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BURUNDI

Core details

Population:	8,575,172
WTO accession:	23 July 1995
Poverty head count (%):	N/A
Share of international non-oil trade (%):	N/A
Per capita growth rate (%):	3.9
Value of non-oil goods traded (in US\$ million):	100
WB Trading Across Borders rank:	N/A
Employment in non-traditional export sectors:	N/A

Burundi joined the Integrated Framework (IF) in 2002, undertook a [Diagnostic Trade Integration Study \(DTIS\)](#) [1] that was validated in 2003 and subsequently benefitted from support through an IF project addressing constraints in standards compliance and support to the value chain for the production and export of essential oils, cut flowers and dried fruits and vegetables.

Under the EIF, Burundi undertook a [DTIS Update](#) [2] which was validated in 2012. Also in 2012, an EIF Tier 2 project was approved and is now under implementation through UNIDO. The project advances Burundi's vision to ensure that agricultural goods (fruits, vegetables and coffee) produced and sold in Burundi and in regional and international export markets meet international market standards. Trade capacity building in Burundi mainly focuses on agricultural products because its economy largely depends on the agricultural sector which employs 90% of the population and also accounts for around 43% of GDP.

Main Projects Ongoing

Description of the projects (objectives and interventions):

Burundi has been implementing a multi-year Tier 1 support to National Implementation Arrangements (NIAs) project since July 2010. The main objective of the project is strengthening national capacities to build up and implement trade policy, establish the institutional coordination structures on trade matters and mainstream trade into the national development plans, the national budget and into donor dialogue. The Tier 1 project also supports public-private sector coordination on trade issues while the National Steering Committee (NSC) facilitates the inter-ministerial coordination on trade.

The Standards Tier 2 project improves capacities for SPS measures in priority sectors and trade development was approved by the EIF Board in July 2012. The project will improve the national quality system for SPS requirements by providing world class conformity assessment services (inspection, standardization and testing). It will also improve quality and export competitiveness of targeted value chains (fruit and vegetables, coffee) through compliance with international SPS standards.

Burundi is also using EIF resources to undertake a feasibility study for the construction of a cold storage facility at the Bujumbura airport. And other studies, supporting tourism sector development which include identification and delimitation of the tourist sites in Burundi and revision of legislation concerning for Burundi's Export Processing Zone (EPZ) programme.

Burundi has also submitted a proposal for EIF funding for a matching grant programme supporting private sector exporters, mainly to the regional market.

Main progresses to date:

Burundi's [DTIS Update \(DTISU\)](#) [2] was validated in July 2012. The trade priorities identified in the Tier 1 project were integrated into the new National Development Strategy (NDS) finalized in August 2012. Burundi's new NDS was also presented to Development Partners (DPs) in 2012. Also, three feasibility studies (Export support mechanisms) were approved by the EIF Board in December 2012.

The Government has developed a coordinated platform with donors and the private sector on trade, with the NIU taking part in monthly meetings of the Government-Donor Sector Working Group on Private Sector Development. Higher-level consultations are held biannually through the Partners Coordination Group meetings. Through the Government-Donor networks, a Donor Round Table Event was organized in Geneva to facilitate wider buy-in from DPs following the validation of Burundi's DTISU.

Burundi's Tier 2 project on improving capacities for Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures in priority sectors such as coffee and maracuja serves to build institutional capacity to strengthen compliance with SPS standards and to build the capacity of the private sector (100 pilot medium and small enterprises) to increase exports as well as revenue and salaries.

Outlook:

Burundi has started the process of drafting a Medium-term Programme (MTP) to facilitate the implementation of the DTIS Action Matrix and to mobilize resources for that purpose.

Burundi is also working on Tier 2 project proposals for a private sector capacity building programme and on tourism.

Results

The private and public sector have teamed up with development partners to agree on key priorities in the nation-wide Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS) Update consultations and to update the sectors where trade could make the most impact in promoting growth and greater prosperity. Now with the new trade study, the EIF together with partners, is backing fresh areas like the standards project underway and feasibility studies including tourism that will look into the country's range of unexplored tourism sites to enable community development, skills enhancement and further investment.

