

**An Overview of the Activities of
the Saudi Fund for Development
(SFD) in the Transport and
Communications Sector in
Developing Countries 2022**





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The Activity of the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) in Transport and Communications Sector 1975-2022:



No. of Projects and
Programs

229

development projects and
programs



Financial Support

SR **20052.72**
equivalent to USD 5347.39
million

- Africa: 143 projects and programs with a total cost amounting to SR 11382.12 million.
- Asia: 79 projects and programs with a total cost amounting to SR 8069.91 million.
- Other Regions: 7 projects and programs with a total cost amounting to SR 600.69 million.

SFD Commitments to Developing Countries in Transport and Communications Sector by Sub-Sector:



Roads



Railways



Seaports



Airports



Communications

Africa					
No. Projects & Programs	107	8	11	13	4
Amount (SR million)	8503.80	1291.08	858.77	585.78	142.69
Amount (USD million)	2267.68	344.29	229.00	156.21	38.05
Asia					
No. Projects & Programs	56	6	8	7	2
Amount (SR million)	5980.77	750.90	689.07	515.24	133.93
Amount (USD million)	1594.87	200.24	183.75	137.40	35.71
Other Regions					
No. Projects & Programs	5	-	2	-	-
Amount (SR million)	488.09	-	112.60	-	-
Amount (USD million)	130.16	-	30.03	-	-
Total					
No. Projects & Programs	168	14	21	20	6
Amount (SR million)	14972.66	2041.98	1660.44	1101.02	276.62
Amount (USD million)	3992.71	544.53	442.78	293.61	73.76

Introduction:

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has established the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), based on its leading role in the regional and international arenas in assisting the developing countries and strengthening its effects to advance its development process in all social and economic fields. SFD's strategy is based on supporting priority sectors within the development plans of the recipient countries. The total loan agreements signed by SFD since the beginning of its activity in 1975 until the end of 2022, a total of 737* loan agreements, were allocated to finance 700* development projects and programs, 84 development countries benefited of those projects and programs across the world.

The transport and communications sector plays vital role in development; it connects the various economic sectors and facilitate the transport of products in-between the different markets. Therefore, they contribute effectively to the development of the various economic sectors and consequently increase the GDP. In light of the sector's high-cost projects and low short-term returns, supporting the transport sector is of utmost importance particularly given the poor resources of developing countries and the

reluctance of investors from the private sector. To date, SFD has allocated SR 20052.72 million, 28.52% of its total cumulative contribution, to finance 229 development projects and programs. In Africa, a total of 143 projects and programs have been financed, with a total value of SR 11382.12 million. An additional SR 8069.91 million were provided to support 79 projects and programs in Asia, while another SR 600.69 million financed 7 projects and programs in other regions.

* The reason that the number of signed loan agreements exceeds that of projects and programs, is that some projects have received more than one loan.



I. Transportation

The transport sector 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 facilitate the movement of individuals and goods, while connecting the production sites with consumers and export centers, and breaking isolation on some countries. Given the importance of this sector, SFD supported 168 projects and programs concerned with the development of roads. The total support amounted to SR 14972.66 million, which is 21.30% of the SFD's total cumulative loans amount, and 74.67% of its total contributions to the transport and communications sector. When examining the geographic distributions of these projects, SFD financed 107 projects and programs in Africa SR 8503.80 million, 56 projects and programs in Asia SR 5980.77 million, and 5 projects and

programs in other regions SR 488.09 million.

B. Railways:

SFD has contributed to the financing of 14 railways-related development projects and programs at a total value of SR 2041.98 million. These projects account for 2.90% of SFD's total cumulative contributions, and 10.18% of the transport and communications sector projects and programs 8 of these projects and programs were executed in Africa, receiving total support of SR 1291.08 million, while 6 other projects and programs were financed in Asia with a total of SR 750.90 million.

C. Seaports:

SFD has contributed a total of SR 1660.44 million; to the financing of 21 seaports projects and

programs The amount represents 2.36% of the SFD's total cumulative contributions, and 8.28% of the transport and communications sector. Of the total financed projects and programs, 11 of which were in Africa SR 858.77, million, 8 in Asia SR 689.07 million, and another 2 projects and programs in other regions SR 112.60 million.

D. Airports:

SFD has financed 20 airport projects and programs amounting to SR 1101.02 million. These projects and programs represent 1.57% of SFD's total cumulative contributions and 5.49% of the sector's projects and programs. The financed projects include the construction of runways, expansion of aviation services, rehabilitation of airports, and the provision of consultancy services for these works. Of the total financed projects and programs. 13 were in Africa SR 585.78 million and 7 in Asia

SR 515.24 million.

II. Communication:

SFD provided a great 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, SFD has financed 6 projects and programs with a total amount of SR 276.62 million which represents 0.39% of its total cumulative contributions and 1.38% of transport and communication sector. Of the total financed projects and programs, SFD 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 following table sets out SFD's contribution to transport and communication sector:

The Sectorial and Geographical Distribution of the SFD's Contributions to Transport and Communications Sector during 1975-2022:

Sector	Africa		Asia		Other Regions		Total	
	No. Projects & Programs	Amount (SR million)	No. Projects & Programs	Amount (SR million)	No. Projects & Programs	Amount (SR million)	No. Projects & Programs	Amount (SR million)
Transport sector								
Roads	107	8503.80	56	5980.77	5	488.09	168	14972.66
Railways	8	1291.08	6	750.90	-	-	14	2041.98
Seaports	11	858.77	8	689.07	2	112.60	21	1660.44
Airports	13	585.78	7	515.24	-	-	20	1101.02
Communications Sector								
	4	142.69	2	133.93	-	-	6	276.62
Total	143	11382.12	79	8069.91	7	600.69	229	20052.72

