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## 1. Introduction/Background

The project focuses on supporting Central Asian countries (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) in pursuing inclusive and sustainable growth patterns by promoting green value chains and by increasing the competitiveness of economies. The project will foster more resilient, secure, and gender-responsive economic structures through economic diversification and adapting to the consequences of COVID-19 induced crisis and other external shocks.

The project addresses the development challenges in these three countries at both upstream and downstream levels through the following dimensions:

- 1. Supporting regional cooperation, connectivity, and integration into regional and global value chains**
- 2. Supporting enabling environment for building economic resilience, and inclusive and sustainable growth through:**
  - 2.1. Enabling national policies for trade oriented private sector development and enhancing green economic resilience
  - 2.2. Improving efficiency of public and trade support services for the private sector with strong focus on services critical for MSMEs in times of crisis or economic recovery periods
- 3. Supporting job creation and improving the efficiency and competitiveness of value chains in green sectors**

The strategy is to support businesses and producers to become more resilient to fragilities of economies in post-Covid-19 context and promote inclusive and sustainable growth by building smart productive capacities and green value chains, which produce high value-added and competitive products, create decent jobs and promote sustainable and circular production patterns.

Gender equality and environmental sustainability have been addressed as cross-cutting themes.

### Linkages to UNDP's Regional Programme Document (RPD):

The project directly contributes to the achievement of the area of work 2 of RPD (*No one left behind, centering on equitable access to opportunities and a rights-based approach to human agency and human development*), Output 2.2 (*Access to basic services and financial and non-financial assets and services improved to support productive capacities for sustainable livelihoods and jobs to achieve prosperity*).

### SDGs addressed by the project:

**Goal 1.** End poverty in all its forms everywhere. Sub-goal 1.1.

**Goal 2.** End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture; Sub-goals 2.3 and 2.4

**Goal 5.** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls; Sub-goal 5.5

**Goal 8.** Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all. Sub-goals 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 and 8.a

**Goal 9.** Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation. Sub-goal 9.2

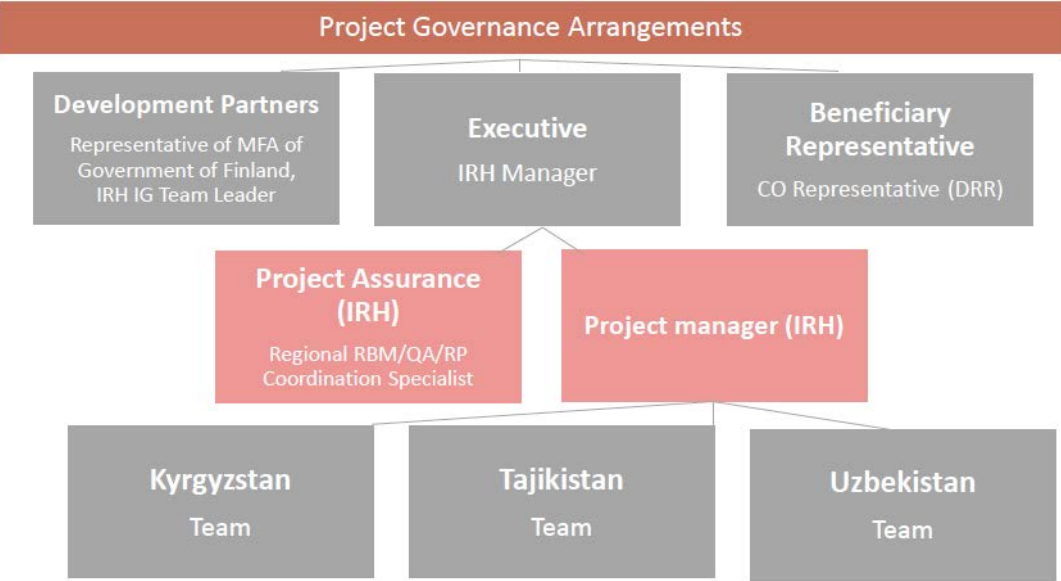
**Goal 12.** Ensure sustainable production and consumption patterns; Sub-goal 12A

**Goal 17.** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development. Sub-goal 17.6

Governance and management arrangements:

The project is implemented under DIM modality. UNDP IRH acts as the project implementing partner (agency) and is responsible for the overall project coordination and for implementation of the regional component. UNDP COs in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan are responsible for implementation of the country components under the Delegated Authority.

Project is directed by the Project Board, chaired by the UNDP IRH Manager. The Project Board also consists of representatives from the Government of Finland and the three UNDP COs covered under this project.



**2. Executive summary**

On the regional level, the project worked to support regional cooperation among Central Asian stakeholders aimed at creating opportunities for SMEs for linking up to regional/global value chains, facilitate knowledge transfer on trade intelligence and market access, and support with identification of green and ‘future-proof’ value chains, which produce high value-added products, create decent jobs and promote sustainable and circular production patterns.

On the countries’ level, the project worked to support government partners with access to markets, improving efficiency of public and trade support services for the private sector, and targeted interventions to support women entrepreneurship.

Within the REG output, the project has been working together with the teams in the three targeted countries to fine-tune the methodology for identification of green added-value products which are ‘future-proof’ and have high export and job creation potential. The green value chains with the highest potential will be chosen for in-depth assessments and further support during phase V.

Under the regional output partnership with ITC has been concluded to initiate a regional capacity-building program for Central Asian countries on trade and market intelligence aimed at bolstering the competences of staff at national Trade Support Institutions and local partners in export market analysis and research. Concept

the program has been developed and the UN2UN Agreement with ITC was signed on 12 January 2023. The training program will be implemented during February-October 2023 in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. In addition, in collaboration with UNECE, the project supported the organization of [the 77<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards \(WP.7\)](#) 14-16 November 2022, which amongst other issues, discussed three new UNECE commercial quality standards for peanuts, apricot kernels, and dried persimmons, earlier developed by the Central Asian Working Group supported by AfT project, and eventually adopted the standards, which are expected to create additional opportunities for the region's private sector to link/integrate into to regional and global value chains.

In Kyrgyzstan, the project, jointly with other development institutions, supported the National Investments Agency (NIA) in conducting the Export Caravan informational campaign aiming to raise awareness on themes and topics demanded by exporters and local producers. The project also provided technical support to National Investment Agency (NIA) with the improvement of online services of the export portal. This included development of a new user interface, integration of new features, and optimization of existing features.

The project has supported the organization of Women Entrepreneurship Day (WED) - a caravan for women entrepreneurs with the view to promote positive role models. The caravan has provided opportunity for women entrepreneurs from all regions to learn from each other and share their experiences. The caravan has also contributed to raising awareness of the importance of women's economic empowerment and to inspire more women to become entrepreneurs.

In Uzbekistan, the project supported Export Promotion Agency (EPA) and export-oriented SMEs to access international market opportunities, by supporting their participation at the 'SIAL India 2022' international exhibition in New Delhi and undergo a comprehensive training program 'Certified Trade and Logistics Professional' in UAE that covers the end-to-end process of import and export in the UAE and the Middle East region.

During the reporting period the recruitment of the project staff in Tajikistan was not finalized yet, hence no results can be reported in this annual progress report.