The National Bureau of Standards has so far harmonized 1,000 standards at the national level. Coordination and partnership networks have been set up with the private sector, research institutions, laboratories, National Standards Bureau and traders to help meet global standards on plant and animal health. This has also resulted in having better information and targeted company training in inspection and testing.

Exports of passion fruit have significantly increased over the past 2 years to an average of 800 tons per year, and with the EIF Tier 2 standards project on-board, farmers and traders are looking at increasing production to reach 2000 tons per year.

State of implementation

TIER 1 OUTCOME AND INDICATORS

Outcome 1: Sufficient institutional and management capacity built in Burundi to formulate and implement trade-related strategies and implementation plans

Outcome 1 indicators	Baseline	'10	'11	'12
O1.1: Support to NIAs (Y/N)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
O1.2: DTIS Action Matrix (Date)	No	No	No	Yes
O1.3: Fiduciary capacity (1-5)	N/A	2	2	2
O1.4: Trade strategy updated (Y/N)	No	No	No	Yes
O1.5: Trade Strategy quality (1-5)	5	5	5	1
O1.6 Trade strategy implemented (1-5)	5	5	5	3

Outcome 2: Burundi mainstreams trade into its national development strategies and plans

Outcome 2 indicators	Baseline	'10	'11	'12
O2.1: Trade in the National Development Plan (1-5)	5	5	5	1
O2.2: Trade in Productive Sector Strategies (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
O2.3: Public-Private Dialogue (1-5)	4	4	3	2

Outcome 3: Coordinated delivery of trade-related resources (funding, TA, etc.) by donors and implementing agencies to implement Burundi's priorities following the adoption of the DTIS Action Matrix

Outcome 3 indicators	Baseline	'10	'11	'12
O3.1: Annual joint sector implementation overview (Y/N)	No	No	No	Yes
O3.2: Frequency of Government-Donor consultation in trade (1-5)	5	5	5	2
O3.3: UN-CEB Cluster activities based on DTIS Action Matrix (Y/N)	No	No	No	No
O3.4: Joint donor initiatives in trade (Y/N)	No	No	No	Yes

Outcome 4: Burundi secures resources in support of initiatives that address DTIS Action Matrix priorities

Outcome 4 indicators	Baseline	'10	'11	'12
O4.1: Medium-term Programme (1-5)	5	5	5	3
O4.2: Government budget contribution (Y/N)	No	No	No	Yes
O4.4: Number and amount of projects funded from DTIS Action Matrix (in US\$ million)	0	0	0	6

Financial information

DTIS Update

Starting date / End date

30/05/2011

Approved Budget

200,000

Board Approval Date

12/02/2010

Disbursement

200,000

Expenditure Reported

188,155

MOU Approval Date

19/05/2011

MOU Expiry Date

30/06/2013

Phase:

Completed

NIA Support

Starting date / End date

14/07/2010

Approved Budget

1,500,000

Board Approval Date

12/02/2010

Disbursement

1,050,000

Expenditure Reported

900,001

MOU Approval Date

25/05/2010

MOU Expiry Date

28/02/2017

Phase:

Implementation

Renforcement des capacités commerciales du Burundi

Starting date / End date

20/07/2012

Approved Budget

2,610,372

Board Approval Date

04/07/2012
Disbursement
1,980,634
Expenditure Reported
1,332,806
MOU Approval Date
20/07/2012
MOU Expiry Date
01/08/2015
Phase:
Implementation

Appui au MCIPT pour la mise en place des mécanismes de soutien aux exportations

Starting date / End date
14/02/2013
Approved Budget
606,274
Board Approval Date
20/12/2012
Disbursement
606,274
Expenditure Reported
470,518
MOU Approval Date
23/01/2013
MOU Expiry Date
31/12/2015
Phase:
Implementation

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