



EPZs and Impact on Poverty Reduction and Trade Facilitation

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Overview of EPZs



Background

Aims of EPZs:

- ▶ Generate employment
- ▶ Expand the exports industry
- ▶ Attract foreign exchange
- ▶ Encourage technology transfer
- ▶ Improve human capital
- ▶ Develop backward and forward linkages
- ▶ Promote economic development in less developed regions within a country

Americas

- ▶ 3.084 million employment
- ▶ Dominican Republic: 500 in 1970 → 200,000 in 2008
- ▶ 79.4% of total exports in Nicaragua, 77% in Dominican Republic, 67% in Panama

Europe

- ▶ Shannon Free Zone in Ireland
- ▶ Annual zone exports → US\$ 2.5 billion

- ▶ Pomeranian EPZ in Poland
- ▶ US\$ 870 million investment by 2007

- ▶ Small impact on employment generation
- ▶ 0.001% of total employment

Middle East and North Africa

- ▶ Development began in 1960s
- ▶ Less emphasis on manufacturing tradable goods like garments, and more emphasis on providing services like packaging and repackaging of goods.
- ▶ Roughly 100 zones in entire region
- ▶ Small impact on employment: fewer than 2 million workers

Iran Africa

less than other developing regions

excessive red tape, labour market rigidities
obstacles

70% employment concentrated in South

Government plays major role in employment in

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