

Trade Facilitation and Poverty Reduction in Asia and the Pacific: Insights from Available Literature

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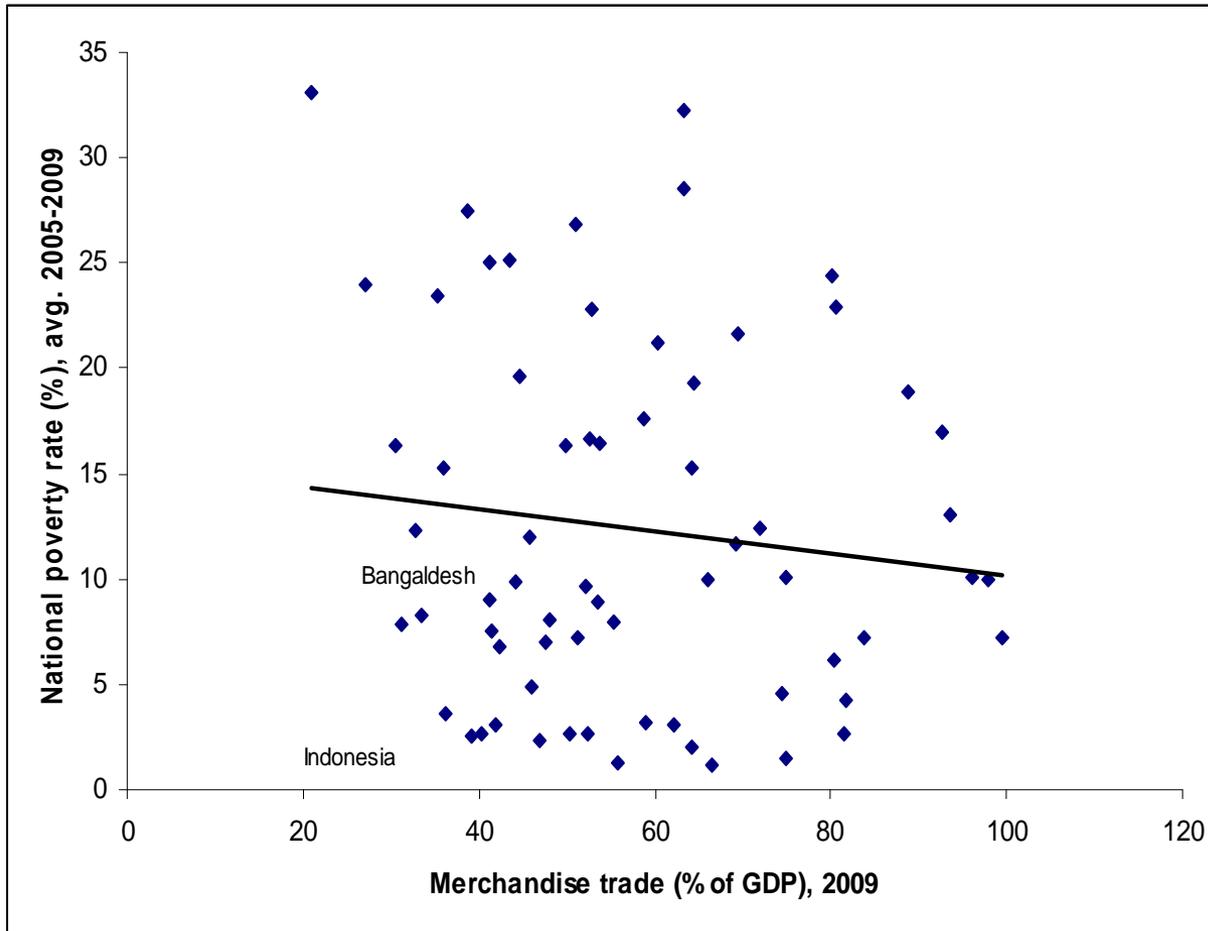
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Is there any link between trade facilitation and poverty?

- Tariff liberalization is almost a 'dead' issue, non-tariff policy issues important such as trade facilitation, NTMs, TBTs, etc.
- Trade facilitation is aimed at ensuring the movement and clearance of goods across borders within the shortest time at the minimum cost
 - Two elements which form the crux of the issue are time and cost.
- Trade liberalisation has long been seen as an important element of an effective and sound economic policy and trade facilitation is a necessary step for achieving it.
- Relation between trade, inequality and poverty within countries is not beyond controversy.
- Under free trade and competitive conditions, trade promotes growth, and growth reduces poverty.
- Reducing trade costs can have a profound impact on poverty.

