

Enhancing transit and efficient transport connectivity for LLDCs during the Covid-19 Pandemic: Key Messages

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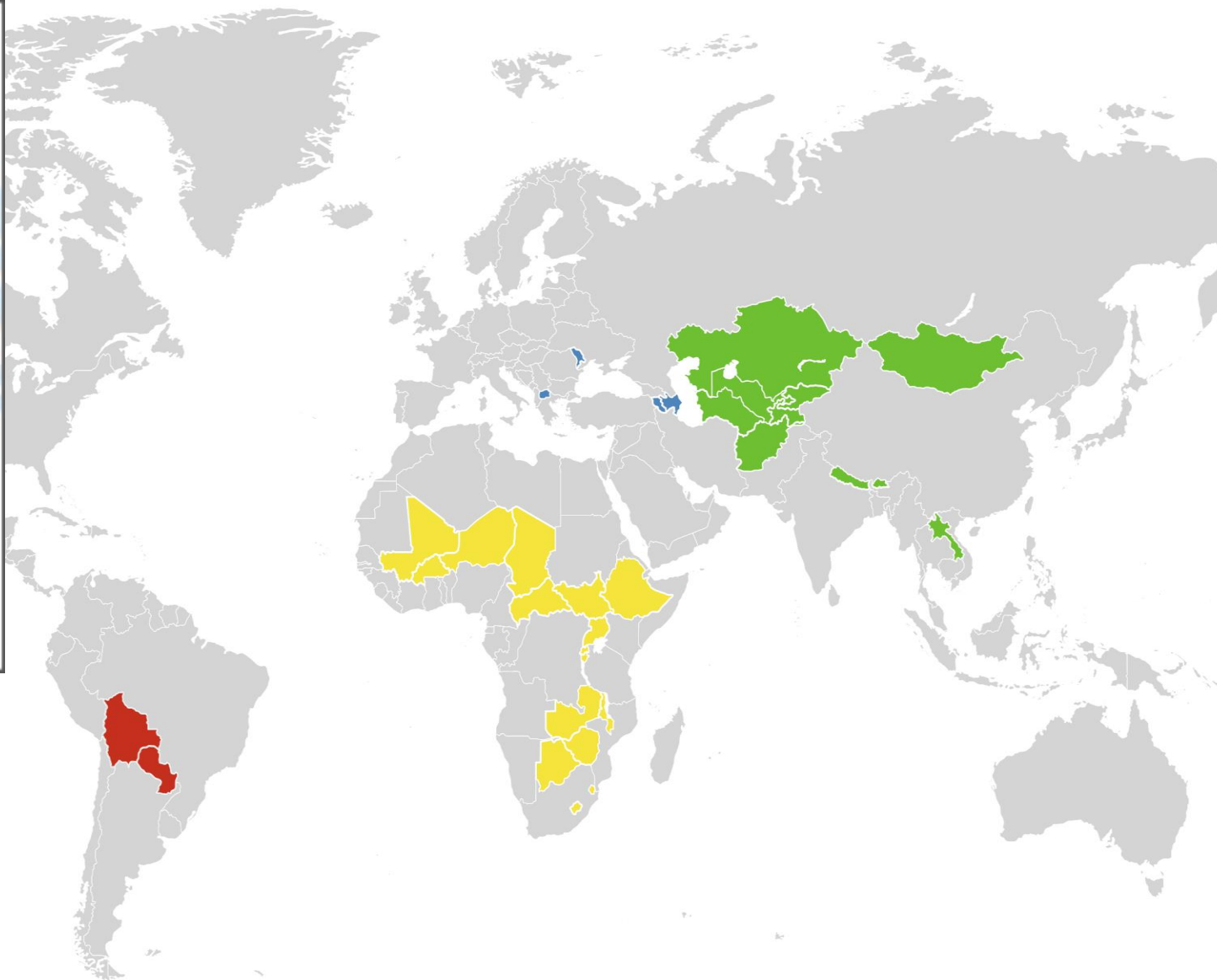


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LLDCs and Challenges experienced during the COVID-19 Pandemic



Post COVID-19 how can transit and efficient transport spur economic growth for LLDCs

Greater cooperation between LLDCs and transit countries

Health

Protect the safety of:

- transport workers,
- personnel at borders
- citizens

Transit, Trade, transport facilitation

- Simplified harmonized Customs processes
- Expedited movement goods
- Digital technologies
- Keep trade flowing

Hard Infrastructure

- Corridor infrastructure
- At inland border-crossing points



Way forward

- Develop efficient transport systems, smooth functioning of transit, and trade corridors which are resilient to crises.
- Enable expedited release and clearance of essential goods, and faster delivery of humanitarian goods.
- Greater use of digital technologies – eTIR, ASYCUDA
- Enhanced sharing of information between countries.
- Guidance for health and safety
- Ensure greater coordinated and harmonized interventions between national border agencies
- Ensure freedom of transit in line with provisions of international framework. – TIR Convention, WCO Revised Kyoto Convention, WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement



....Way forward

- Capacity and financial support to LLDCs and transit countries is critical
- Greater partnerships are needed – national governments, UN system organizations, regional organizations, private sector and others.
- Greater sharing of experiences between and within regions.
- UN-OHRLLS – Advocacy efforts - 2 statements issued



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