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## Quality Infrastructure Fund – Supraregional

<b>Objective</b>	The partner countries of German Development Cooperation implement the requirements that are placed on an internationally recognized quality infrastructure in accordance with their individual needs.
<b>Approach</b>	<p>The term “quality” provides information about whether and to what degree products or services meet certain requirements. The characteristics are measurable and are stipulated by laws or contracts.</p> <p>The term “quality infrastructure” designates a complex system which is made up of organizations, policies, practices and regulatory framework conditions. This system ensures that the quality, safety and environmental compatibility of goods, services and processes are guaranteed.</p> <p>“Quality infrastructure” is a core element of fair trade policy, of the promotion and preservation of economic development and of social well-being. It represents a key point of the German Aid for Trade Strategy and contributes directly toward implementing Agenda 2030 for sustainable development.</p> <p>The measures of this global project support the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in drawing international attention to the issue of quality infrastructure, further developing conceptual approaches and highlighting German competencies in this area at the political level.</p> <p>The stakeholders of this project provide technical assistance to the BMZ in specialized subjects, observe and analyze the international setting, organize technical events, develop new methods and strategies, create appropriate forms of communication and maintain communication with other implementing organizations and international specialist bodies.</p> <p>Additionally, smaller and larger development measures will be carried out within the scope of the Quality Infrastructure Fund in the cooperating countries, which will support the setting up and the expansion of competence and capacities in the field of quality infrastructure. Beyond disseminating approaches of support which are already well-proven, novel thematic areas are prepared in terms of development policy and are exploratively tested in cooperation countries in accordance with their technical status.</p>
<b>Impact</b>	<p>This global project underlines Germany’s prominent position in supporting quality infrastructure and increases its visibility. Germany’s commitment clearly highlights the key role that quality infrastructure plays in an open and fair trade policy at international level, and the issue is given appropriate consideration in international and regional agreements.</p> <p>The development measures of the fund directly contribute to the selected cooperation countries shaping their quality infrastructure in such a way that adequate participation in regional and global trade is possible. On the other hand, environmental and consumer protection are improved. All social classes benefit from the achieved improvement in welfare equally. The exact impacts of the individual measures depend on their specific shaping, which will be agreed with the BMZ over the course of the project.</p>
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