#### Key challenges and risks

The key challenges and risks are associated with adverse spill overs from the war in Ukraine, which CA economies are facing, including through fractures in trade and transit routes, and higher commodity prices and inflation. The project identified that increased support to partners is needed in terms of facilitation of access to trade and market intelligence with the view to expand trade opportunities and reach new markets and improving digital connectivity to take advantage of continuing boom in e-commerce.

In Kyrgyzstan, the institutional change of the National Investment Agency (currently responsible for export promotion) and creation of a dedicated institution on export development and promotion, is anticipated in 2023, which may result in staff turnover and delays in implementation of activities under the first component (supporting an enabling environment).

#### Utilization update:

The total programmable project budget for 2022-2025 is EUR 6,732,673<sup>1</sup>. Total expenditure until 31 December 2022 is US\$91,265.76 (equivalent to EUR 94,186.26) or 1.40% of the total programmable budget in EUR.

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<sup>1</sup> The total project budget for 2022-2025 is EUR 6,800,000 as per the project document, out of which Programmable funds (incl. GMS) is EUR 6,732,673 and UN Coordination Levy (1%) is EUR 67,327.

The project budget for 2022 (01 October-31 December) is \$406,982.23. During the reporting period 01 October to 31 December 2022, the total expenditures reached \$91,265.76 or 22,42% of the annual budget. The low delivery results from the delay in finalizing the 2022 project work plans with the government counterparts in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, and unfinalized process of recruitment of the project staff in Tajikistan. The project will make efforts to increase delivery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2023 in all project target countries by speeding up initiation of all planned activities.

### 3. External factors and assumptions

Central Asian economies, in little over two years, have faced multiple shocks (COVID-19 pandemic, crisis in Afghanistan, rise in energy prices, and the war in Ukraine) that have seriously disrupted the region’s economic growth and trade.

In short-term most Central Asian economies managed to cushion the economic consequences of the Russia’s war on Ukraine. The Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan continue to receive substantial remittances from Russia, national currencies quickly rebounded to pre-war levels after an initial drop, and an influx of skilled workers has boosted demand for services and hospitality. However, as the medium-term effects of the sanctions against Russia, the global cost-of-living crisis, and China’s economic slowdown have started to unfold, Central Asia faces lingering uncertainty. Overall, economic growth in Central Asian and Caucasus economies continues to be driven by tailwinds of temporary nature which will not drive sustainable growth in the medium term.

The current situation therefore provides an opportunity for Central Asia to diversify trading partners, solidify the post-pandemic recovery and pursue its agenda of structural reforms to foster investment and private sector development.

Overall, growth in Central Asia is projected to remain flat at 3.9 percent in 2023<sup>2</sup>, with activity held back by weak external demand, especially from Russia and China. Although growth in both the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan is expected to exceed previous projections, renewed border tensions between the two countries pose headwinds to the outlook.

### 4. Report on results: Progress towards the achievement of the targeted objectives and expected results/outputs

**Regional** (Output 1. Support to regional cooperation and integration into regional and global value chains).

The approved budget of the Regional output for 2022 is \$19,339.54 (as per December 2022 budget revision). The total expenditures of the output for the reporting period amounted to \$1,409.18 (7,28% of the 2022 budget). The detailed breakdown can be found in the financial report.

<b>Output 1: Regional cooperation in Central Asia, connectivity and integration into regional and global value chains facilitated and increased</b>		
<b>Output indicators</b>	<b>Targets</b>	<b>Progress against targets</b>
1.1. Number of public officials supported to negotiate and implement regional and multilateral trade agreements	Baseline:0 Final: 105 2022 AWP target: 15	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end 2022)
1.2. Number of regional dialogues on opportunities for strengthening regional cooperation in Central Asia and linking up	Baseline:0 Final: 4 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end 2022)

<sup>2</sup> Global Economic Prospects, World Bank, January 2023.

to regional and global value chains supported		
1.3 Number of studies on analysis of productive capacities and economic opportunities for strengthening regional cooperation in Central Asia and linking up to regional and global value chains, % of studies include gender lens	Baseline: 0 Final: 3 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end 2022)
1.4 Number of cooperation activities on building ‘future-proof’ productive capacities and facilitating market access among Central Asian value chain actors and stakeholders supported	Baseline: 0 Final: 7 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 1 Cumulative total: 1 achieved (end 2022)
1.5. Number of capacity-building and knowledge transfer activities on facilitating market access, trade intelligence and value chain development for participating countries (including from EU and Finland) supported	Baseline: 0 Final: 4 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end 2022)

At the regional level, the project has continued supporting the work of **the Central Asian Working Group on Export Promotion of Agricultural Produce from Central Asia (CAWG)** - the regional platform for collaboration in promoting international quality/food safety standards and sustainable agricultural practices. In particular, the project supported CAWG with drafting three new UNECE commercial quality standards for peanuts, apricot kernels, and dried persimmons and facilitated discussion of the drafts at [the 77<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards \(WP.7\)](#) during 14-16 November 2022. As a result, UNECE adopted the elaborated standards as new UNECE commercial quality standards. Adoption of the new UNECE standards will help boost exports of these products by producers and exporters from Central Asia to wider export markets and consumers worldwide<sup>3</sup>.

Strategic partnership has been agreed with ITC for implementation of regional capacity-building program for Central Asian countries on trade and market intelligence. UN2UN Agreement was signed on 12 January 2023 and the training program will be implemented during February-October 2023 in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

At the regional level, the project has been working together with the teams in the three targeted countries to fine-tune the methodology for identification of green added-value products which are ‘future-proof’ and have high export and job creation potential. The main aim is based on regional and megatrends analysis (i.e. geopolitics/conflict, climate change, regionalization, digitalization/technological change, change in production and consumption patterns in post-Covid 19 context) to identify future proofed, environmentally sustainable and employment rich value chains that will be supported under this phase of the project.

<sup>3</sup> <https://unece.org/media/press/373287>

**Kyrgyzstan** (Output 2: Support to an enabling environment for job rich growth in Kyrgyzstan)

The approved budget of the output for 2022 is \$61,732.81 (as per December 2022 budget revision). The expenditures of the output for the reporting period amounted to \$52,374.34 (84,84% of the 2022 budget). The detailed breakdown can be found in the financial report.

<b>Output 2: Supporting enabling environment for building economic resilience and inclusive growth in Kyrgyzstan</b>		
<b>Output indicators</b>	<b>Targets</b>	<b>Progress against targets</b>
2.1.1. Number of proposals for laws and policies that improve business environment and regional economic integration provided to the government, % of proposals include gender lens	Baseline:0 Final: 16 2022 AWP target: 2	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.1.2. Number of draft laws and regulations, as well as strategies and plans that improve trade and business environment and regional economic integration developed, % of draft laws, regulations, strategies include gender lens	Baseline:0 Final: 6 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.1.3. Number of recommendations on policies aimed at trade-oriented private sector development, increasing competitiveness, and enhancing economic resilience developed and provided to the government, including, but not limited to: -diversification of economy/exports and improving productive capacities -promoting green, employment-rich, gender-sensitive and future-proof productive capacities and value chains -harnessing trade-related opportunities arising from transition to green economy -fostering trade digitalization and enabling environment for e-commerce, % of recommendations include gender lens	Baseline:0 Final: 18 2022 AWP target: 3	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.1.4. Number of policy measures, aimed at trade oriented private sector development, increasing competitiveness, development of new green economic sectors and enhancing economic resilience outlined in national policies and strategies, supported with practical implementation, % recommendations include gender lens	Baseline:0 Final: 7 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.1. Number of civil servants and representatives of TSIs with improved knowledge and skills in provision of efficient and gender-responsive trade support services (at least 40% women)	Baseline:0 Final: 105 (42) 2022 AWP target: 15 (6)	Reporting period: 5 (2) Cumulative total: 5 (2) achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.2. Number of simplified /optimized/improved trade-related public services on the national level	Baseline:0 Final: 6 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.3. Number of new export promotion services critical for MSMEs in times of crisis or economic recovery periods, established, including but not limited to: -forsighting new markets and facilitating market access -accessing and using big data for trade and market intelligence -gender-sensitive supply chain management and preparing supply chains to weather future disruptions -advanced and innovative trade financing -e-commerce mentoring and connecting to digital platforms.	Baseline:0 Final: 6 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)



