Enhancing transit and efficient transport connectivity for LLDCs during the Covid-19 Pandemic: Key Messages

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LLDCs and Challenges experienced during the COVID-19 Pandemic
Post COVID-19 how can transit and efficient transport spur economic growth for LLDCs

Greater cooperation between LLDCs and transit countries

**Health**
Protect the safety of:
- transport workers,
- personnel at borders
- citizens

**Transit, Trade, transport facilitation**
- Simplified harmonized Customs processes
- Expedited movement goods
- Digital technologies
- Keep trade flowing

**Hard Infrastructure**
- Corridor infrastructure
- At inland border-crossing points
Way forward

• Develop efficient transport systems, smooth functioning of transit, and trade corridors which are resilient to crises.
• Enable expedited release and clearance of essential goods, and faster delivery of humanitarian goods.
• Greater use of digital technologies – eTIR, ASYCUDA
• Enhanced sharing of information between countries.
• Guidance for health and safety
• Ensure greater coordinated and harmonized interventions between national border agencies
• Ensure freedom of transit in line with provisions of international framework. – TIR Convention, WCO Revised Kyoto Convention, WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
Way forward

• Capacity and financial support to LLDCs and transit countries is critical

• Greater partnerships are needed – national governments, UN system organizations, regional organizations, private sector and others.

• Greater sharing of experiences between and within regions.

• UN-OHRLLS – Advocacy efforts - 2 statements issued
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