely with TFA measures:

- Trade Information Portals and National Single Window systems
- Legal and regulatory framework review and modernization
- Procedural simplification and harmonization
- National Trade Facilitation Committees – to improve inter-agency coordination and public/private dialogue

Often part of broader trade and transport projects
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TFSP Preparation & Implementation Support

Program Objective
Assist developing countries reform their trade facilitation laws, procedures, processes & systems to in a manner consistent with the WTO TFA.

Program Features
- Implementation focused - TFA+ +
- WBG executed
- Rapid response capability
- Deep engagement with the private sector
- Strong monitoring, evaluation & results framework
- Complementary & sequenced TA activity
- WBG presence in most countries
- Global expertise
Provision of TA - Examples

- Assistance to schedule commitments and implementation timelines
- Support and strengthen national trade facilitation committees
- Review/revision and drafting of trade-related laws and implementation regulations to ensure alignment with the TFA
- Simplification, streamlining and harmonization of trade procedures and documents to reduce time and cost to trade including the implementation of a risk based approach
- Review of inter-agency coordination and design of institutional capacity building plans
TFSP Components (2 of 2)

Knowledge, Learning and Management

- Development of knowledge, learning and measurement toolkits and initiatives, with the WBG Trade and International Integration Team of the Development Economics Research Group

- Benchmarking of progress in TFA implementation, impact assessments, evaluations, and result measurement

- Peer-to-peer learning and experience-sharing events within and across regions
Program Sequencing of TFSP

Phase 1
- Validation and review of Country Self Assessment
- Produce Reform Map
- Propose Sequence of Activities and Timeline
- Set up NTF committee to lead the reform program
- Support the categorization & commitment process
- Review inter-agency coordination.

Phase 2
- Identification and support in implementing Quick Wins and medium terms reforms
- Improve transparency and predictability for traders
- Review and align relevant trade laws
- Harmonization, simplification of procedures & systems
- Border agency coordination
- Risk management
- Support trade facilitation through innovative technology

Phase 3
- Support design and software for ICT tools to implement deeper and more systemic reforms
- Assistance with leveraging funds from the WB and other partners for longer term, large-scale ICT implementation, and infrastructure and institutional development projects

WBG will support countries to align to the WTO TFA – All Categories
## Importance of Reform Implementation Sequencing

### (Article 8) Border Agency Coordination

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### Automation (10.4 Single Window)
TFSP Process

1. Request for Assistance via WBG/partners
   - Does not meet TFSP criteria
   - No
   - Meet TFSP criteria

   2. Validation & Assessment
      - Yes
      - Government & TFSP review priorities

   3. Government & TFSP review priorities
      - Yes
      - TFSP & Client Sign Cooperation Agreement

   4. TFSP & Client Sign Cooperation Agreement
      - Yes
      - Implementation of TA

   5. Implementation of TA
      - Yes
      - Measurement & completion reports shared with partners

   6. Measurement & completion reports shared with partners
      - Yes
      - Deeper Implementation Activities outside of TFSP scope

   7. Deeper Implementation Activities outside of TFSP scope
      - Yes
      - TFSP assists with leveraging funds from WBG and other partners for long-term, large-scale ICT implementation, and infrastructure and institutional development projects

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      - Yes
      - No
Financial Commitment of US$30 Million to date
Initial Program Time Frame: June 2014 – June 2019
Contact Information

To request for support, please go to our website: www.TradeFacilitationSupportProgram.org

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