2.2.4. Number of improved public services provided by trade support institutions to the private sector	Baseline:0 Final: 6 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.5. Number of MSMEs, especially women entrepreneurs, that utilize trade and business development services including strengthening innovation and responsible business practices, and finance to improve and/or grew their business	Baseline:0 Final: 320 (160) 2022 AWP target: 20 (10)	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.6. Number of B2B matches/trade fairs supported, % of women-led businesses participating	Baseline:0 Final: 17 2022 AWP target: 2	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.7. Increase in value of exports (USD) as a result of supported B2B matches/trade fairs	Baseline:0 Final: 7 million 2022 AWP target: 1 million	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.8. Number of new trade finance instruments developed/implemented	Baseline:0 Final: 2 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.9. % increase in client base of TSIs	Baseline:0 Final: 15 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.1.1. Number of green value chains supported	Baseline:0 Final: 4 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.1.2. Number of full-time decent jobs (at least 50% for women) created, disaggregated by sex	Baseline:0 Final: 250 (125) 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.1.3. Number of MSMEs (including women-led) or individuals (sex disaggregated) gaining access to value chains	Baseline:0 Final: 50 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.1. % increase in export volumes of targeted value chain actors	Baseline:0 Final: 20 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.2. % increase in incomes of targeted value chain actors	Baseline:0 Final: 20 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.3. % increase in productivity of targeted value chain actors	Baseline:0 Final: 20 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.4. Number of new markets reached by supported VC actors	Baseline:0 Final: 5 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.5. Number of VCs stakeholders that introduced (and/or were certified) international standards (Global GAP, HACCP, FSSC, etc.)	Baseline:0 Final: 6 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.6. Number of solutions that enhance climate resilient and low-emission development	Baseline:0 Final: 3 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.7. Number of MSMEs supported (including women-led)	Baseline:0 Final: 70 (31) 2022 AWP target: 10 (4)	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.3.1. Number of businesses (including women-led) trading online, supported by the project	Baseline:0 Final: 40 (16) 2022 AWP target: 5 (2)	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.3.2. Number of e-commerce related capacity-building activities for entrepreneurs supported, % participants are women	Baseline:0 Final: 8 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 1 (35%) Cumulative total: 1 achieved (end of 2022)

3.3.3 % increase of volume in online trade of supported businesses	Baseline:0 Final: 20 2022 AWP target: 10	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.4.1. Number of MSMEs (including women-led) that improved their knowledge and skills to use big data for trade and market intelligence	Baseline:0 Final: 100 (43) 2022 AWP target: 10 (4)	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.5.1. Number of women-owned enterprises supported through targeted capacity building activities, information campaigns, etc.	Baseline:0 Final: 1,100 2022 AWP target: 200	Reporting period: 225 Cumulative total: 225 achieved (end of 2022)
3.5.2. Number of women and youth entrepreneurship development programmes for business/trade development, networking and investment, established	Baseline:0 Final: 3 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.5.3. Number of women and youth benefitting from established programmes	Baseline:0 Final: 100 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.5.4. % increase of sales volume of women entrepreneurs	Baseline:0 Final: 20 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.5.5. Number of new women-led enterprises established	Baseline:0 Final: 15 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)

**Sub-output 2.2. Improving efficiency of public and trade support services for the private sector with strong focus on services critical for MSMEs in times of crisis or economic recovery periods**

**Activity 2.2.1. Capacity building of staff of trade-regulatory state ministries/agencies and Trade Support Institutions to improve knowledge and skills**

The project provided technical support to the NIA which entailed improvement of online services of the export web portal. This included the development of a new user interface, the integration of new features, and the optimization of existing features. The project also provided training and support to export promotion department (5 NIA staff) on the new features of the portal and how to streamline services provision through the portal.

In 2022, 20,577 clients visited the export.gov.kg Main clients of NIA are local exporters (more than 60% of users of export.gov.kg are from Kyrgyzstan).

**Table 1. Statistics on usage/traffic of export.gov.kg website in 2022**

Number of users	20,577
Sessions	26,776
Pageviews	59,111
Female users, %	55.4% (5,995)
Male users, %	44.6 % (4,828)

*Source: Reports from Google Analytics*

**Sub-output 3.3. Enhanced capacities of MSMEs (especially women-led enterprises) to trade online**

**Activity 3.3.2. Capacity building of MSMEs and entrepreneurs on e-commerce**

At the end of 2022, the project in cooperation with other development partners supported the National Investment Agency (NIA) to conduct the annual export-related information campaign ‘Export Caravan’. The event was aimed to continue raising awareness of rural producers and exporters with respect to the latest trends, requirements and opportunities related to export. The main theme of the Export Caravan 2022 was ‘Export promotion through E-commerce’. 248 (88 women) Kyrgyz entrepreneurs learned about how to start selling online, various online export tools, and basics of digital marketing; how to ensure export compliance (quality standards and certifications schemes). The expert team of the Export Caravan 2022 included representatives from the National Investments Agency, Ministry of Economy and Commerce, as well as experts on e-commerce. The Export Caravan was held in 6 regions of the country<sup>4</sup>.



### Sub-output 3.5. Targeted support for women and youth entrepreneurship development

#### Activity 3.5.1. Conduct a caravan for women entrepreneurs promoting strong positive role models in Kyrgyzstan (Women Entrepreneurship Day - WED)

In November 2022, the project supported Women’s Entrepreneurship Day Forum under the theme “Solidarity. Focus. Result”. Over 490 participants from 225 women-led companies, mainly women entrepreneurs, participated in the Forum, and were provided with networking opportunities, exchange experiences, discussed common challenges and celebrated achievements. The event included workshops, and networking opportunities to help women entrepreneurs learn from each other and gain access to educational resources.



### **Tajikistan** (Output 3: Supporting enabling environment for building economic resilience and inclusive growth in Tajikistan)

The approved budget of the output for 2022 is \$194,572.69. The project in Tajikistan did not start implementation of activities in 2022 due to unfinalized process of hiring the national project staff.

