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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

SUPPORTING LDC CAPACITY IN TRADE IN SERVICES

AUSTRALIA'S AID FOR TRADE

WTO Council for Trade in Services Webinar

LDC Services Export Performance and Facilitating Implementation of Preferences Notified under the LDC Services Waiver

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HOW WE DELIVER AID FOR TRADE

- Responsibility of Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Bilateral and regional programs
- Donations to Enhanced Integrated Framework
- Demand-driven and responsive to requests received from LDCs in our region
- In 2020, support provided to LDCs in the Pacific, South Asia and South East Asia across the banking and financial, communications, energy, business, transport, tourism and agriculture-related sectors

SUPPORTING DIGITAL TRADE

- E-Commerce Aid for Trade Fund (commenced 2019)
- Includes support for Laos PDR, Cambodia, the Solomon Islands, Kiribati and Tuvalu
- Progress on:
 - Access to e-payments and platforms
 - Affordability of/access to digital solutions and finance
 - E-commerce skills
 - Regulatory environment and government/private sector coordination
 - Gender inclusion and equality



SUPPORTING TOURISM EXPORTS

- Digital Tourism Program (commenced 2019)
- Includes support for the Solomon Islands, Kiribati and Tuvalu
- AUD 13 million in tourism sales generated in 2019
- Subsequent focus on becoming “tourism ready” once borders reopen:
 - Business monitor to track impact of COVID-19 pandemic on tourism service suppliers
 - Digital learning platform ([Pacific Learning Hub](#))
 - National tourism policy and strategies
 - Promotion of suppliers with Australian travel agents



SUPPORTING SERVICES TRADE POLICY AND REGULATION

- PACER Plus Work Program (commenced 2020)
- Includes support for the Solomon Islands, Kiribati and Tuvalu
- Identified priorities:
 - Qualifications frameworks
 - Qualifications recognition
 - Compliance with international standards
 - Exporter capacity in tourism, health and education services sectors





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