AFGHANISTAN

Core details

Population: 35,320,445
WTO accession: In progress
Poverty head count (%): N/A
Share of international non-oil trade (%): N/A
Per capita growth rate (%): N/A
Value of non-oil goods traded (in US$ million): N/A
WB Trading Across Borders rank: N/A
Employment in non-traditional export sectors: N/A

Main Projects Ongoing

Description of the projects (objectives and interventions):

Afghanistan started work on the DTIS with the World Bank as the Main Implementing Agency. The National Steering Committee (NSC) was set up in 2008 and the DTIS will be used to further mainstream trade issues into line ministries and into the next Afghanistan National Development Strategy.

Afghanistan implemented a pre-DTIS project between April 2011 and December 2012 to help support the setting up of National Implementation Arrangements (NIAs) and to build capacity at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) in leading the EIF process in Afghanistan.

Main progresses to date:

Afghanistan validated the DTIS and its Action Matrix in September 2012. The validation process included two workshops, one for national stakeholders including key Ministries and the private sector. Another workshop targeted Afghanistan's development partners. To ensure full stakeholder engagement, the DTIS and Action Matrix were translated into Pashtun. Earlier, a pre-DTIS project was used to ensure full stakeholder involvement in the DTIS process and to support the World Trade Organization (WTO)
accession process through institutional strengthening.

Outlook:

In order to take the EIF process forward and in particular to implement the DTIS Action Matrix, the capacity in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MCI) will need to be reinforced. It is the Ministry’s intention to develop and implement an EIF Tier 1 project to that end, and first steps in that direction have been initiated. However, in order to advance the EIF process, the political commitment needs to be strong; otherwise, the window of advancing the EIF within the political cycle will be missed.

Links

Afghanistan, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Financial information

Pre-DTIS

Starting date / End date
28/04/2011
Approved Budget
50,000
Board Approval Date
22/09/2010
Disbursement
50,000
Expenditure Reported
49,960
MOU Approval Date
18/04/2011
MOU Expiry Date
31/12/2012
Phase:
Completed

DTIS

Starting date / End date
31/07/2009
Approved Budget
400,000
Board Approval Date
08/10/2008
Disbursement
400,000
Expenditure Reported
400,000
MOU Approval Date
28/07/2009
MOU Expiry Date
31/10/2012
Phase:
Completed

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