<b>Output 3: Supporting enabling environment for building economic resilience and inclusive growth in Tajikistan</b>		
<b>Output indicators</b>	<b>Targets</b>	<b>Progress against targets</b>
2.1.1. Number of proposals for laws and policies that improve business environment and regional economic integration provided to the government, % of proposals include gender lens	Baseline:0 Final: 18 2022 AWP target: 3	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.1.2. Number of draft laws and regulations, as well as strategies and plans that improve trade and business	Baseline:0 Final: 10	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of

<sup>4</sup> <https://export.gov.kg/ru/for-exporters/event/47>  
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environment and regional economic integration developed, % of draft laws, regulations, strategies include gender lens	2022 AWP target: 2	2022)
2.1.3. Number of recommendations on policies aimed at trade-oriented private sector development, increasing competitiveness, and enhancing economic resilience developed and provided to the government, including, but not limited to: -diversification of economy/exports and improving productive capacities -promoting green, employment-rich, gender-sensitive and future-proof productive capacities and value chains -harnessing trade-related opportunities arising from transition to green economy -fostering trade digitalization and enabling environment for e-commerce, % of recommendations include gender lens	Baseline:0 Final: 18 2022 AWP target: 3	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.1.4. Number of policy measures, aimed at trade oriented private sector development, increasing competitiveness, development of new green economic sectors and enhancing economic resilience outlined in national policies and strategies, supported with practical implementation, % recommendations include gender lens	Baseline:0 Final: 7 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.1. Number of civil servants and representatives of TSIs with improved knowledge and skills in provision of efficient and gender-responsive trade support services (at least 40% women)	Baseline:0 Final: 130 (52) 2022 AWP target: 20 (8)	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.2. Number of simplified /optimized/improved trade-related public services on the national level	Baseline:0 Final: 6 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.3. Number of new export promotion services critical for MSMEs in times of crisis or economic recovery periods, established, including but not limited to: -forsighting new markets and facilitating market access -accessing and using big data for trade and market intelligence -gender-sensitive supply chain management and preparing supply chains to weather future disruptions -advanced and innovative trade financing -e-commerce mentoring and connecting to digital platforms.	Baseline:0 Final: 7 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.4. Number of improved public services provided by trade support institutions to the private sector	Baseline:0 Final: 7 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.5. Number of MSMEs, especially women entrepreneurs, that utilize trade and business development services including strengthening innovation and responsible business practices, and finance to improve and/or grew their business	Baseline:0 Final: 170 (85) 2022 AWP target: 20 (10)	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.6. Number of B2B matches/trade fairs supported, % of women-led businesses participating	Baseline:0 Final: 17 2022 AWP target: 2	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.7. % increase in client base of TSIs	Baseline:0 Final: 15 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)

3.1.1. Number of green value chains supported	Baseline:0 Final: 4 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.1.2. Number of full-time decent jobs (at least 50% for women) created, disaggregated by sex	Baseline:0 Final: 200 (100) 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.1.3. Number of MSMEs (including women-led) or individuals (sex disaggregated) gaining access to value chains	Baseline:0 Final: 50 (22) 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.1. % increase in export volumes of targeted value chain actors	Baseline:0 Final: 20 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.2. % increase in incomes of targeted value chain actors	Baseline:0 Final: 20 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.3. % increase in productivity of targeted value chain actors	Baseline:0 Final: 20 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.4. Number of new markets reached by supported VC actors	Baseline:0 Final: 5 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.5. Number of smallholders reached through measures aimed to increase their sustainable agricultural production and/or access to markets	Baseline:0 Final: 350 2022 AWP target: 50	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.6. Number of solutions that enhance climate resilient and low-emission development	Baseline:0 Final: 5 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.7. Number of MSMEs supported (including women-led)	Baseline:0 Final: 70 (31) 2022 AWP target: 10 (4)	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.3.1. Number of businesses (including women-led) trading online, supported by the project	Baseline:0 Final: 45 (18) 2022 AWP target: 5 (2)	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.3.2. Number of e-commerce related capacity-building activities for entrepreneurs supported, % participants are women	Baseline:0 Final: 9 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.3.3 % increase of volume in online trade of supported businesses	Baseline:0 Final: 20 2022 AWP target: 10	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.4.1. Number of MSMEs (including women-led) that improved their knowledge and skills to use big data for trade and market intelligence	Baseline:0 Final: 100 (43) 2022 AWP target: 10 (4)	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.5.1. Number of women-owned enterprises supported through targeted capacity building activities, information campaigns, etc.	Baseline:0 Final: 140 2022 AWP target: 20	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.5.2. Number of women and youth entrepreneurship development programmes for business/trade development, networking and investment, established	Baseline:0 Final: 2 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.5.3. Number of women and youth benefitting from established programmes	Baseline:0 Final: 100 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.5.4. % increase of sales volume of women entrepreneurs	Baseline:0 Final: 20 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.5.5. Number of new enterprises, especially for women, established	Baseline:0 Final: 30 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)

**Uzbekistan** (Output 4: Supporting enabling environment for building economic resilience and inclusive growth in Uzbekistan)

The approved budget of the output for 2022 is \$131,337.19 (as per December 2022 budget revision). The expenditures of the output for the reporting period amounted to \$37,482.24 (28,54% of the 2022 budget) The detailed breakdown can be found in the financial report. The low delivery results from the delay in finalizing the 2022-2023 project work plans with the government counterpart (the Ministry of Investments, Industry and Trade). The project will make efforts to increase delivery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2023 by speeding up initiation of all planned activities.

<b>Output 4: Supporting enabling environment for building economic resilience and inclusive growth in Uzbekistan</b>		
<b>Output indicators</b>	<b>Targets</b>	<b>Progress against targets</b>
2.1.1. Number of proposals for laws and policies that improve business environment and regional economic integration provided to the government, % of proposals include gender lens	Baseline:0 Final: 18 2022 AWP target: 3	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.1.2. Number of draft laws and regulations, as well as strategies and plans that improve trade and business environment and regional economic integration developed, % of draft laws, regulations, strategies include gender lens	Baseline:0 Final: 9 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.1.3. Number of recommendations on policies aimed at trade-oriented private sector development, increasing competitiveness, and enhancing economic resilience developed and provided to the government, including, but not limited to: -diversification of economy/exports and improving productive capacities -promoting green, employment-rich, gender-sensitive and future-proof productive capacities and value chains -harnessing trade-related opportunities arising from transition to green economy -fostering trade digitalization and enabling environment for e-commerce, % of recommendations include gender lens	Baseline:0 Final: 18 2022 AWP target: 3	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.1.4. Number of policy measures, aimed at trade oriented private sector development, increasing competitiveness, development of new green economic sectors and enhancing economic resilience outlined in national policies and strategies, supported with practical implementation, % recommendations include gender lens	Baseline:0 Final: 8 2022 AWP target: 2	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.1.5. Number of trade facilitation policy measures aimed at ensuring resilience of trade flows and maintaining trade connectivity, supported with practical implementation, % policy measures include gender lens	Baseline:0 Final: 6 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.1. Number of civil servants and representatives of TSIs with improved knowledge and skills in provision of efficient and gender-responsive trade support services (at least 50% women)	Baseline:0 Final: 180 (90) 2022 AWP target: 50 (25)	Reporting period: 5 (1) Cumulative total: 5 (1) achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.2. Number of simplified /optimized/improved trade-related public services on the national level	Baseline:0 Final: 6 2022 AWP target: 1	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)

