



USDA-funded Bangladesh Trade Facilitation Project (BTF)

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Relevant TFA 'Category C' measures

- Article 1.3 Enquiry Points
- Article 1.4(c) Notification
- 5.3: Test Procedures
- Article 7.1 Pre-arrival Processing
- 7.4: Risk Management
- Article 7.5 Post-clearance Audit
- Article 8: Border Agency Cooperation
- 7.9: Perishable Goods
- 10.1.1(a) Formalities and Documentation Requirements
- Article 10.4 Single Window

Counterpart Government Agencies

- Ministry of Commerce
- National Board of Revenue
- Department of Agricultural Extension
- Department of Livestock Services
- Department of Fisheries
- Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution
- Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission
- Bangladesh Food Safety Authority
- Department of Agricultural Marketing

Milestones

- Major reform in Import Policy Order for expediting testing procedure
- Institutional framework for Risk Management established in 3 major agro-agencies
- Coordination mechanism established through Agro-Trade Working Group under NTFC
- Supported advancement of 5 TFA 'Category C' definitive date
- Tariff rationalization on cold storage equipment

Lessons learnt

Project design aligning with the Government priorities and visions to expedite implementation [Export Diversification, Digital Bangladesh]

Engagement of all agro-trade OGAs highlighting their roles and priorities in TFA implementation

Changing the overarching legislative tools first to incorporate legal measures required for TFA implementation rather than agency-specific legislations for faster implementation [Import Policy Order]

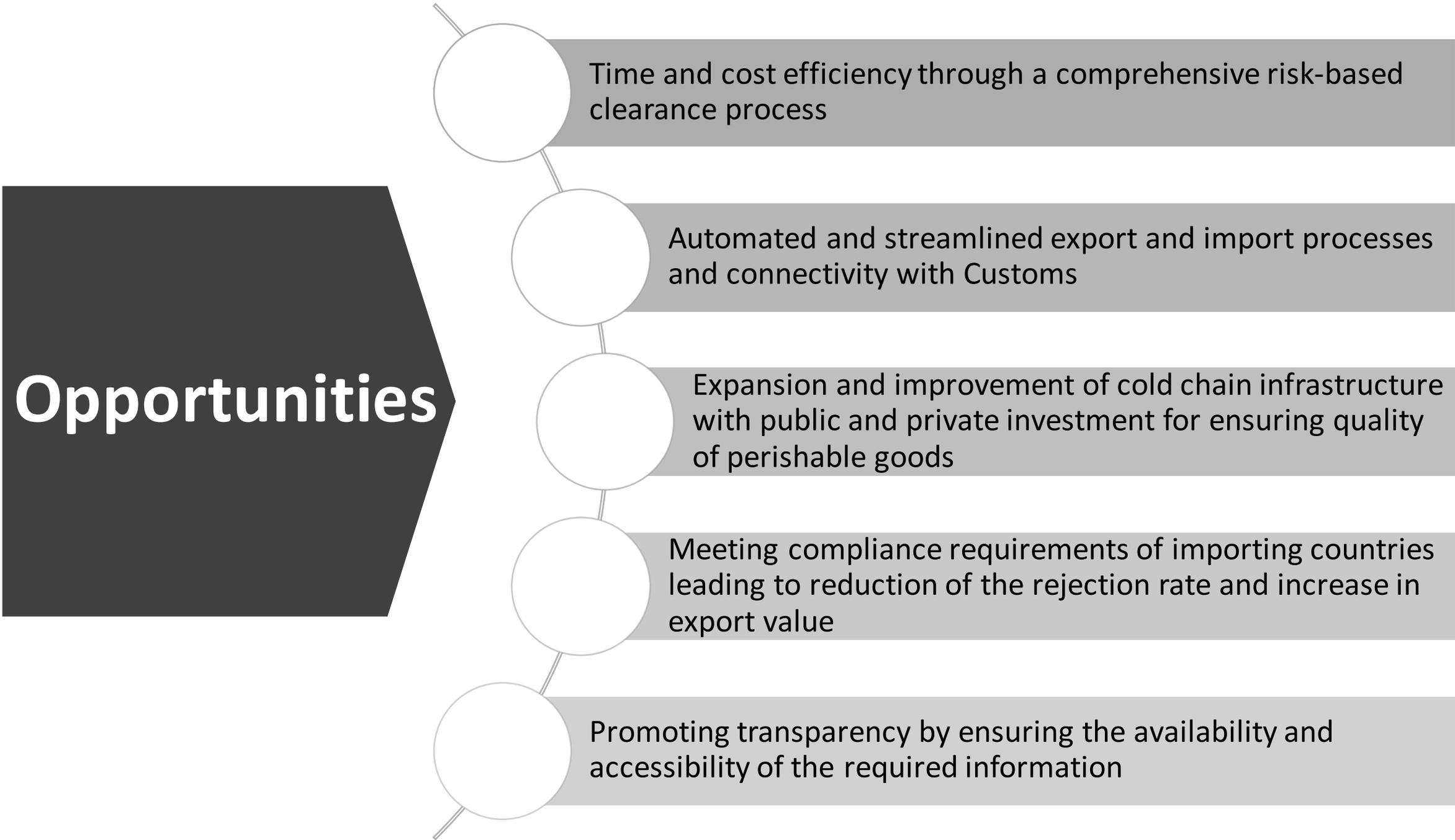
Establishment of formal engagement with the Government and private sector agencies to ensure implementation [MoUs]

