

Djibouti International Free Trade Zone — From 21 to 367 Companies in Six Years

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Djibouti's flagship free trade zone grew from 21 to over 367 operating companies in six years on zero-tax terms, per two independent trade-press accounts — though its original 350,000-job target remains far from documented reality.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-17

[Djibouti Ports & Free Zones Authority \(DPFZA\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-17

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