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Introduction:

Africa has been hit by drought, which affected the normal aspects of life in the African countries. As a result of demands of the African countries through the Islamic Summit Conference held in Mecca to help them confronting this phenomenon,

Saudi Arabia designed, through SFD, a project to provide a drinking water named the “Saudi Program For Digging Wells and Rural Development in Africa”. The goal of this program is to mitigate the effects of drought in the African countries in the various rural regions by digging wells of potable water for citizens in the African countries. An amount of USD 100 million was allocated for this programme at its beginning.

As a result of the success achieved by the program projects in various African countries at its initial beginning; given the continued droughts in subsequent years in other countries and regions of Africa and being aware of the importance of the program continuation to include other countries and regions in Africa, four phases with an amount of USD 330 million were implemented. The fifth phase of the program is being carried out as of 2017 with an amount of USD 100 million.



The Goal of the program:

The program aims to provide potable water to the rural areas and remote areas in the targeted a countries. This will positively affect in the health conditions and improve the economic level.

Since its first phase, the program pay attention to the participation of the beneficiaries from its projects in different phases of implementation, especially phases of operation, maintenance, environment preservation, supervision, water preservation and approval of distribution mechanism for beneficiaries from wells.

The implemented Water Pointes are include three types:

1. Tube wells equipped with pumps that operate manually
2. Traditional open wells
3. Tube wells equipped with the requierd distribution networks and water tanks of various sizes with taps to obtain water and pumps operated by solar or electric power .



Achieved Results during the Program Phases:

Under the Saudi Program for Drill Wells and Rural Development, 6302 water facilities were drilled and equipped. About 2.5 million people and hundreds of thousands of cattle have benefited from these facilities.

The program projects had a significant impact on improving the health situation in the villages of the countries benefitted from the wells completed during the four stage of the program :

- The first phase had been implemented during 1982-1988 and amount of USD 100 million was allocated to this phase.
- The second phase had been implemented during 1987-1991 and amount of USD 30 million was allocated to this phase.
- The third phase had been implemented during 1997-2005 and amount of USD 50 million was allocated to this phase.
- The fourth phase had been implemented during 2006-2014 and amount of USD 50 million was allocated to this phase.

The fifth phase of the program is being carried out as of 2017 with an amount of USD 100 million.



The following table indicates the counties benefited from the program in the fourth phase, the total amounts allocated and number of completed water facilities:

Country	Allocated amount (USD Million)	No. of completed facilities
Mauritania	20.70	149
Mali	31.00	1659
Chad	27.90	386
Senegal	23.00	94
Niger	26.70	964
Guinea	24.50	612
Burkina Faso	25.20	1505



Country	Allocated amount (USD Million)	No. of completed facilities
Gambia	15.60	360
Cape Verde	13.10	77
Guinea Bissau	13.30	231
Djibouti	3.00	8
Togo	3.00	120
Benin	3.00	137
Total	320	6302