Contributions of SFD in Supporting the Transport and Communications Sector in Africa during 1975-2022:

Country	Transport Projects				Communications Projects			
	Roads	Railways	Seaports	Airports	No. of Loans	Amount (SR million)	No. of Loans	Amount (SR million)
Ethiopia	5	-	-	-	5	515.00	-	-
Eritrea	1	-	-	-	1	34.03	-	-
Central African Republic	-	-	-	1	1	16.00	-	-
Botswana	-	-	-	1	1	34.84	-	-
Benin	1	-	-	-	1	60.00	-	-
Burkina Faso	6	-	-	1	7	450.00	-	-
Burundi	7	-	-	-	7	317.51	-	-
Chad	1	-	-	-	1	135.00	-	-
Tanzania	3	-	-	1	4	124.15	-	-
Togo	3	-	1	-	4	159.76	-	-
Tunisia	-	1	1	1	3	198.00	-	-
Gabon	-	1	-	-	1	40.27	-	-
Gambia	5	-	-	4	9	581.81	-	-
Algeria	-	-	1	-	1	94.93	-	-

Country	Transport Projects				Communications Projects			
	Roads	Railways	Seaports	Airports	No. of Loans	Amount (SR million)	No. of Loans	Amount (SR million)
Cape Verde	1	-	-	-	1	37.50	-	-
Comoros	4	-	-	-	4	220.25	-	-
Djibouti	2	-	3	1	6	765.48	-	-
Rwanda	8	-	-	-	8	298.47	-	-
Zambia	2	-	-	-	2	56.76	-	-
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	23.66
Senegal	8	-	-	-	8	747.09	-	-
Sudan	3	-	-	1	4	263.51	2	55.65
Sierra Leone	1	-	-	-	1	37.50	-	-
Ghana	1	-	1	-	2	87.20	-	-
Guinea	5	-	-	-	5	321.38	-	-
Guinea-Bissau	2	-	1	-	3	53.80	-	-
Cameroon	4	1	-	-	5	218.71	-	-
Cote d'Ivoire	2	-	-	-	2	157.50	-	-

Country	Transport Projects				Communications Projects			
	Roads	Railways	Seaports	Airports	No. of Loans	Amount (SR million)	No. of Loans	Amount (SR million)
Democratic Congo	1	1	-	-	2	70.04	-	-
People's Republic of the Congo	-	2	-	-	2	164.89	-	-
Kenya	5	-	-	-	5	317.54	-	-
Liberia	2	-	-	1	3	181.80	-	-
Lesotho	-	-	-	1	1	13.16	-	-
Mali	5	-	-	-	5	259.81	-	-
Madagascar	4	-	-	-	4	204.50	-	-
Egypt	6	1	2	-	9	2357.27	1	63.38
Morocco	-	1	1	-	2	870.00	-	-
Malawi	1	-	-	-	1	45.00	-	-
Mauritania	4	-	-	-	4	550.25	-	-
Niger	4	-	-	-	4	178.72	-	-
Total	107	8	11	13	139	11239.43	4	142.69

Contributions of SFD in Supporting the Transport and Communications Sector in Asia during 1975-2022:

Country	Transport Projects				Communications Projects			
	Roads	Railways	Seaports	Airports	No. of Loans	Amount (SR million)	No. of Loans	Amount (SR million)
Azerbaijan	1	-	-	-	1	48.75	-	-
Jordan	3	1	1	-	5	540.52	-	-
Afghanistan	3	-	-	-	3	622.50	-	-
Indonesia	2	-	1	-	3	389.42	-	-
Uzbekistan	1	-	-	-	1	112.50	-	-
Pakistan	3	-	-	-	3	265.60	-	-
Bahrain	1	-	-	-	1	62.24	-	-
Bangladesh	3	2	-	-	5	864.87	-	-
Turkey	1	-	-	1	2	106.16	-	-
Sri Lanka	3	-	-	-	3	490.00	-	-
Oman	1	-	-	-	1	124.28	-	-

Country	Transport Projects				Communications Projects			
	Roads	Railways	Seaports	Airports	No. of Loans	Amount (SR million)	No. of Loans	Amount (SR million)
Syria	3	-	2	1	6	275.85	1	35.98
China	3	2	-	-	5	735.40	1	97.95
Tajikistan	3	-	-	-	3	210.00	-	-
Philippines	1	-	-	-	1	75.00	-	-
Vietnam	5	-	-	-	5	273.13	-	-
Kazakhstan	1	-	-	-	1	45.00	-	-
Kyrgyzstan	4	-	-	-	4	300.00	-	-
South Korea	1	-	2	-	3	362.27	-	-
Lebanon	8	-	-	-	8	519.45	-	-
Maldives	-	-	-	5	5	466.21	-	-
India	-	1	1	-	2	181.95	-	-
Yemen	5	-	1	-	6	864.88	-	-
Total	56	6	8	7	77	7935.98	2	133.93

Contributions of SFD in Supporting the Transport and Communications Sector in Other Regions during 1975-2022:

Country	Transport Projects				Communications Projects			
	Roads	Railways	Seaports	Airports	No. of Loans	Amount (SR million)	No. of Loans	Amount (SR million)
Albania	2	-	-	-	2	316.94	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	-	-	-	1	93.75	-	-
Jamaica	1	-	-	-	1	17.40	-	-
Kosovo	1	-	-	-	1	60.00	-	-
Malta	-	-	2	-	2	112.60	-	-
Total	5	-	2	-	7	600.69	-	-



المملكة الأردنية الهاشمية
ميدان الملك سلمان بن عبدالعزيز

Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
King Salman bin Abdulaziz Highway Intersection





مملكة البحرين
مشروع تطوير شارع الفاتح

Kingdom of Bahrain
Development of Al-Fateh Street project



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