

# Trade Facilitation Support Program



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# WBG Trade Facilitation

- ❑ World Bank Group is a major provider of trade related assistance
- ❑ Support to trade facilitation related projects increased from \$322 million in 2004 to \$ 7 billion in 2015
- ❑ Two-thirds devoted to low or lower middle income countries
- ❑ Program includes:
  - ❑ Analysis and Diagnostics
  - ❑ Technical Assistance
  - ❑ Financing of major trade infrastructure and institutional reform projects
  - ❑ Research and data products (LPI/Doing Business)
  - ❑ Global advocacy and partnerships
- ❑ Over 120 customs and border management projects over past 20 years
- ❑ In recent years shift from pure customs projects to border management, agency reform and modernization

# Role of WBG in supporting the TFA

- ❑ Advice on implementation planning and activity sequencing
- ❑ Technical assistance to implement key measures
- ❑ Stable long term support and financing for complex implementation commitments
- ❑ Knowledge of what works, what doesn't, and why
- ❑ Convening power to bring parties together- honest broker
- ❑ Project management support including - planning, sequencing, financial management, transparent procurement, quality assurance and contract management guidance

# WTO-TFA Preparation & Implementation Support - Trade Facilitation Support Program (TFSP)



## Objective

Assist developing countries in reforming and aligning their trade facilitation laws, procedures, processes & systems to enable implementation of the WTO TFA Requirements.

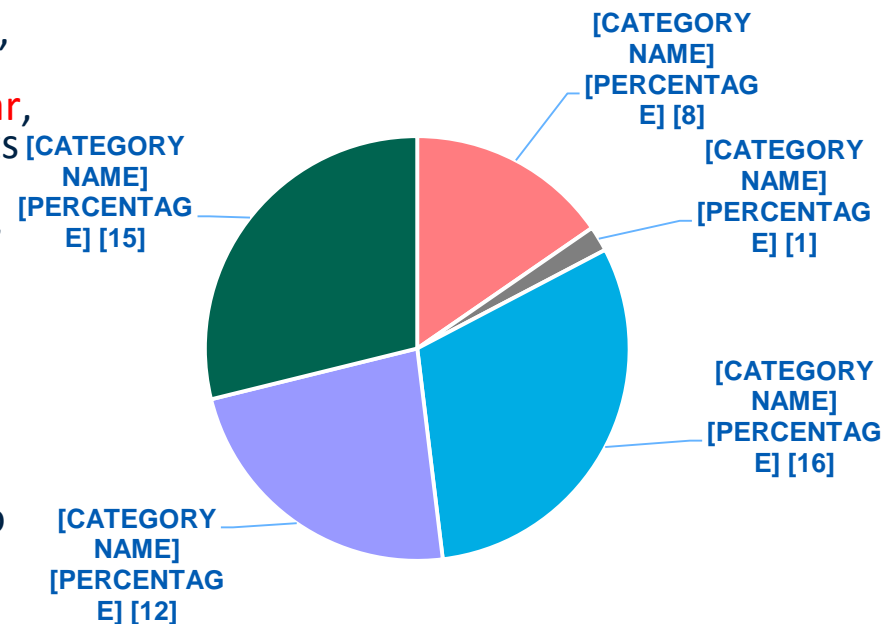
## Vision

- Implementation focused
- Rapid response capability
- Deep engagement with the private sector
- Strong monitoring, evaluation & results framework
- Complementary & sequenced Technical Assistance (TA) activity
- IFC-WB presence in most countries, project components included at national and regional levels
- Global expertise

# TFSP Progress To Date

- ✓ 50 countries formally requesting TFSP assistance
- ✓ 43 Validation Missions Completed: Albania, Bangladesh, Bosnia Herzegovina, Botswana, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Jordan, Kosovo, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi, Moldova, Montenegro, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome & Principe, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Tonga, Ukraine, Vanuatu, Vietnam, Zambia, Liberia, FSM.
- ✓ 31 Full Validations
- ✓ 12 partial validations or assessments
- ✓ In process of designing a TFSP tracking tool – pilot to be launched
- ✓ Implementation process begun in 21 countries
- ✓ WBG/WTO Case Study Competition to be launched this week

**Geographic Distribution: Countries Requesting TFSP Assistance**



# TFSP Progress To Date (II)

## Regional Approaches

**Central America** – 5 Validation Assessment Reports completed (Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua). 5 national workshops and one regional workshop held to validate regional and national priorities. Sept. 29-30, 2015

**CEFTA** – A regional NTFC workshop organized in partnership with USAID for the following CEFTA countries Nov. 3-4, 2015: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia.