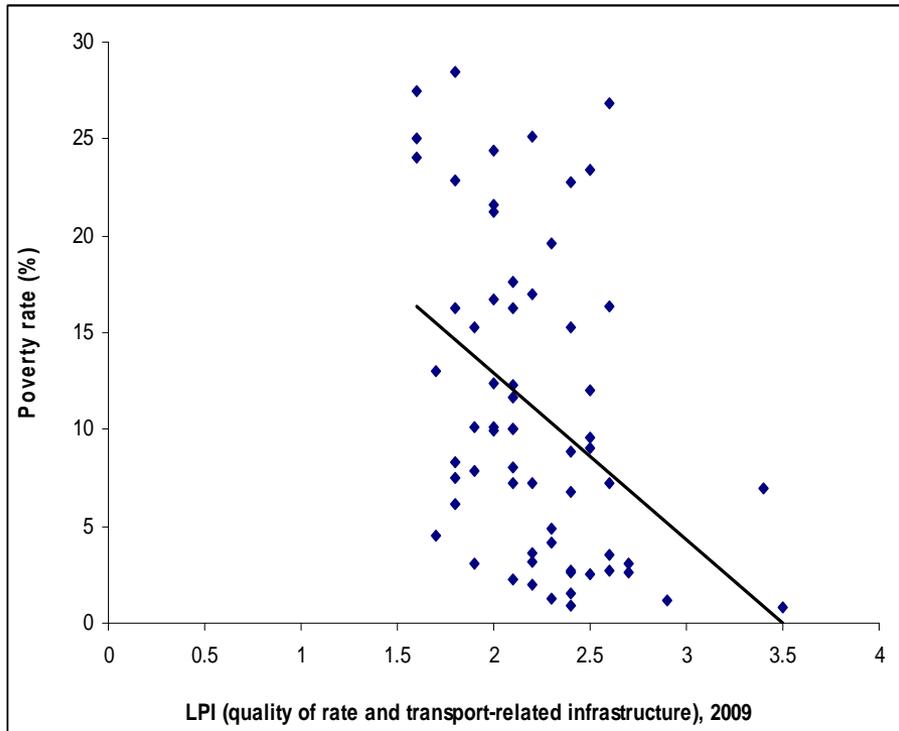
Trade – poverty scatter



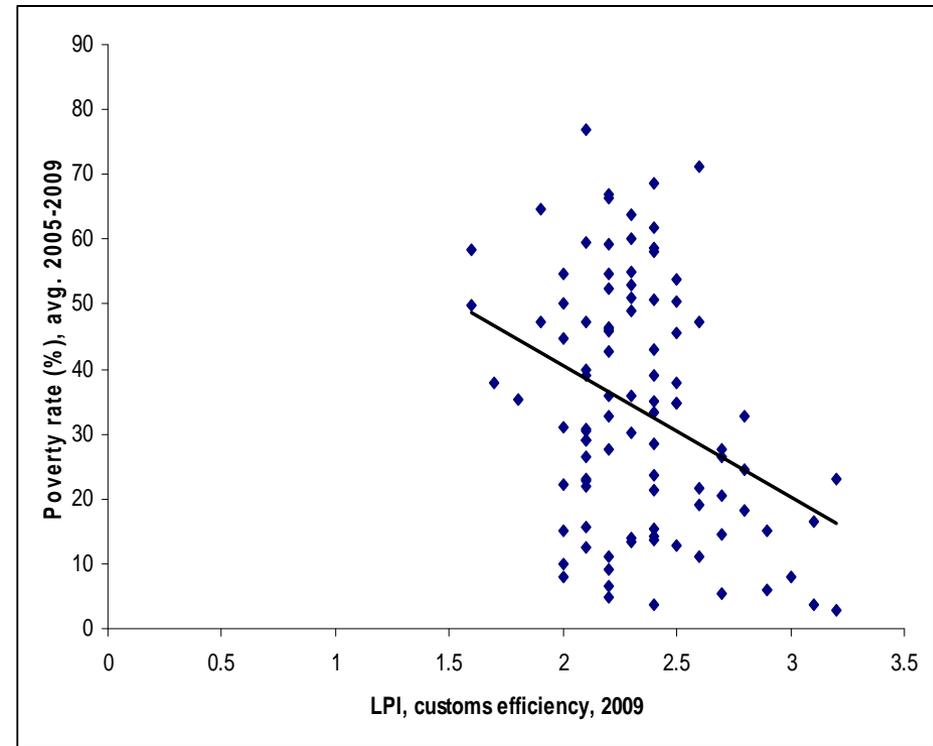
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Trade facilitation – Poverty Scatter