Prioritizing needs of the agencies within the scope of the project

Giving ownership of each activities to the agencies and playing the supporting role

Establishment of regular coordination mechanism with the counterpart agencies to ensure their involvement at all stages [BTF Project Engagement Committees within agencies]

Opportunities



Time and cost efficiency through a comprehensive risk-based clearance process

Automated and streamlined export and import processes and connectivity with Customs

Expansion and improvement of cold chain infrastructure with public and private investment for ensuring quality of perishable goods

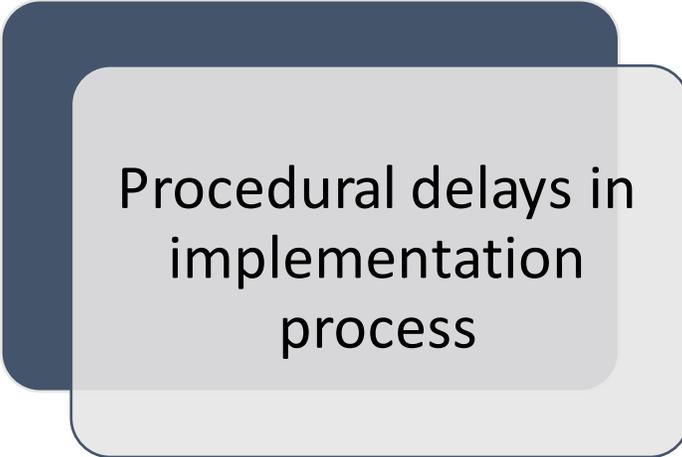
Meeting compliance requirements of importing countries leading to reduction of the rejection rate and increase in export value

Promoting transparency by ensuring the availability and accessibility of the required information

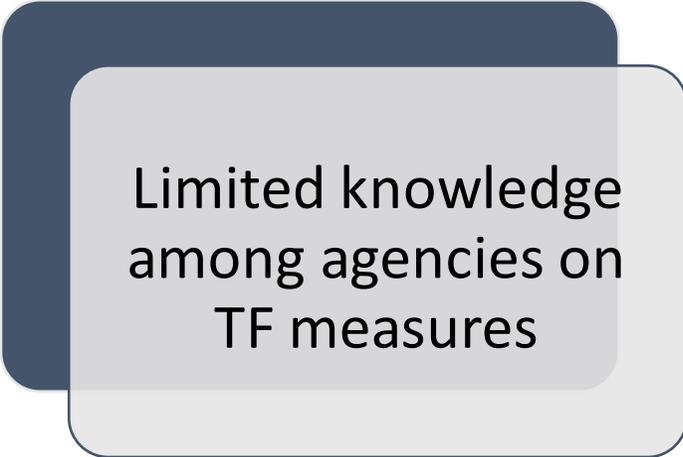
Challenges



Bringing all agencies
on-board at the
same level



Procedural delays in
implementation
process



Limited knowledge
among agencies on
TF measures

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