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The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is one of the main countries that provide development financial assistance to a broad range of developing countries in order to elevate their economy. In fact, the Kingdom truly believes that those countries are in desperate need for help and that cooperation and solidarity between the international community members is inevitable. This role has grown and expanded with the growing capabilities and capacities of the Kingdom. In this regard, KSA ranked first among the world countries in terms of the percentage of their assistance to their Gross National Product.

The Saudi Fund for Development represents the government's main channel through which the Kingdom provides assistance. Given that the Kingdom's policy is based on the importance of cooperation and the provision of help to developing countries, and also in support of the efforts to increase the economic growth rates and reduce poverty. The Fund has endeavored to offer assistance to a wide number of developing countries, within this framework, the Fund, since its inception in 1974 till the end of 2013, has contributed a total amount of SR. 42323.00 million, equivalent to US\$ 11286.00 million to finance 542 development projects and programs in 81 countries.

The water sector stands as one of the key sectors to which the Fund has contributed assistance. In doing so, the Fund essentially aimed to provide clean drinking water, irrigation and agriculture; alongside with the improvement of the sewerage system. By doing so, the Fund contributed to the reduction of the developing countries' problems in this field, particularly the wide-spreading of diseases and the increase in the number of deaths due to the lack of clean potable water or adequate sewerage systems.

