

EIF Programme

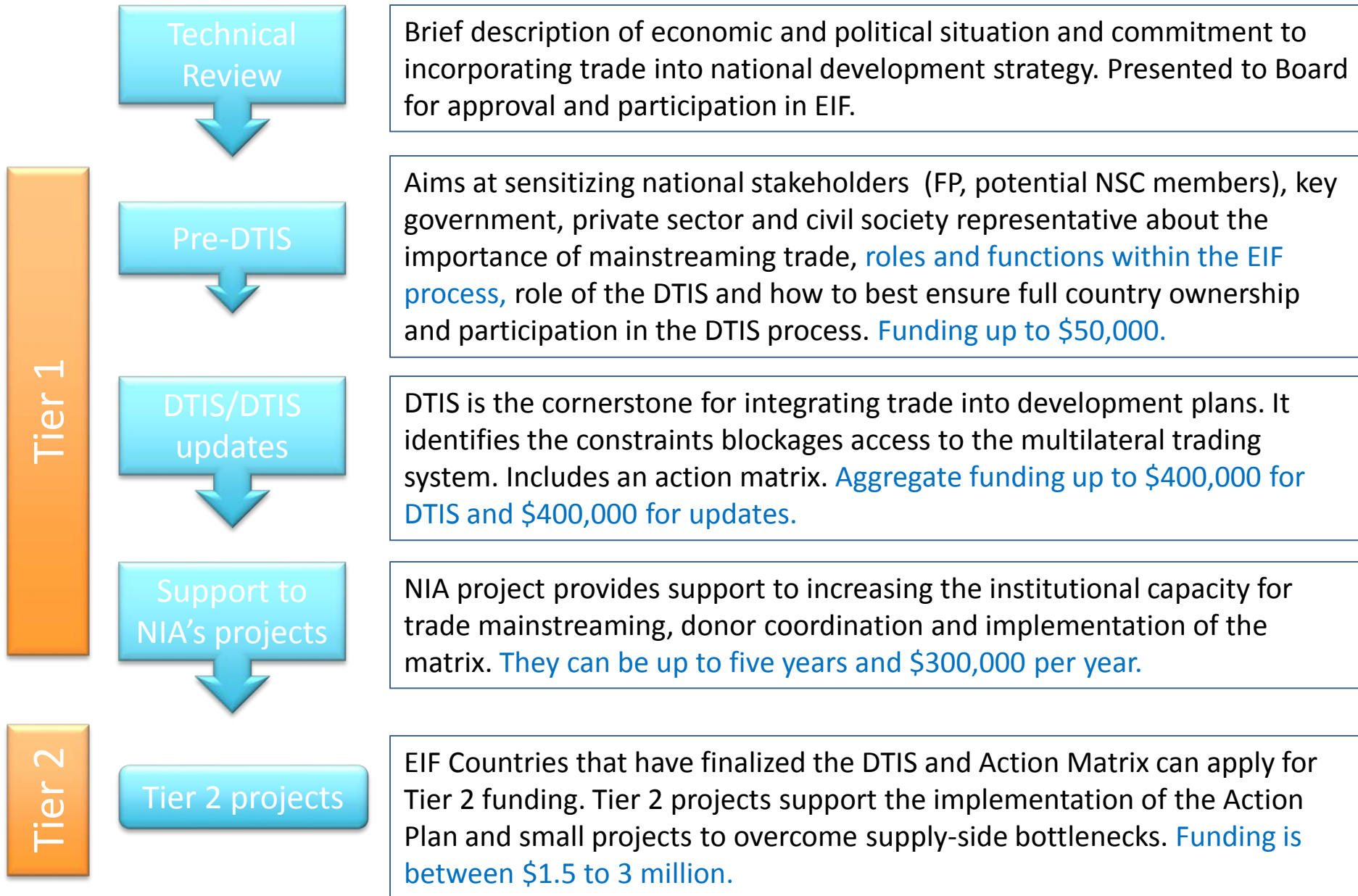
Achievements, challenges and the way forward

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EIF Evolution

- ✓ 1997-2000: IF launched
- ✓ 2001: Pilot countries selected
- ✓ 2001-2007: Operationalization
- ✓ 2007: 1st Global Evaluation -> Extension
- ✓ 2008: EIF launched
- ✓ 2012: Mid-Term Evaluation
- ✓ 2014: Global Evaluation -> 2nd extension (2022)
- ✓ 2015: EIF Global Platform

Overview of EIF



Cambodia's participation in the EIF

IF (1998-2007)

Membership

1998

Pilot Country

2000 (together with Mauritania and Madagascar)

DTIS/DTIS updates

2001: First DTIS (WB-led)

2007: First DTIS update (UNDP-led)

2014: Second DTIS update (RGC-led)

2015: Medium-Term Plan for AFT and Trade Markers

Support to NIA's projects

2009 - 2015: Tier 1 project (USD1.5M.)

