

The Role of the Saudi Fund for Development in Supporting Transportation and Communication Sector

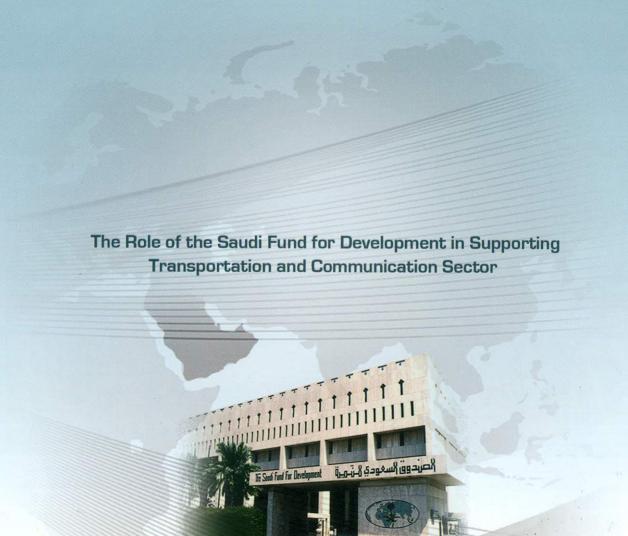


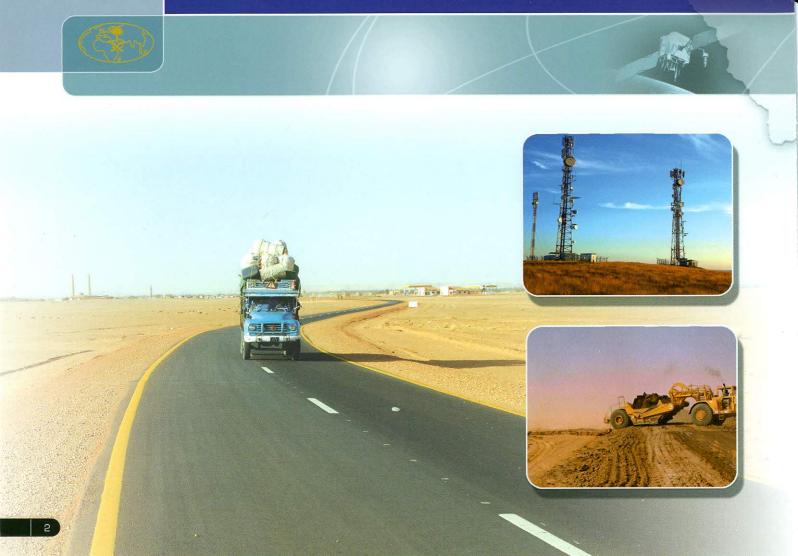


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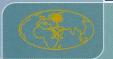


The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia had incepted the Saudi Fund for Development to act as its main channel in the provision of official development assistances. The Fund inception falls in line with the Kingdom's regional and international leading role in helping the less-developed countries and supporting their efforts towards further social and economic development. The fund's strategy focuses on supporting the sectors of priority according to the development plans of each recipient country. Since the start of its activity in 1975 till the end of 2013, the Fund has signed a total of *563 loan agreements to finance *542 development projects and programs with a total of SR. 42323 million benefiting 81 developing countries worldwide.

The transportation and communication sector plays a vital role in development; it connects various economic sectors and facilitates the transport of products in-between the different markets. Therefore, it contributes effectively to the development of various economic sectors and consequently increases the developing countries gross income. Also, In light of the high-cost of this sector's projects and their weak return on the short-term, besides to the poor resources of the developing countries and the reluctance of the private sector investors, the Fund decided to allocate huge amount to support this sector.

In this regard, the Fund has allocated SR. 12801.43 million equivalent to 30.24% of its total cumulative contributions to finance 185 development projects and programs; 108 of which were in Africa with a total value of SR. 6185.93 million, 71 in Asia for a total of SR. 6286.75 million and 6 in Other Regions at a total amount of SR. 328.75 million.

^{*}The reason that the number of signed loan agreements exceeds the number of projects and programs is that some projects recieved more than one loan.



First - The Transportation Sector:

The Transportation sector represents a sector that comprises a number of sub-sectors, namely, roads, railways, seaports and airports. The following illustrates the Fund's activity in each of these sub-sectors:

A - Roads:

Roads assume special importance in the development process. They are the main tool that connects the production sites with the consumption and export centers. They also facilitate the individuals' movement. The Fund has allocated SR. 8054.27 million, about 19.03% of its total cumulative loans amount to finance 125 development projects and programs; of which 75 were in Africa with a total value of SR. 3665.73 million, 46 in Asia with a total of SR. 4172.39 million and 4 in Other Regions where the Fund contributed a total of SR. 216.15 million.

B - Railways:

The Fund has contributed to finance 16 development projects and programs related to the railways at a total value of SR. 2385.96 million, which translates to 5.64% of the Fund's total cumulative contributions. 8 of these projects and programs were in Africa received a total financing of SR. 1291.08 million while the other 8 were in Asia with a total of SR. 1094.88 million.







C - Seaports :

The Fund has contributed a total of SR.1694.20 million to participate in the finance of 22 development projects and programs related to the seaports of the total financed projects and programs, 11 were in Africa with a total value of SR. 836.28 million, 9 in Asia with a total of SR. 745.32 million and another 2 in Other Regions with a total of SR. 112.60 million.

