EGATE Conference

ELEVATING GLOBAL ACCESS THROUGH E-COMMERCE IN CENTRAL ASIA

May 27<sup>th</sup> Tashkent, Uzbekistan



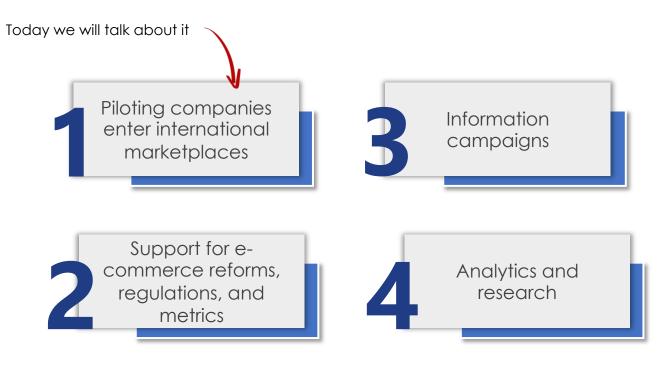






# WHAT IS THE E-GATE?

Launched in 2024, the E-GATE project is funded by the UK FCDO. EGATE aims to demonstrate the effectiveness of ecommerce for the economies of the Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan by working with both governments and the private sector.







### WHAT WE DID?





### **INTERVENTION I: ONBOARDING**

In May 2024, we openly selected **83 businesses of all sizes** sell their **products worldwide** on Alibaba.com by providing them **Alibaba memberships**. We also collected data before and after to see how this support helped improve market access, increase income, and create jobs.

Pilot program with Alibaba.com because it is a large global B2B marketplace, present in the region, accepts agriculture products



# **INTERVENTION II: TRAINING AND MENTORSHIP**

We provided **over 70 events** on Alibaba training, virtual check-ins, individual diagnostics, and workshops on account management, marketing, logistics, taxes, postal services, much more.





# WHAT WE ACHIEVED?

regional trade



#### After EGATE Before EGATE $\bigcirc$ Qo $\mathbf{O}$ in one year on the platform +70 > \$23 million > 20% new markets firms created jobs new contracts