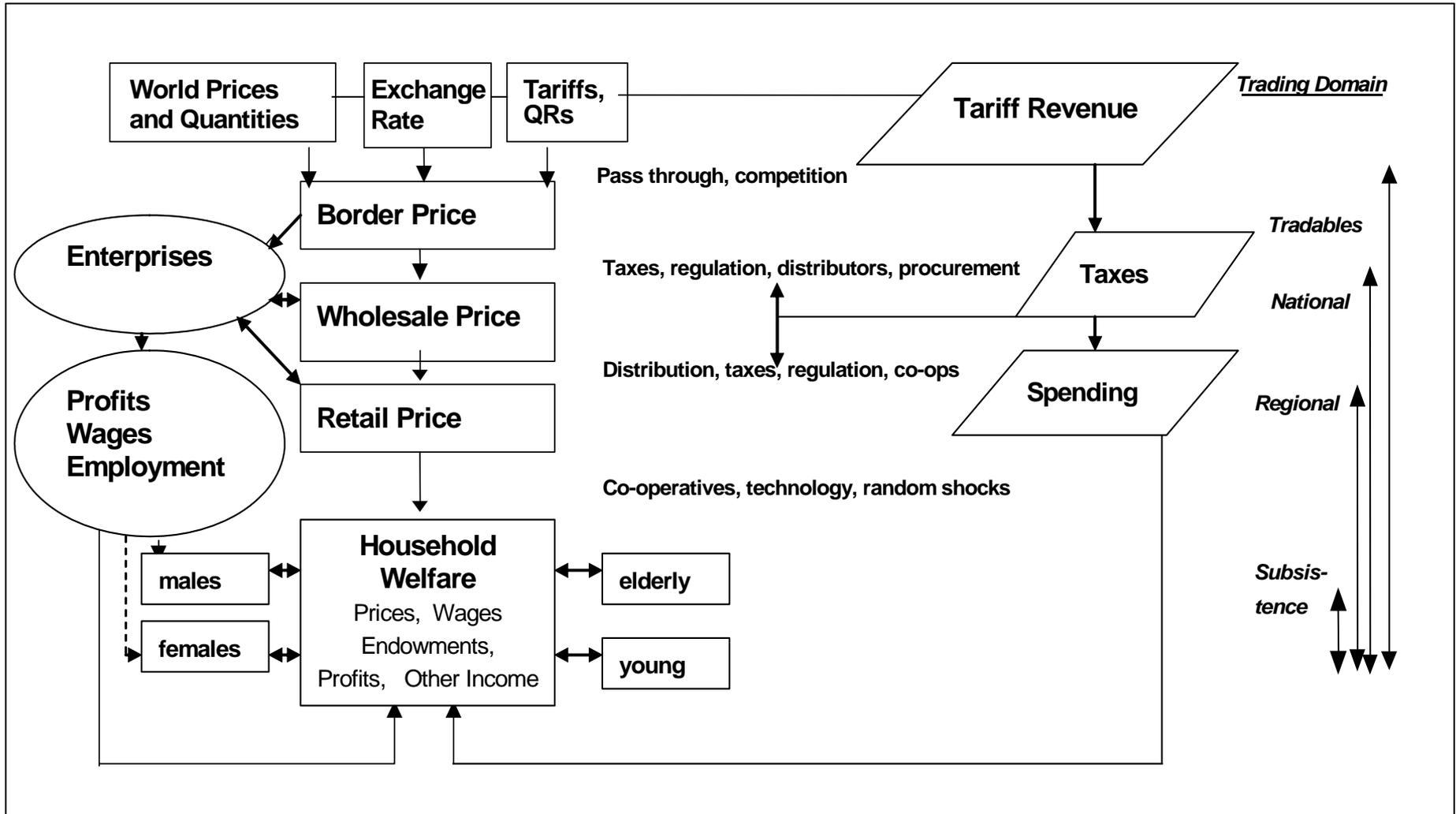
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Trade Policy and Poverty – Causal Connections