**Pacific** – (Fiji, Vanuatu, Samoa, Tonga, SI & PNG). Regional workshop held in August, support being provided for notification and implementation priorities to be agreed.

PACIFIC - PIFS signs Cooperation Agreement

**OECS** Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (Grenada, St Kitts, Dominica, St Lucia)



Central American Regional Workshop, San Salvador, El Salvador, September 2015



Mr. Gavin Murray, Regional Manager for the Pacific at IFC (left) and the Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Dame Meg Taylor during the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding

# CURRENT TFSP SUPPORT FOR THE TRADE INFORMATION PORTAL

The WBG TFSP is currently providing support for the development of 8 Trade Information Portals in the following countries:

<b>Bangladesh</b>
<b>Botswana</b>
<b>Sri Lanka</b>
<b>Jamaica</b>
<b>Lao PDR</b>
<b>Malawi</b>
<b>Vietnam</b>
<b>Zambia</b>

# Upcoming Validation Missions through July 2016

## Missions scheduled to:

- Kiribati
- Nigeria
- Colombia
- Serbia
- Kosovo
- Ghana
- Philippines
- Bolivia
- Togo



# Common Challenges for Full and Effective Implementation of the WTO TFA

## Challenges around prioritization and sequencing of WTO TFA provisions:

- Challenges exist with building consensus around reform priorities amongst all relevant stakeholders can be difficult

## Technical Challenges:

- A general lack of awareness of processes and procedures exists among traders
- Mandatory documents and official fees and charges are often not published or made easily accessible
- Excessive manual processes and outdated legislation
- Lack of an integrated ICT environment & inefficient logistics
- Lack of an integrated approach to risk management for border clearance across border agencies
- Multiple checking of documents and duplication in data entry and recording



Long delays at check points

# Priority Request Trends

- Support for Categorization and Notification

- National Trade Facilitation Committees

- Legal Analysis & Review

- Customs Measures including

  - Advance Rulings

  - Risk Management

  - PCA

- TRS

- OGA's

- National Trade Portals

## Example Activities With Partners

WTO	Joint partnership on multiple fronts including Annex D, KM, and TFSP
ITC	Joint partnership in Jamaica workshop on TFA Joint activities in Sri Lanka
UNCTAD	Joint mission in Guatemala and Jamaica
UNECE	Participation in TFA workshop in Ukraine
WCO	Joint PCA workshops in Serbia &
USAID	Joint TFA assessments in Bangladesh, Serbia, Montenegro, and Moldova and participation in TFA workshops in Central America
TMEA	Rwanda and Burundi Assessments
EIF	Partnering with EIF and EC in Cape Verde.
IATA	Partnering to improve expedited shipments in air cargo space in Central America

# WBG Leverage Opportunities

- Lending complementarity
  - Jamaica
  - Togo
  - Sri Lanka
  - Nigeria
  - Bangladesh
  - Nepal
  
- WCO, ITC UNCTAD,
  
- Gender and small scale traders
  
- IFC Investments
  
- Donor Bi-lateral programs
  
- Global Alliance

## Some key Results to Date.....

- ❑ **Trade Portal launched in Botswana, Bangladesh & Malawi to be launched shortly**
- ❑ **43 validation missions and ratification support provided**
- ❑ **Support South African Customs Union, Montenegro, and Zambia in defining category B and C**
- ❑ **In Sao Tome, enhancements to ASYCUDA has led to 18% increase in number of importers and 34% increase in number of exporters since 2013**
- ❑ **Bangladesh – Customs code revised, RM implemented time to import at Chittagong reduced & TRS completed**
- ❑ **Tracking Tool to piloted in Timor Leste, Liberia, Bangladesh and Nepal.**
- ❑ **NTFC enhancement and capacity building in Zambia, Bangladesh, Nepal, CEFTA countries**

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