2.2.3. Number of new export promotion services critical for MSMEs in times of crisis or economic recovery periods, established, including but not limited to: -forsighting new markets and facilitating market access -accessing and using big data for trade and market intelligence -gender-sensitive supply chain management and preparing supply chains to weather future disruptions -advanced and innovative trade financing -e-commerce mentoring and connecting to digital platforms.	Baseline:0 Final: 9 2022 AWP target: 2	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.4. Number of improved public services provided by trade support institutions to the private sector	Baseline:0 Final: 9 2022 AWP target: 2	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.5. Number of MSMEs, especially women entrepreneurs, that utilize trade and business development services including strengthening innovation and responsible business practices, and finance to improve and/or grew their business	Baseline:0 Final: 120 (60) 2022 AWP target: 30 (15)	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
2.2.6. % increase in client base of TSIs	Baseline:0 Final: 15 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.1.1. Number of green value chains supported	Baseline:0 Final: 5 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.1.2. Number of full-time decent jobs (at least 50% for women) created, disaggregated by sex	Baseline:0 Final: 180 (90) 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.1.3. Number of MSMEs (including women-led) or individuals (sex disaggregated) gaining access to value chains	Baseline:0 Final: 50 (22) 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.1. % increase in export volumes of targeted value chain actors	Baseline:0 Final: 20 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.2. % increase in incomes of targeted value chain actors	Baseline:0 Final: 20 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.3. % increase in productivity of targeted value chain actors	Baseline:0 Final: 20 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.4. Number of new markets reached by supported VC actors	Baseline:0 Final: 7 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.5. Number of smallholders reached through measures aimed to increase their sustainable agricultural production and/or access to markets	Baseline:0 Final: 20 2022 AWP target: 5	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.6. Number of solutions that enhance climate resilient and low-emission development	Baseline:0 Final: 3 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.2.7. Number of MSMEs supported (including women-led)	Baseline:0 Final: 70 (31) 2022 AWP target: 10 (4)	Reporting period: 10 (1) Cumulative total: 10 (1) achieved (end of 2022)
3.3.1. Number of businesses (including women-led) trading online, supported by the project	Baseline:0 Final: 45 (18) 2022 AWP target: 5 (2)	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.3.2. Number of e-commerce related capacity-building activities for entrepreneurs supported, % participants	Baseline:0 Final: 7	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)

are women	2022 AWP target: 1	2022)
3.3.3 % increase of volume in online trade of supported businesses	Baseline:0 Final: 20 2022 AWP target: 10	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.4.1. Number of MSMEs (including women-led) that improved their knowledge and skills to use big data for trade and market intelligence	Baseline:0 Final: 100 (43) 2022 AWP target: 10 (4)	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.5.1. Number of women-owned enterprises supported through targeted capacity building activities, information campaigns, etc.	Baseline:0 Final: 120 2022 AWP target: 20	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.5.2. Number of women and youth entrepreneurship development programmes for business/trade development, networking and investment, established	Baseline:0 Final: 2 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.5.3. Number of women and youth benefitting from established programmes	Baseline:0 Final: 100 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.5.4. % increase of sales volume of women entrepreneurs	Baseline:0 Final: 20 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)
3.5.5. Number of new women-led enterprises established	Baseline:0 Final: 15 2022 AWP target: 0	Reporting period: 0 Cumulative total: 0 achieved (end of 2022)

Sub-output 2.2. Improving efficiency of public and trade support services for the private sector with strong focus on services critical for MSMEs in times of crisis or economic recovery periods

Activity 2.2.1. Capacity building of staff of MIIT, EPA, CCI and other state ministries/agencies and Trade Support Institutions to improve knowledge and skills



The project organized Training on “Certified Trade and Logistics Professional” for 7 representatives of the MIIT, EPA and SMEs of Uzbekistan, held during 12-16 December in Dubai (UAE). The main purpose of the training was to study UAE experience in development of efficient trade support services to SME’s and exporting companies and get familiarized with advanced approaches in export marketing and entering foreign markets. As a result of the training participants enhanced their skills on new instruments of export support and improved their knowledge on export potential in the markets of Middle East

countries.

Sub-output 3.2. Increased productivity, competitiveness, and export readiness of target green value chains

Activity 3.2.6. Organizing study tours, business missions and B2B meetings for VCs actors as well as state and business organizations.

In December 2022, at the request of Export Promotion Agency (EPA), the project supported the participation of 8 export-oriented SMEs at the SIAL India Exhibition 2022, in New Delhi. As a result, 1 company signed a contract on export of honey and fruits for over \$1.3 million, one more company signed additional agreement on export of wine products and 3 more companies are in the process of negotiations (exact amount of signed contract will be available in February-March 2023).





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#### 4. Sustainability and Partnerships.

##### Partnerships.

The project continuously explores and engages development partners as well as local stakeholders in project activities. All national level activities are implemented in coordination with the national implementing partners of the project in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

The project has established partnership with ITC to foster access of Trade Support Institutions and SMEs of the region to cutting-edge trade and market intelligence, and enhance their capacities to use available big data to foresight markets and value chain developments, which are essential to capture new opportunities and guide product diversification beyond traditional export baskets

The long-standing partnership established with UNECE, GIZ and Hilfswerk International continued to support regional cooperation initiatives, including the Central Asian Working Group on Export Promotion of Agricultural Produce (CAWG), where Central Asian public and private experts, supported by UNDP and other development partners, worked on quality standards, strategies and networking which supported better cross-border networks in the entire Central Asian region.

In Kyrgyzstan the project collaborated with ITC and International Finance Corporation in organizing ‘Export caravan’. The jointly organized information campaign enabled to reach-out to a wider audience and to maximize the impact.

The project will continue to cooperate/partner with the lead women business/entrepreneurs’ associations of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan on activities related to supporting women entrepreneurship as well as establishment and implementation of mentorship programs for women entrepreneurs.

#### 6. Cross-cutting objectives

##### **Gender mainstreaming:**

Gender equality is a key programming principle in all project activities. Application of gender lens across all project interventions enables specific gender concerns to be integrated into gender-sensitive analysis of development issues and into proposed policy solutions. Moreover, the project will implement activities that explicitly support women’s entrepreneurship. At micro level, the project will ensure women are represented in the activities that aim to enhance the productive and export capacities of small businesses.

These interventions form part of a targeted approach to work on gender equality and women economic empowerment issues.

##### **Environment**

The Aid for Trade project aims to push forward the environmental objectives and transformational interventions to adapt and mitigate climate change (SDG 11, 12, 13) or fight the loss of biodiversity (SDGs 1.5, 8.4, 15). In its efforts to fulfill these endeavors, the project will continue to support only green value chains, which are also having a strong export and job creation potential.

The project will implement measures to raise productivity and resource efficiency in SMEs and farms while reducing negative externalities, such as soil erosion, agro-chemical pollution, and agricultural GHG emissions.

In particular, the project will support the introduction of sustainable agricultural practices and innovative resource-efficient technologies, which not only reduce the environmental footprint of production but also foster green exports.

On a macro level, the project supports the creation of enabling conditions for sustainable agriculture, including appropriate regulatory framework related to quality and food safety regulations, as well as the adoption of support mechanisms for businesses.

## 7. Risks and opportunities update

Kyrgyzstan:

*Increasing risk of institutional change and staff turnover.* The institutional change of NIA and creation of a dedicated institution on export development and promotion, which is likely to take place in the near future may result in staff turnover and delays in implementation of activities under the first component (supporting an enabling environment).

