

BACKGROUND

Twelve least developed countries (LDCs) are in the formal graduation process and at different stages of leaving the category in the coming years, more than doubling the number that have left the category in the 47 years since it was formed. Many of these potential graduates are concerned about losing access to the international support measures (ISMs) that LDCs receive from the international community. This project will work with governments, UN entities and development and trading partners in six Asia-Pacific countries to develop and apply a set of proposals for post-graduation assistance.

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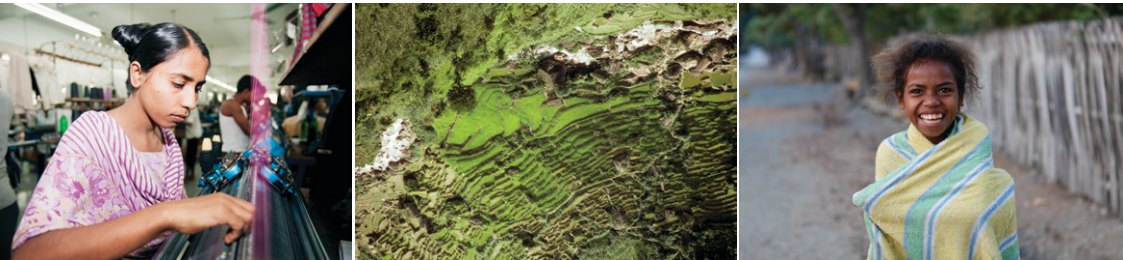
New assistance measures for graduating least developed countries (LDCs) toward the achievement of Agenda 2030



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

To strengthen the national capacity of target countries to identify, adopt and use targeted assistance measures in connection with LDC graduation



Target countries:

Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Nepal and Timor-Leste

Project duration:

1 November 2018 – 31 October 2022 (4 years)

Executing Entity:

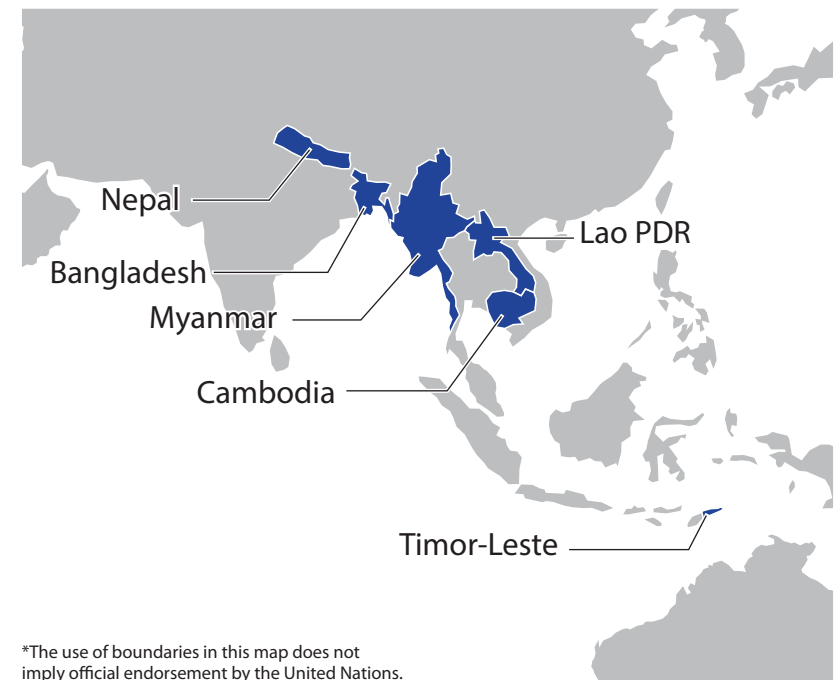
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PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- 01** Analysis and survey of existing or new support measures of greatest importance to each country **first half 2020**
- 02** Country meetings on graduation support to validate analysis and identify elements of smooth transition strategies **second half 2020**
- 03** Training and capacity building to support target countries in accessing and using new support measures and incorporating them into national plans **2021-2022**
- 04** Communicating information about graduation support measures among a broader group of LDCs **2021-2022**



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