WORLD BANK-SUPPORTED TRADE FACILITATION PROJECTS IN THE SPECA REGION

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The World Bank Group is a major provider of trade related assistance with a current portfolio of 7 Billion

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

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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

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SPECA OVERVIEW

SPECA countries

Afghanistan

Azerbaijan

Kazakhstan

Kyrgyzstan

Tajikistan

Turkmenistan

Uzbekistan

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PROGRAM UPDATE

Central Asia Trade Facilitation Project:

Kyrgyz Republic

- Support to the establishment and operation of the National Trade Facilitation Committee (approval of decree expected later this year)
- Capacity building support to Customs on risk management; development of “white list” of trusted traders.
- Together with GIZ, implementation of a Time Release Study planned for fall 2017, at the Kyzyl Bel Border Crossing Point and Terminal.
- Improvement of the Customs website, with the aim to present trade related information in a clear and easy to understand format.

PROGRAM UPDATE

Tajikistan

- Support to establishment of a Coordinating Committee for Trade Facilitation (approved by the Government in December 2016), whose task will be to achieve Tajikistan's full alignment with the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (WTO TFA)
- Support to Customs Administration in developing the first National Commodity Nomenclature, compliant with the International Harmonized System nomenclature, as defined by the WCO.
- First ever Time Release Study (TRS) undertaken at three border crossing points and four inland terminals.
- Support to Customs on risk management and the development of a pilot program for Authorized Economic Operators (AEOs).
- The project co-funded a meeting between the Customs Administrations of Tajikistan and Afghanistan in June 2017. The delegations discussed operationalization of data exchange at the Nijni Piyanj border, and of TIR privileges for transit cargo.

PROGRAM UPDATE

Uzbekistan

- Trade Facilitation support under discussion
- Part of wider discussions on the of improving Uzbekistan's trade potential and competitiveness.
- Mission planned for September to develop risk targeting rules, draft guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to support the introduction of risk management, simplification of trade release and clearance procedures and the adoption of a red /green selectivity system for cargo clearance.

Program Update

Kazakhstan

- Recently published trade policy note for Kazakhstan focusing on trade logistics challenges in Kazakhstan and ways to address them: “Turning The Tide in Turbulent Times”

Afghanistan

- Recently completed Customs modernization project
- New Customs project under discussion

Cross cutting dialogue Mechanism

Central Asia/South Asia Customs forum being developed with USAID

Connectivity focus leveraging OBOR

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