Vietnam's Success in Implementing the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)

**Government - to - Government Collaboration:**
When owning your reform process brings success

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The recipe of success

• Viet Nam has effectively implemented the TFA in partnership with the USG because it has been able to build a solid relationship with USAID, and CBP, among others, and “owned its own reform process.”
USAID has been a valuable partner in supporting Vietnam's TFA implementation, providing technical assistance, training, and resources.

U.S. CBP provided peer-to-peer collaboration with Vietnam Customs (GDVC) in capacity building in customs modernization, compliance, risk management, and other areas related to the facilitation of secure legitimate trade.
Vietnam’s proactivity in TFA Commitments

• Vietnam is proactive to seek technical assistance to comply with the Trade Facilitation Agreement, which aims to simplify and streamline international trade processes.
Vietnam’s role in Trade Facilitation

- Viet Nam was vested in adopting good regulatory practices, had a desire to modernize, works as a trusted partner, and inspired and guided collaboration and communication both within and outside its own government.
TFA implementation success stories

• Several success stories highlight how TFA implementation has led to increased trade, economic growth, and improved competitiveness for Vietnamese businesses.

• USAID: Public-private dialogues through Private Sector Trade Facilitation roundtable

• CBP: sharing best practices
Key Milestones

• Vietnam has achieved significant milestones in TFA implementation, including the modernization of customs procedures and the reduction of trade barriers.

• Vietnam has recognized to comply with 20/24 TFP provisions, and expected to be in full compliance by Dec 2024.
Future Plans

• Vietnam's future plans include continued TFA implementation, strengthening trade partnerships, and further enhancing its role in the global supply chain through the Vietnam Digital Trade program.
Conclusion

• The Vietnam TFA implementation experience underscores the power of government-to-government collaboration and taking ownership of reform processes.

• This case study demonstrates that when governments prioritize and actively drive reform, the benefits can be transformative for both the economy and international standing.