## 8. Key challenges/lessons learnt

The key challenges and lessons learnt are associated with adverse spillovers from the war in Ukraine, which CA economies are facing, including through fractures in critical trade and transit routes, and higher commodity prices and inflation.

Lessons learnt (including from pandemic and the war in Ukraine):

- Support is needed in finding and expanding alternative trade and investment channels to diversify and reduce the reliance on Russia market
- The crisis notwithstanding, the Central Asian countries must continue to address their longer-term development goals
- Diversification of economy and export markets has long been on the agenda in Central Asia, but urgent action is only taken with response to shocks
- Special emphasis should be put on diversification of production structures, export markets and transportation/logistics routes to build economic resilience to external shocks
- Trade and market intelligence is attracting greater interest as effective tools to analyze big data to expand trade opportunities and reach new markets

## 9. Project monitoring

Tajikistan

The project has formulated its Monitoring framework and tools for monitoring the activities and measuring the progress of results.

As per the project plan, the project will conduct monitoring on regular basis and use following approaches:

- a) data collection from various sources including field visits and meetings with project clients and partners.
- b) collection of the verification docs and conducting the analyses.
- c) organization of the regular meetings including via established platforms for feedbacks/voices collection.
- d) reviewing the reports produced by sub-contractors
- e) conduction of the assessments.

- f) the results achieved were presented, discussed, and verified by stakeholders and project clients during regular stakeholder consultation meetings.

#### Kyrgyzstan

The project staff, including the M&E specialist, has been conducting monitoring activities on a regular basis using the following means:

- a) data collection from various sources, including field visits, meetings with project clients and partners, phone calls, surveys/questionnaires
- b) collection of verification documents
- c) reviewing reports produced by sub-contractors.

#### Uzbekistan

The project team has formulated a Monitoring framework and tools for monitoring of its activities and measuring the progress of results against each indicator were developed at the beginning of project implementation.

As per the monitoring plan, the project staff will conduct monitoring on regular basis and will use following approaches:

- a) data collection from various sources including field visits and meetings with project clients
- b) collection of the verification docs and conducting the analyses
- c) organization the regular meetings including via established platforms for feedbacks/voices collection
- d) reviewing the reports produced by sub-contractors

### 10. Resources and budget

The total Programmable budget for 2022-2025 is EUR 6,732,673. Total expenditures until 31 December 2022 amounted to \$91,265.76 (equivalent to EUR 94,186.26).

The table below indicates the allocated budgets and expenditure per country:

Output	Total Budget /prodoc (EUR)	EXP 2022 (USD)	Total Expenditure (EUR) <sup>5</sup>	EXP ratio (EUR)
<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	1,900,000.00	52,374.34	54,050.32	2.84%
<b>Tajikistan</b>	1,900,000.00	0	0	-
<b>Uzbekistan</b>	1,900,000.00	37,482.24	38,681.67	2.04%
<b>Regional</b>	1,032,673.00	1,409.18	1,454.27	0,08%
<b>Total</b>	6,732,673.00	91,265.76	94,186,26	1.40%

A detailed breakdown can be found in the financial report.

### 11. Annexes

Results-based progress monitoring (based on the project’s logical framework and annual work plan and reporting.

<sup>5</sup> Average exchange rate USD/EUR 1.032 was applied for conversion.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	OUTPUT INDICATORS	BASELINE		TARGETS (by frequency of data collection)									Progress
		Value	Year	2022 Targets	2022 Results	2023Targets	2023 Results	2024 Targets	2024 Results	2025 Targets	2025 Results	Final	
<p>Output 1 Regional cooperation in Central Asia, connectivity and integration into regional and global value chains facilitated and increased.</p> <p>1.1. Support to regional policy analysis and dialogue on opportunities for greater regional cooperation and linking up to regional and global value chains, as well as on regional development outlooks that have impact on market access perspectives of the CA countries</p> <p>1.2. Support to regional cooperation and integration initiatives among Central Asian stakeholders and value chain actors that foster linkages to regional and global value chains</p> <p>1.3. Support to</p>	1.1. Number of public officials supported to negotiate and implement regional and multilateral trade agreements	0	2021	15		30		30		30		105	
	1.2. Number of regional dialogues on opportunities for strengthening regional cooperation in Central Asia and linking up to regional and global value chains supported	0	2021	0		2		1		1		4	
	1.3 Number of studies on analysis of productive capacities and economic opportunities for strengthening regional cooperation in Central Asia and linking up to regional and global value chains, % of studies include gender lens	0	2021	0		1 100%		1 100%		1 100%		3	
	1.4 Number of cooperation activities on building 'future-proof' productive capacities and facilitating market access among Central Asian value chain actors and stakeholders supported	0	2021	1	1	2		2		2		7	Facilitation and support to conducting the 77th session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7) during 14-16 November 2022, where 3 new UNECE standards elaborated by CAWG were adopted

knowledge transfer on building 'future-proof' productive capacities and facilitating market access among stakeholders and VC actors of Central Asia, as well as with the EU counterparts, in particular Finland's institutions	1.5. Number of capacity-building and knowledge transfer activities on facilitating market access, trade intelligence and value chain development for participating countries (including from EU and Finland) supported	0	2021	1		1		1		1		4	
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EXPECTED OUTPUTS	OUTPUT INDICATORS	DATA SOURCE	BASELINE		TARGETS (by frequency of data collection)								Progress	
			Value	Year	2022 Targets	2022 Results	2023 Targets	2023 Results	2024 Targets	2024 Results	2025 Targets	2025 Results		Final
Output 2 Supporting enabling environment for building economic resilience and inclusive growth in <b>Kyrgyzstan</b> 2.1. Enabling policies for trade oriented private sector development and enhancing economic resilience 2.2. Improving efficiency of public and trade support services for the private	<b>2.1. Enabling policies for trade oriented private sector development and enhancing green economic resilience</b>													
	2.1.1. Number of proposals for laws and policies that improve business environment and regional economic integration provided to the government, % of proposals include gender lens	Project report	0	2021	2 100%		5 100%		5 100%		4 100%		16	
	2.1.2. Number of draft laws and regulations, as well as strategies and plans that improve trade and business environment and regional economic integration developed, % of draft laws, regulations, strategies include gender lens	Government decrees, regulations	0	2021	1 100%		2 100%		2 100%		1 100%		6	