D - Airports:

The Fund has financed 16 airport projects and programs with a total of SR. 390.38 million. The projects and programs financed extended to include the construction of runways, expansion of aviation services and rehabilitation of some airports besides the provision of the engineering consultancies required for these works. Of the total financed projects and programs, 10 were in Africa totaled of SR. 250.15 million and 6 in Asia of SR. 140.23 million.

Second - The Communication Sector:

The Fund gave importance to the communication sector due to its significance in facilitating the trade movement as well as the flow and exchange of information especially in light of the globalization of trade and economy. In this regard, the Fund has financed 6 projects with a total amount of SR. 276.62 million of the total financed projects and programs, the Fund financed 4 in Africa with a total amount of SR. 142.69 million and 2 in Asia with a total amount of SR. 133.93 million.





The Sectorial and Geographical Distribution of the Fund's Contributions to the Transportation and Communication Sector during the Period 1975 - 2013

(SR. Million)

	Africa		Asia		Other Regions		Total	
Sector	No. of Projects and Programs	Amount	No. of Projects and Programs	Amount	No. of Projects and Programs	Amount	No. of Projects and Programs	Amount
Transportation								
- Roads	75	3665.73	46	4172.39	4	216.15	125	8054.27
- Railways	8	1291.08	8	1094.88			16	2385.96
- Seaports	11	836.28	9	745.32	2	112.60	55	1694.20
- Airports	10	250.15	6	140.23			16	390.38
Communication	4	142.69	2	133.93			6	276.62
Total	108	6185.93	71	6286.75	6	328.75	185	12801.43



The Contributions of the SFD's in Supporting the Transportation and Communication Sector in Africa during the Period 1975 - 2013

(SR. Million)

			Communication Projects					
Country	Roads	Railways	Seaports	ortation Projec Airports	No. of Loans	Amount	No. of Loans	Amount
Algeria			1		1	94.93		
Benin					1	60.00		
Bostwana				1	1	34.84		
Burkina Faso	4				4	150.00		
Burundi	5				5	182089		
Cameroon	3	1			4	154.96		
Cape Verde	1				1	37.50		
Central Africa Republic				. 1	1	16.00		
Comoros	2				2	44.00		
Cote d'viore	2				5	157.50		
Democratic Republic of Congo	1	1			5	70.04		
Djibouti			3	1	4	191.73		
Egypt	1	1	2		4	549.58	1	63.38
Ethiopia	4				4	233.75		
Eritrea	1				1	34.03		
Gabon		1			1	40.27		
Gambia	3			3	6	163.68		
Ghana	1		1		2	87.20		
Guinea	5				5	321.37		





[Cont.] - The Contributions of the SFD's in Supporting the Transportation and Communication Sector in Africa during the Period 1975 - 2013

SR.	Million)

Country			Communication Project					
	Roads	Railways	Seaports	Airports	No. of Loans	Amount	No. of Loans	Amount
Guinea Bissau	2		1		3	53.80		
Kenya	4				4	242.54		
Lesotho				1	1	13.16		
Liberia	1				1	31.80		
Madagascar	1				1	32.00		
Malawi	1				1	45.00		
Mali	4				4	213.56	S	
Mauritania	3				3	456.50		
Morocco		1	1		2	870.00		
People's Republic of Congo		2		rate to the balloon	2	164.89		
Niger	3				3	103.72		
Rwanda	6				6	189.72		
Senegal	6				6	224.85	2	55.65
Sierra Leone	1		K		1	37.50		
Sudan	3				4	263.51		
Tanzania	2			1	3	72.40		
Togo	2		1		3	96.02		
Tunisia		1	1	1	3	198.00		
Zambia	2				5	110.00		
Zimbabwe						The state of the	1	23.66
Total	75	8	11	10	104	6043.24	4	142.69



The Contributions of the SFD's in Supporting the Transportation and Communication Sector in Asia during the Period 1975 - 2013

Country		Transportation Projects							
	Roads	Railways	Seaports	Airports	No. of Loans	Amount	No. of Loans	Amount	
Afghanistan	2				5 ,	307.50	November 1		
Azerbaijan	1				1	48.75			
Bahrain	1				1	62.24			
Bangladesh	2	2			4	627.38			
China	3	2			5	735.40	1	97.95	
India	1	1	1		2	181.95			
Indonesia	2	gowan armosan	1		3	389.42			
Jordan	2	1	1		4	146.77			
Kazakhstan	1				1	45.00		Civita sadi	
Kyrgyzstan	2				2	93.75	y services		
Lebanon	8				8	519.45			
Maldives			1	4	5	147.46			
Oman	1				1	124.28			
Pakistan	2				2	59.35			
Philippines	1				1	75.00			
Sri Lanka	2				2	265.00	Special Control	haita Angres	
South Korea	1		2	a S. Maddon	3	362.27			
Syria	3		2	1	6	275.85	1	35.98	
Tajikistan	2				2	97.50	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		
Turkey	1	5		1	4	450.12			
Uzbekistan	1		la contrata de	a national and	1	112.50			
Vietnam	3				3	161.00			
Yemen	5		1		6	864.88			
Total	46	8	9	6	69	6152.82	2	133.93	





The Contributions of the SFD's in Supporting the Transportation and Communication Sector in Other Regions during the Period 1975 - 2013

(SR. Million)

Country			Communication Projects					
	Roads	Railways	Seaports	Airports	No. of Loans	Amount	No. of Loans	Amount
Albania	1				1	45.00		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1					93.75		
Jamaica	1					17.40		
Kosovo	1				1	60.00		
Malta			2		2	112.60		
Total	4		2		6	328.75		