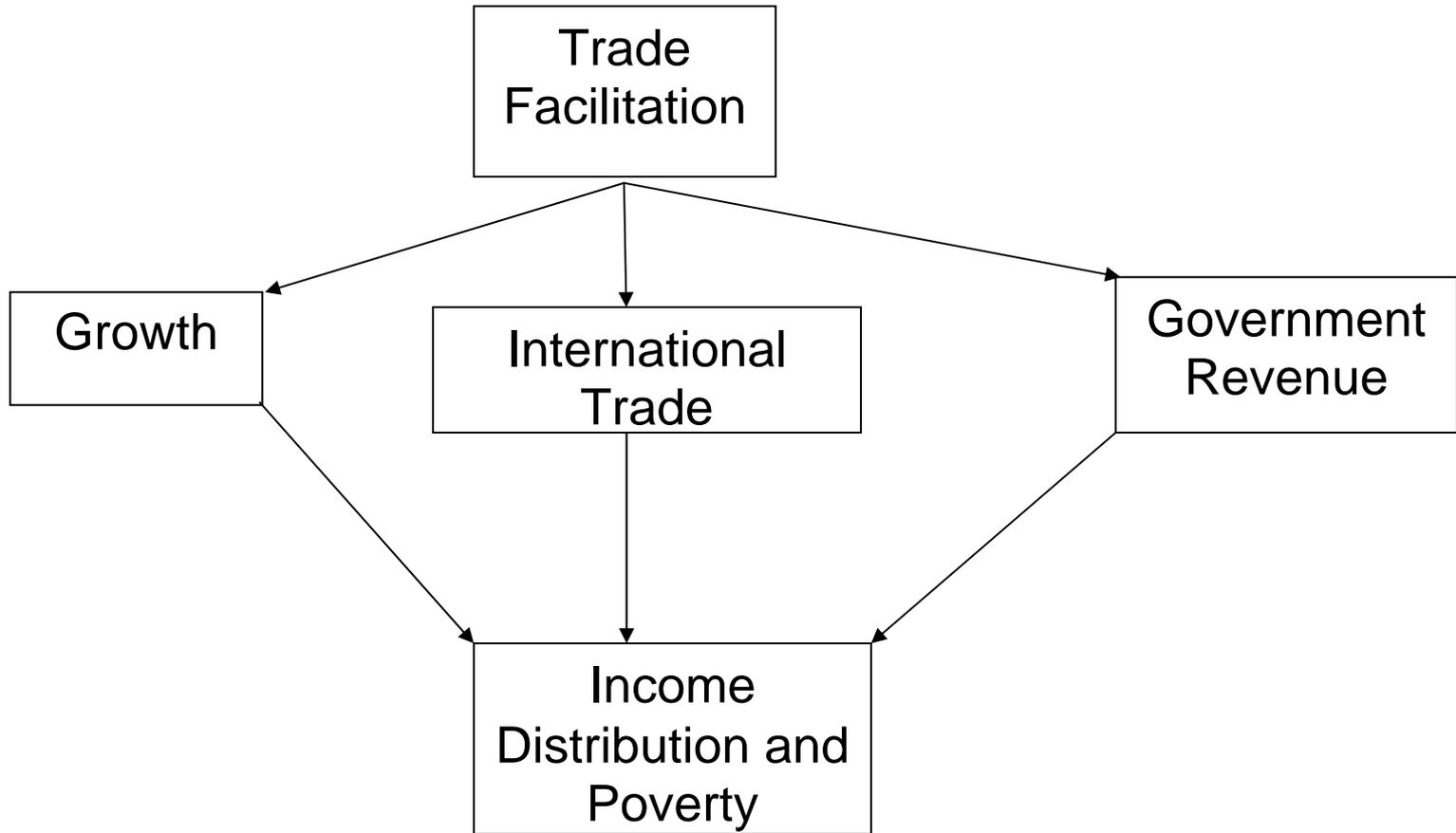


Income Distribution Impact of Trade Facilitation in Developing Countries

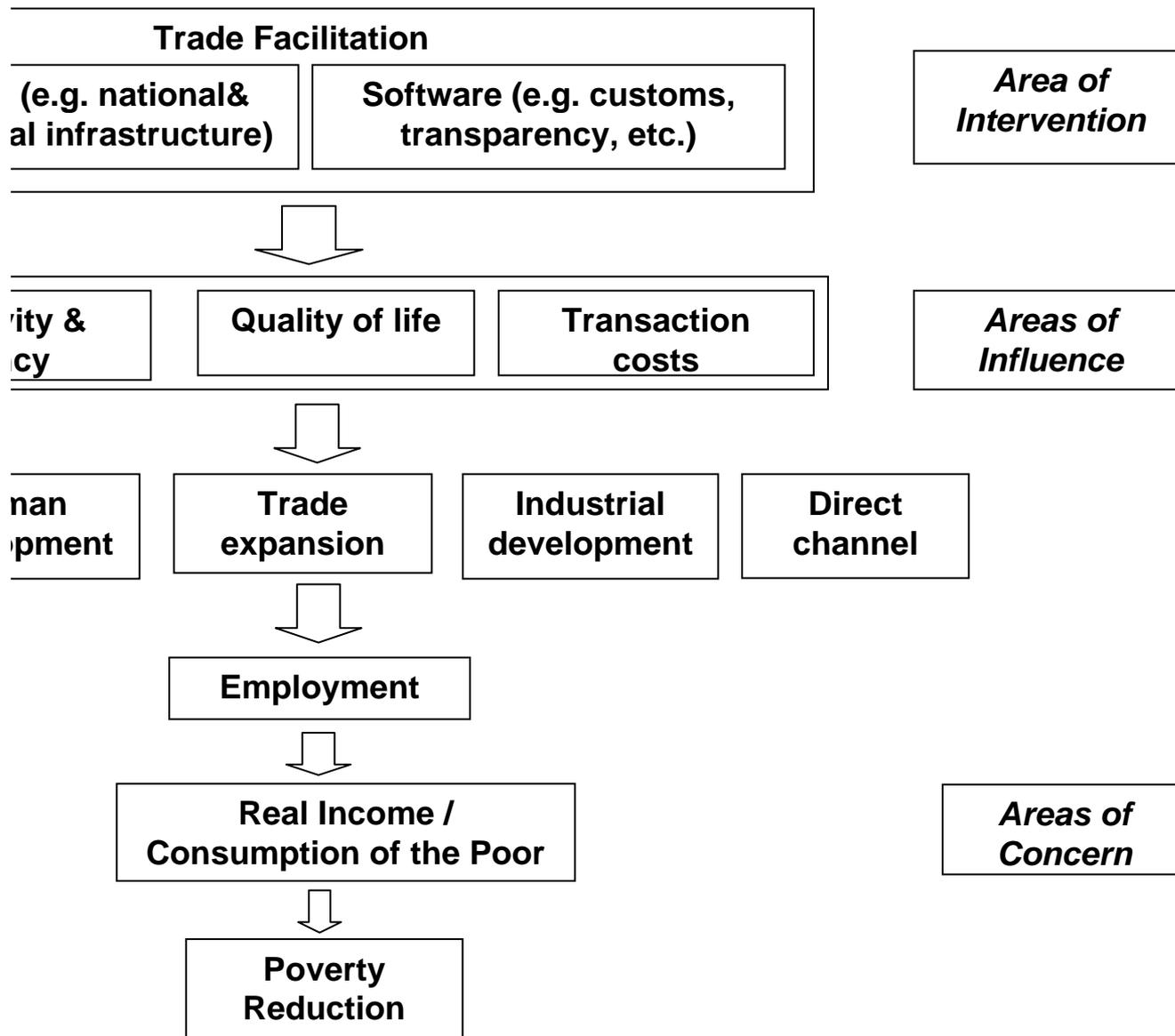
Channels	International trade, economic growth and government revenue
Direct benefits	Rising exports and foreign investment, rising employment, fall in poverty
SMEs	Main beneficiaries, since trade transactions costs fall disproportionately on small firms
Resource redistribution	Enhance trade-induced growth, increases average incomes providing more resources with which to tackle poverty.
Market access	Improvements in infrastructure allow the poor to trade more easily and profitably in domestic as well as in international markets.
Social progress	Rise in government revenue which can benefit the poor if used to finance social expenditures

Source: UN (2003)

Trade Facilitation and Poverty Linkages



Trade Facilitation Helps in the Reduction in Poverty



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