Tier 2 projects

2012-2015: CEDEP I

2014-2017: CEDEP II

2015-2018: CEDEP III ??

EIF (2008-2015)

EIF Tier 1: Key Outputs

1. NIU in place as a MoC Department staffed by officials
2. Fixed annual schedule of NIA meetings
3. Capacity to reach out to provinces and private sector, annual training plan
4. Capacity for new project formulation
5. DTIS and Road Maps updated
6. 9 study visits to Cambodia by LDCs
7. Cambodia regularly invited at AFT conferences
8. All positive evaluation and audits

CEDEP Component Structure

Export readiness: increase standards, branding

Market intelligence: meet buyers, access information

Structure dialogue: create/strengthen association/APEX, support federation and PPD

CEDEP PROGRAMME

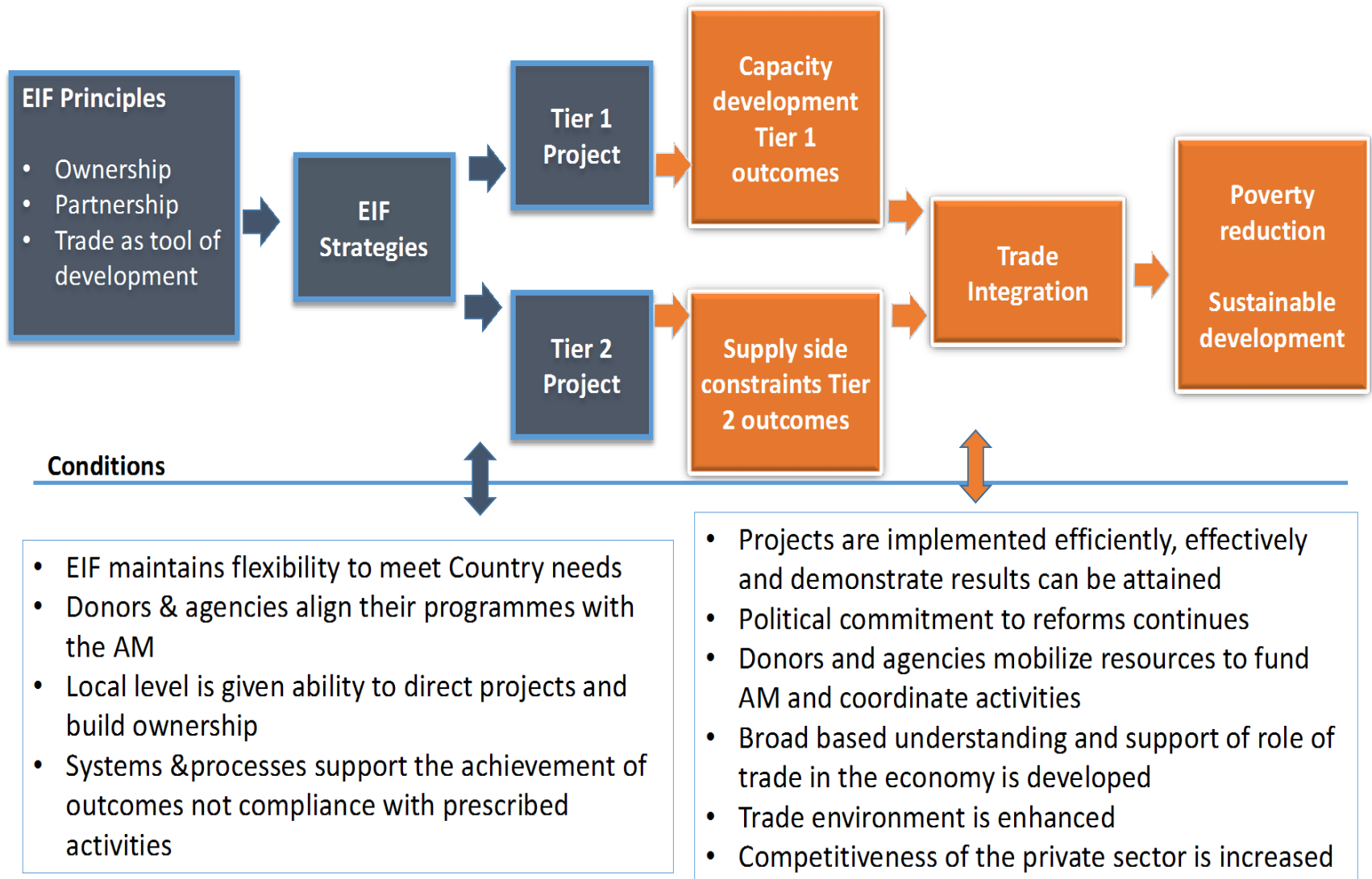
*In line with RS, NSDP and
WTO Trade Policy
Review*