<p>sector with strong focus on services critical for MSMEs in times of crisis or economic recovery periods</p> <p>III. Supporting job creation and improving the efficiency and competitiveness of value chains in green sectors: 3.1. Support to developing 'green', employment rich and 'future proof' value chains that are gender-sensitive and have high productivity and market potential 3.2. Increased productivity, competitiveness, and export readiness of target green value chains</p>	<p>2.1.3. Number of recommendations on policies aimed at trade-oriented private sector development, increasing competitiveness, and enhancing economic resilience developed and provided to the government, including, but not limited to: -diversification of economy/exports and improving productive capacities -promoting green, employment-rich, gender-sensitive and future-proof productive capacities and value chains -harnessing trade-related opportunities arising from transition to green economy -fostering trade digitalization and enabling environment for e-commerce, % of recommendations include gender lens</p>	<p>Project report</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>2021</p>	<p>3 100%</p>		<p>5 100%</p>		<p>5 100%</p>		<p>5 100 %</p>		<p>18</p>
<p>3.3. Enhanced capacities of MSMEs (especially women-led enterprises) to trade online 3.4. Enhanced capacities of MSMEs to use big data for trade and market intelligence 3.5. Targeted support for women and youth</p>	<p>2.1.4. Number of policy measures, aimed at trade oriented private sector development, increasing competitiveness, development of new green economic sectors and enhancing economic resilience outlined in national policies and strategies, supported with practical implementation, % recommendations include gender lens</p>	<p>Government decrees, regulations</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>2021</p>	<p>1 100%</p>		<p>2 100%</p>		<p>2 100%</p>		<p>2 100%</p>		<p>7</p>
<p><b>2.2. Improving efficiency of public and trade support services for the private sector</b></p>													

entrepreneurship development	2.2.1. Number of civil servants and representatives of TSIs with improved knowledge and skills in provision of efficient and gender-responsive trade support services (at least 40% women)	Assessment sheets from capacity building activities	0	2021	15 (6 women)	5 (2)	30 (12 women)		30 (12 women)		30 (12 women)		105 (42 women)	Improvement and technical support for website export.gov.kg. and the staff of the export promotion department (5 persons, 2 of them are women).
	2.2.2. Number of simplified /optimized/improved trade-related public services on the national level	Assessment reports	0	2021	1		2		2		1		6	
	2.2.3. Number of new export promotion services critical for MSMEs in times of crisis or economic recovery periods, established, including but not limited to: -forsighting new markets and facilitating market access -accessing and using big data for trade and market intelligence -gender-sensitive supply chain management and preparing supply chains to weather future disruptions -advanced and innovative trade financing -e-commerce mentoring and connecting to digital platforms.	Assessment reports Reports of TSIs	0	2021	1		2		2		1		6	
	2.2.4. Number of improved public services provided by trade support institutions to the private sector	Assessment reports Reports of TSIs	0	2021	1		2		2		1		6	

2.2.5. Number of MSMEs, especially women entrepreneurs, that utilize trade and business development services including strengthening innovation and responsible business practices, and finance to improve and/or grew their business	Reports of TSIs	0	2021	20 (10 women)		100 (50 women)		100 (50 women)		100 (50 women)		320 (160 women)	
2.2.6. Number of B2B matches/trade fairs supported, % of women-led businesses participating	Reports of TSIs	0	2021	2 40%		5 40%		5 40%		5 40%		17	
2.2.7. Increase in value of exports (USD) as a result of supported B2B matches/trade fairs	Reports of TSIs	0	2021	1 mln		2 mln		2 mln		2 mln		7 mln	
2.2.8. Number of new trade finance instruments developed/implemented	Reports of financial institutions	0	2021	0		1		1		0		2	
2.2.9. % increase in client base of TSIs	Reports of TSIs	0	2021	0		15		15		15		15	
<b>3. Supporting job creation and improving the efficiency and competitiveness of value chains</b>													
<b>3.1. Support to developing 'green', employment rich and 'future proof' value chains that are gender-sensitive and have high productivity and market potential</b>													
3.1.1. Number of green value chains supported	Project report	0	2021	0		3		1		0		4	
3.1.2. Number of full-time decent jobs (at least 50% for women) created, disaggregated by sex	Project report	0	2021	0		50 (25 women)		100 (50 women)		100 (50 women)		250 (125 women)	
3.1.3. Number of MSMEs (including women-led) or individuals (sex disaggregated) gaining access to value chains	Project report	0	2021	0		10		20		20		50	
<b>3.2. Increased productivity, competitiveness, and export readiness of target green value chains</b>													
3.2.1. % increase in export volumes of targeted value chain actors	Project report	0	2021	0		10		15		20		20	



3.2.2. % increase in incomes of targeted value chain actors	Project report	0	2021	0		10		15		20		20	
3.2.3. % increase in productivity of targeted value chain actors	Project report	0	2021	0		10		15		20		20	
3.2.4. Number of new markets reached by supported VC actors	Project report	0	2021	0		2		2		1		5	
3.2.5. Number of VCs stakeholders that introduced (and/or were certified) international standards (Global GAP, HACCP, FSSC, etc.)	Project report	0	2021	1		2		2		1		6	
3.2.6. Number of solutions that enhance climate resilient and low-emission development	Project report	0	2021	0		1		1		1		3	
3.2.7. Number of MSMEs supported (including women-led)	Project report	0	2021	10 (4)		20 (9)		20 (9)		20 (9)		70 (31)	
<b>3.3. Enhanced capacities of MSMEs (especially women-led enterprises) to trade online</b>													
3.3.1. Number of businesses (including women-led) trading online, supported by the project	Project report	0	2021	5 (2)		10 (4)		10 (4)		15 (6)		40 (16)	
3.3.2. Number of e-commerce related capacity-building activities for entrepreneurs supported, % participants are women	Project report	0	2021	1 50%	1 35%	3 50%		2 50%		2 50%		8	The Export Caravan was held in 6 regions of the country and attracted 248 participants (88 women, 35%).
3.3.3 % increase of volume in online trade of supported businesses	Project report	0	2021	10		10		15		20		20	
<b>3.4. Enhanced capacities of MSMEs to use big data for trade and market intelligence</b>													
3.4.1. Number of MSMEs (including women-led) that improved their knowledge and skills to use big data for trade and market intelligence	Project report	0	2021	10 (4)		30 (13)		30 (13)		30 (13)		100 (43)	

3.5. Targeted support for women and youth entrepreneurship development													
3.5.1. Number of women-owned enterprises supported through targeted capacity building activities, information campaigns, etc.	Project report	0	2021	200	225	300		300		300		1100	Over 490 participants participated in the WED-Forum. The actual number of women-owned companies participated in the event was 225 companies.
3.5.2. Number of women and youth entrepreneurship development programmes for business/trade development, networking and investment, established	Project report	0	2021	0		1		1		1		3	
3.5.3. Number of women and youth benefiting from established programmes	Project report	0	2021	0		30		40		30		100	
3.5.4. % increase of sales volume of women entrepreneurs	Project report	0	2021	0		15		20		20		20	
3.5.5. Number of new women-led enterprises established	Project report	0	2021	0		5		5		5		15	

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	OUTPUT INDICATORS	DATA SOURCE	BASELINE		TARGETS (by frequency of data collection)									Progress
			Value	Year	2022 Targets	2022 Results	2023 Targets	2023 Results	2024 Targets	2024 Results	2025 Targets	2025 Results	Final	
Output 4 Supporting enabling environment for building economic resilience and inclusive growth in Uzbekistan through 2.1. Enabling policies for trade oriented private sector development and	2.1. Enabling policies for trade oriented private sector development and enhancing green economic resilience													
	2.1.1. Number of proposals for laws and policies that improve business environment and regional economic integration provided to the government, % of proposals include gender lens	Project report	0	2021	3 100%		5 100%		5 100%		5 100%		18	

