Madagascar was one of the three pilot countries selected in 2001 for the implementation of the Integrated Framework (IF) pilot projects. In this context, a Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS) [1] was conducted and finalized in July 2003. On 17 July 2003, the DTIS and its Action Matrix were adopted during a national validation workshop. Madagascar's DTIS recommendations were included into its 2003 Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP), as well as many of the DTIS priorities incorporated in the Madagascar Action Plan (MAP) [2] under activities related to rural development and high economic growth pillars.

Madagascar also received support through two IF Window II projects, the first on "Enhancement of trade capacity" and the second on "Export development support". These projects were completed in 2007 and were successful in building the capacity of Government officials on trade and development issues, including on WTO negotiations.

**Main Projects Ongoing**

**Description of the projects (objectives and interventions):**

Under the EIF, Madagascar is undertaking an update of its 2003 DTIS with the World Bank; the DTIS Update (DTISU) was
approved in July 2013.

To build capacity of trade institutions in Madagascar for a successful EIF implementation, as well as to facilitate the work on the DTISU and the planned 'Support to National Implementation Arrangements (NIAs)' Tier 1 project proposal, a Pre-DTIS project was approved in June 2014.

The Pre-DTIS project serves to strengthen country ownership for the EIF process and the DTISU and will be used to formulate a multi-year project to strengthen institutional capacity in Madagascar to manage and drive the Aid for Trade agenda.

Main progresses to date:

In May 2014, the Prime Minister of Madagascar, H.E. Mr Christophe Roger Kolo, signaled Madagascar’s readiness to make use of the EIF as a platform to achieve Madagascar’s economic objectives and to reduce poverty. With strong commitment in moving forward, Madagascar’s Pre-DTIS project was approved in June 2014.

In 2012, the EIF operations were resumed after a period of political instability since early 2009. To reengage EIF operations as well to consult and engage stakeholders on trade priorities, with their views feeding into the DITSU process, an EIF Familiarization workshop was organized in June 2012.

The EIF Familiarization workshop jointly organized by UNDP and the Government of Madagascar served to sensitize Government officials, stakeholders from private sector and civil society and development partners on the EIF process with a view to effective implementation. During the workshop, it was agreed that Madagascar should benefit from a Pre-DTIS project before submitting a proposal for a multi-year project in support of the NIAs.

Outlook:

Work is under way with the Work Bank to update Madagascar's DTIS.

Madagascar is starting work to develop a multi-year Tier 1 support to NIAs project. This project is expected to build capacity at the Ministry of Trade with the aim to contribute to the mainstreaming of trade priorities in the national development plan or PRSP, as well as to create national structures to seek, obtain and manage AfT resources.

Links

Madagascar, Ministry of Economy, Commerce and Industry
http://www.commerce.gov.mg/ [9]

Financial information

DTIS Update

Starting date / End date
06/08/2013
Approved Budget
240,000
Board Approval Date
23/07/2013
Disbursement
240,000
Expenditure Reported
129,743
MOU Approval Date
06/08/2013
MOU Expiry Date
31/08/2015
Phase:
Implementation

Pre-DTIS

Starting date / End date
08/08/2014
Approved Budget
50,000
Board Approval Date
Disbursement: 17/06/2014
40,000
Expenditure Reported: 0
MOU Approval Date: 25/07/2014
MOU Expiry Date: 24/07/2015
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