*Targeting CTIS 2014
Export
Products & Services*

*Showing impact that can be upscale
and extended to other players*

*Value for Money
(private sector
participation)*

Conditions for Results



1st EIF Global Platform

- ✓ Geneva, March 17-19
- ✓ All 50 EIF countries represented by EIF FP and NIU Director + Donor Facilitator, all 23 EIF Donors

Objectives

- Endorse global evaluation recommendations
- Review, discuss and endorse 2016-2022 plan of action
- Mobilize resources for programme extension

Agenda Item #1: EIF Global Governance Framework

- Is the current setup effective ?
- Where is flexibility needed in implementation of EIF projects ? (revision, extension, etc)
- How to ensure increased ownership by countries
- How to increase local funding by development partners
- How to improve operations ?

Areas for Improvement

- ✓ No substantive knowledge in EIF ES or access to a knowledge network (advisors group)
- ✓ No learning mechanisms for EIF countries
- ✓ Heavily centralized and bureaucratic decision-making process
 - *Average lead time report approval: 2 months*
 - *Average lead time budget revision / work plan revision: 2.5 months*
 - *Complex procedures jeopardizes project cost-sharing*
- ✓ UNOPS decentralized structure is more flexible and responsive to country's fiduciary needs

EIF Reporting Requirements (Annual)

(Implemented by DICO – Excludes MIE reports)

- ✓ Semi-annual narrative reports: 5
- ✓ Annual narrative reports: 5
- ✓ Interim Financial reports: 12
- ✓ Audit reports: 3 (on top of MoC own audits)

EIF AWOP Requirements (Annual)

(Implemented by DICO – Excludes MIE reports)

- 3 annual work plans
- 3 annual budget plans
- 1 capacity development plan
- 1 communication plan

Any budget revision > 15% => Complete budget plan revision

Agenda Item #2:

Capacity Building Strategy

- What are the main capacity gaps found in-country ?
- What training support could help country with implementation ?
- How to improve knowledge and best practices sharing among countries ?
- What is the role of EIF ES in promoting sharing of knowledge ?

Areas for Improvement

- ✓ Increase the capacity of countries to generate capacity development needs and solutions (demand-driven)
- ✓ Create virtual or “on-call” network of competences (SPS, TBT, NTM, Export Diversification, Gender, Regional integration, LDC graduation, etc)
- ✓ Multiply the south-south initiatives (eg Lao/Cambodia exchange programme, Regional Capacity Building on M&E and Communication)

Agenda Item #3:

Regional Dimensions and Value Chain

- Is a regional dimension needed ?
- How EIF countries could develop and implement projects together ?
- What are the key areas of interest to countries in the region ?
- How to increase participation in regional fora ?

Areas for Improvement

- ✓ Foster regional cooperation and/or cross border cooperation
- ✓ Promote participation of LDCs in regional value chain (studies ? Research ?)
- ✓ Work closely with regional organization (ASEAN, ESCAP, CLV, CLMV, GMS)
- ✓ Learn from DPs own projects in other regions.

Cambodian Initiative: MTP

1. DTIS implementation stock-taking
2. Trade indicators in sectoral and line ministries policies and strategies
3. Aid-for-Trade prioritization exercise
4. 2016-2020 AFT programme design
5. 2016-2020 AFT project formulation with relevant development partners

Summary

(your “take away”)

1. Cambodia continues to be a success story by developing home-grown solutions using EIF tools
2. Key is to show impact, maintain poverty reduction goals, provide value for money to DPs
3. Steady increase of AFT resources available but reduced visibility for EIF beyond 2015
4. SWAP is the enabling environment, not a funding modality: mobilize extra resources to make it last.
5. EIF Global Platform provides a unique forum to learn from each other and craft a better programme