<p>enhancing economic resilience</p> <p>2.2. Improving efficiency of public and trade support services for the private sector with strong focus on services critical for MSMEs in times of crisis or economic recovery periods</p>	<p>2.1.2. Number of draft laws and regulations, as well as strategies and plans that improve trade and business environment and regional economic integration developed, % of draft laws, regulations, strategies include gender lens</p>	<p>Government decrees, regulations</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>2021</p>	<p>1 100 %</p>		<p>3 100%</p>		<p>3 100%</p>		<p>2 100%</p>		<p>9</p>	
<p>III. Supporting job creation and improving the efficiency and competitiveness of value chains in green sectors:</p> <p>3.1.Support to developing 'green', employment rich and 'future proof' value chains that are gender-sensitive and have high productivity and market potential</p> <p>3.2.Increased productivity, competitiveness, and export readiness of target green value chains</p> <p>3.3. Enhanced capacities of MSMEs (especially women-led enterprises) to trade online</p> <p>3.4. Enhanced capacities of MSMEs to use big data for trade and market intelligence</p>	<p>2.1.3. Number of recommendations on policies aimed at trade-oriented private sector development, increasing competitiveness, and enhancing economic resilience developed and provided to the government, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-diversification of economy/exports and improving productive capacities</li> <li>-promoting green, employment-rich, gender-sensitive and future-proof productive capacities and value chains</li> <li>-harnessing trade-related opportunities arising from transition to green economy</li> <li>-fostering trade digitalization and enabling environment for e-commerce, % of recommendations include gender lens</li> </ul>		<p>0</p>	<p>2021</p>	<p>3 100%</p>		<p>5 100%</p>		<p>5 100%</p>		<p>5 100%</p>		<p>18</p>	
<p>3.5. Targeted support for women and youth entrepreneurship development</p>	<p>2.1.4. Number of policy measures, aimed at trade oriented private sector development, increasing competitiveness, development of new</p>	<p>Government decrees, regulations</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>2021</p>	<p>2 100%</p>		<p>3 100%</p>		<p>2 100%</p>		<p>1 100%</p>		<p>8</p>	

	green economic sectors and enhancing economic resilience outlined in national policies and strategies, supported with practical implementation, % recommendations include gender lens													
	2.1.5. Number of trade facilitation policy measures aimed at ensuring resilience of trade flows and maintaining trade connectivity, supported with practical implementation, % policy measures include gender lens	Project report	0	2021	1 100%		2 100%		2 100%		1 100%		6	
<b>2.2. Improving efficiency of public and trade support services for the private sector</b>														
	2.2.1. Number of civil servants and staff of TSIs with improved knowledge and skills in provision of efficient and gender-responsive trade support services (at least 50% women)	Assessment sheets from capacity building activities	0	2021	50 (25 women)	5 (1)	40 (20 women)		50 (25 women)		40 (20 women)		180 (90 women)	2022: Training on "Certified Trade and Logistics Professional" for representatives of the MIIT, EPA and SMEs of Uzbekistan, 12-16 December, which was held in UAE (Dubai).
	2.2.2. Number of simplified /optimized/improved trade-related public services on the national level	Assessment reports	0	2021	1		2		2		1		6	

2.2.3. Number of new export promotion services critical for MSMEs in times of crisis or economic recovery periods, established, including but not limited to: -forsighting new markets and facilitating market access -accessing and using big data for trade and market intelligence -gender-sensitive supply chain management and preparing supply chains to weather future disruptions -advanced and innovative trade financing -e-commerce mentoring and connecting to digital platforms.	Assessment reports Reports of TSIs	0	2021	2		2		2		3		9	
2.2.4. Number of improved public services provided by trade support institutions to the private sector	Assessment reports Reports of TSIs	0	2021	2		3		2		2		9	
2.2.5. Number of MSMEs, especially women entrepreneurs, that utilize trade and business development services including strengthening innovation and responsible business practices, and finance to improve and/or grew their business	Reports of TSIs	0	2021	30 (15 women)		30 (15 women)		30 (15 women)		30 (15 women)		120(60 women)	
2.2.6. % increase in client base of TSIs	Reports of TSIs	0	2021	0		15		15		15		15	
<b>3. Supporting job creation and improving the efficiency and competitiveness of value chains</b>													
<b>3.1. Support to developing 'green', employment rich and 'future proof' value chains that are gender-sensitive and have high productivity and market potential</b>													

3.1.1. Number of green value chains supported	Project report	0	2021	0		3		1		1		5	
3.1.2. Number of full-time decent jobs (at least 50% for women) created, disaggregated by sex	Project report	0	2021	0		50 (25 women)		50 (25 women)		80 (40 women)		180 (90 women)	
3.1.3. Number of MSMEs (including women-led) or individuals (sex disaggregated) gaining access to value chains	Project report	0	2021	0		10 (4)		20 (9)		20 (9)		50 (22)	
<b>3.2. Increased productivity, competitiveness, and export readiness of target green value chains</b>													
3.2.1. % increase in export volumes of targeted value chain actors	Project report	0	2021	0		10		15		20		20	
3.2.2. % increase in incomes of targeted value chain actors	Project report	0	2021	0		10		15		20		20	
3.2.3. % increase in productivity of targeted value chain actors	Project report	0	2021	0		10		15		20		20	
3.2.4. Number of new markets reached by supported VC actors	Project report	0	2021	0		2		2		3		7	
3.2.5. Number of smallholders reached through measures aimed to increase their sustainable agricultural production and/or access to markets	Project report	0	2021	5		5		5		5		20	
3.2.6. Number of solutions that enhance climate resilient and low-emission development	Project report	0	2021	0		1		1		1		3	
3.2.7. Number of MSMEs supported (including women-led)	Project report	0	2021	10 (4)	10 (1)	20 (9)		20 (9)		20 (9)		70 (31)	2022: 1. December 1-3, the project supported participation of 8 SMEs in the international exhibition to

														SIAL India (India). 2. Training on “Certified Trade and Logistics Professional”
<b>3.3. Enhanced capacities of MSMEs (especially women-led enterprises) to trade online</b>														
3.3.1. Number of businesses (including women-led) trading online, supported by the project	Project report	0	2021	5 (2)		10 (4)		15 (6)		15 (6)		45 (18)		
3.3.2. Number of e-commerce related capacity-building activities for entrepreneurs supported, % participants are women	Project report	0	2021	1 50%		2 50%		2 50%		2 50%		7		
3.3.3 % increase of volume in online trade of supported businesses	Project report	0	2021	10		10		15		20		20		
<b>3.4. Enhanced capacities of MSMEs to use big data for trade and market intelligence</b>														
3.4.1. Number of MSMEs (including women-led) that improved their knowledge and skills to use big data for trade and market intelligence	Project report	0	2021	10 (4)		30 (13)		30 (13)		30 (13)		100 (43)		
<b>3.5. Targeted support for women and youth entrepreneurship development</b>														
3.5.1. Number of women-owned enterprises supported through targeted capacity building activities, information campaigns, etc.	Project report	0	2021	20		40		40		40		140		
3.5.2. Number of women and youth entrepreneurship development programmes for business/trade development,	Project report	0	2021	0		1		1		0		2		

	networking and investment, established													
	3.5.3. Number of women and youth benefitting from established programmes	Project report	0	2021	0		50		0		50		100	
	3.5.4. % increase of sales volume of women entrepreneurs	Project report	0	2021	0		15		20		20		20	
	3.5.5. Number of new women-led enterprises established	Project report	0	2021	0		5		5		5		15	