#### **E-GATE in Uzbekistan**



UK, UAE, NZ are popular destinations

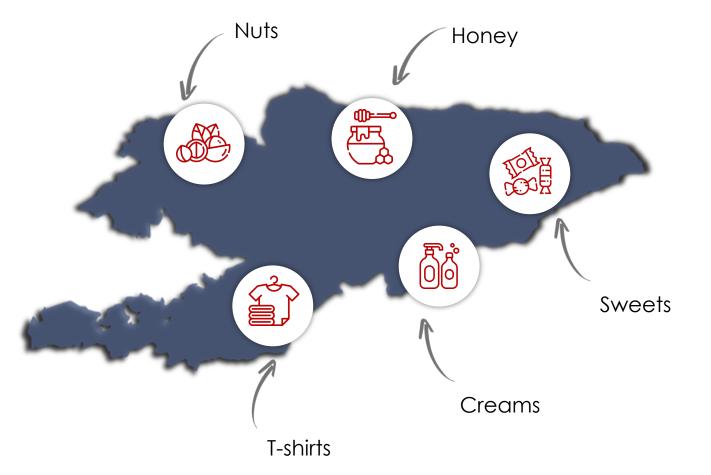


**30% firms** are in negotiations

United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, New Zealand



# **E-GATE in Kyrgyzstan**



UK, France, KZ are popular destinations

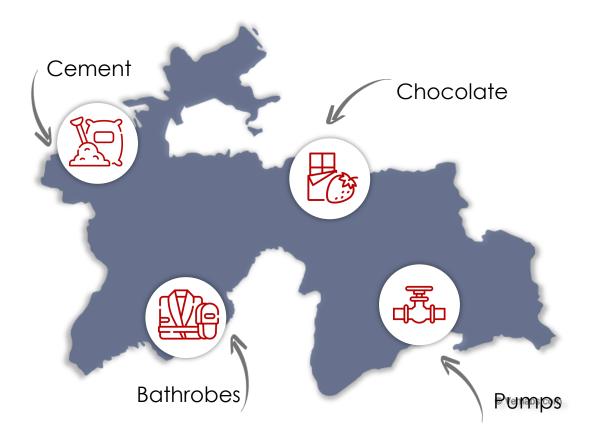


70% firms are in negotiations

United Kingdom, Kazakhstan



### **E-GATE in Tajikistan**







73% firms are in negotiations

South Africa, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan



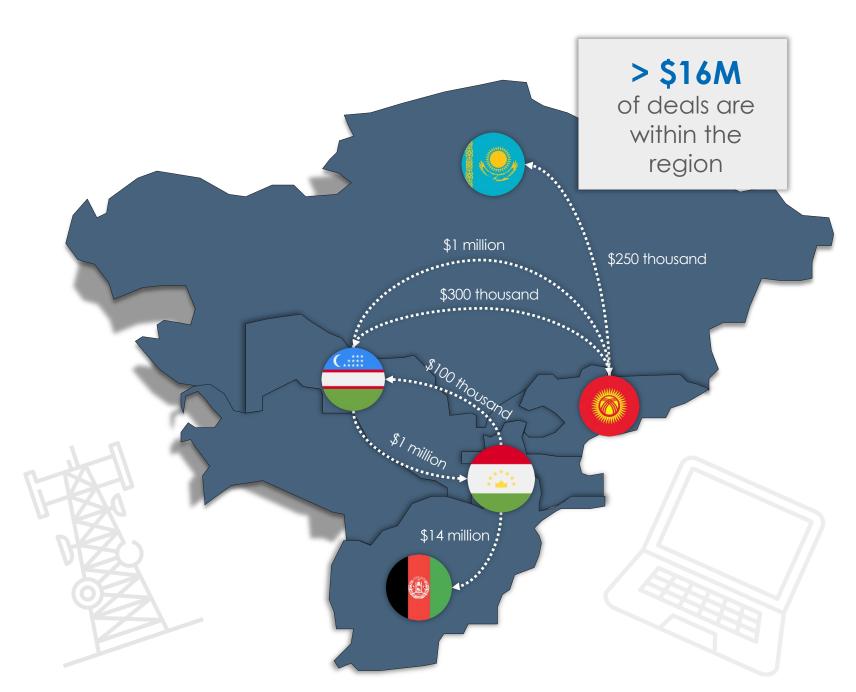
### WHAT'S NEXT?

# CAPACITY BUILDING IS KEY

Subsidized memberships without training is unlikely to get success



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From introducing B2B e-commerce for exports, jobs, and growth in Central Asia



To regional integration, economic growth and building the integrated **Central Asia** market for exports

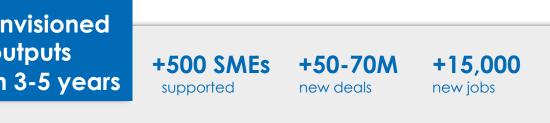


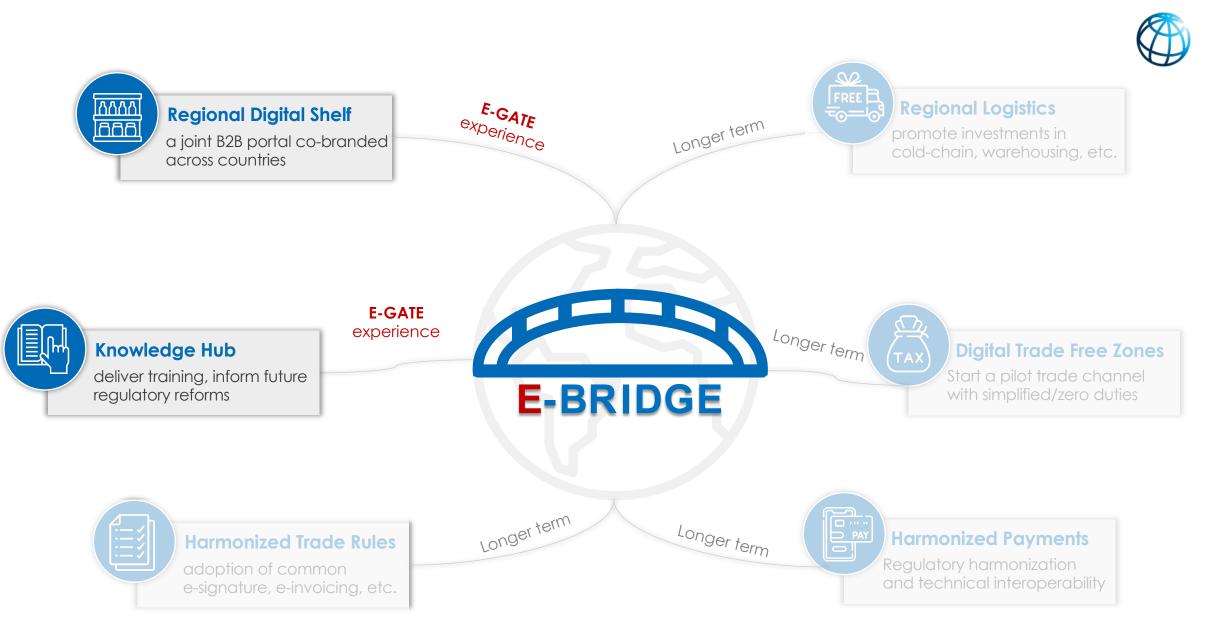
#### This morning we had closed high-level roundtable outlining future vision



With the government commitment E-BRIDGE will build on E-GATE and scale to empower SMEs in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan to export across borders by addressing logistical, regulatory, and technical barriers through practical, scalable interventions.

Envisioned outputs in 3-5 years









#### Thank you

Let's move together