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The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia had incepted the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) to act as its main channel in the provision of official development assistances. The SFD's 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 SFD's strategy focuses on supporting the sectors of priority according to the development plans of each recipient country. The Fund signed, since its inception in 1975 till the end of 2016, *637 loan agreements to finance *609 development projects and programs at a total value of SR 51,445.69 million, benefitting 82 development countries across the world..

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 15,377.22 million equivalent to 29.89% of its total cumulative contributions to finance 206 development projects and programs; of which 123 were in Africa at a total value of SR 7,513.22 million, 76 in Asia at a total value of SR 7,441.50 million and 7 in Other Regions at a total value of SR 422.50 million.

* The reason that the number of signed loan agreements exceeds that of programs and projects, is that some projects received 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:

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 10,052.56 million, representing about 19.54% of its total cumulative contributions and 65.37% of its contributions to the transportation and communication sector, to finance 143 development projects and programs; of which 88 were in Africa with a total amount of SR 4,790.52 million, 50 in Asia with a total amount of SR 4,952.14 million and 5 in Other Regions with a total amount of SR 309.90 million.

Railway:

The Fund has contributed to finance 16 development projects and programs related to the railways at a total value of SR. 2385.96 million, representing 4.64% of the Fund's total cumulative contributions and 15.51% of its contributions to the transportation and communication sector. 8 of these projects and programs were in Africa with a total amount of SR. 1291.08 million while the other 8 were in Asia with a total amount of SR. 1094.88 million.



Seaports:

The SFD has contributed an amount of SR 1,716.70 million to participate in the financing of 22 development projects and programs in the seaports sector, representing 3.33% of the Fund's total cumulative contributions and 11.16% of the its contributions to the transportation and communication sector, of which 11 were in Africa at a total value of SR 858.78 million, 9 in Asia at a total of SR 745.32 million and another 2 in Other Regions at a total value of SR 112.60 million.

Airports

The Fund has financed 19 development projects and programs in airport sector with a total amount of SR 945.38 million, representing 1.84% of the Fund's total cumulative contributions and 6.15% of the its contributions to the transportation and communication sector. The financed projects and programs 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, 12 were in Africa with an amount of SR. 430.15 million and 7 in Asia with an amount of SR 515.23 million.



Second: 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 and facilitation of trade movement. In this regard, the Fund has financed 6 projects at a total value of SR. 276.62 million, representing 0.54% of the Fund's total cumulative contributions and 1.8% of its contributions to the transportation and communication sector, of which 4 were in Africa with an amount of SR 142.69 million and 2 in Asia with an amount of SR 133.93 million. This is shown in the following table:

The Sectorial and Geographical Distribution of the Fund's Contributions to the Transportation and Communication Sector during the Period 1975 - 2016 (SR Million)

Sector	Africa		Asia		Other Regions		Total	
	No. of Projects and Programs	Amount	No. of Projects and Programs	Amount	No. of Projects and Programs	Amount	No. of Projects and Programs	Amount
Roads	88	4790.52	50	4952.14	5	309.90	143	10052.56
Railways	8	1291.08	8	1094.88	-	-	16	2385.96
Sea Ports	11	858.78	9	745.32	2	112.60	22	1716.70
Airports	12	430.15	7	515.23	-	-	19	945.38
Communications	4	142.69	2	133.93	-	-	6	276.62
Total	123	7513.22	76	7441.50	7	422.50	206	15377.22



The Contributions of the SFD in Supporting the Transportation and Communication Sector in Africa during the Period 1975 - 2016

(SR Million)

Country	Projects of Transportation						Projects of Communication	
	Roads	Railways	Sea Ports	Airports	No. of Loans	Amount	No. of Loans	Amount
Ethiopia	4	-	-	-	4	233.75	-	-
Eritrea	1	-	-	-	1	34.03	-	-
Central African Republic	-	-	-	1	1	16.00	-	-
Botswana	-	-	-	1	1	34.84	-	-
Benin	1	-	-	-	1	60.00	-	-
Burkina Faso	4	-	-	1	5	255.00	-	-
Burundi	5	-	-	-	5	182.89	-	-
Chad	1	-	-	-	1	93.75	-	-
Tanzania	2	-	-	1	3	81.40	-	-
Togo	3	-	1	-	4	159.77	-	-



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	Roads	Railways	Sea Ports	Airports	No. of Loans	Amount	No. of Loans	Amount
Tunisia	-	1	1	1	3	198.00	-	-
Gabon	-	1	-	-	1	40.27	-	-
Gambia	4	-	-	3	7	238.68	-	-
Algeria	-	-	1	-	1	94.93	-	-
Cape Verde	1	-	-	-	1	37.50	-	-
Comoros	3	-	-	-	3	156.50	-	-
Djibouti	-	-	3	1	4	214.23	-	-
Rwanda	8	-	-	-	8	298.47	-	-
Zambia	2	-	-	-	2	110.00	-	-
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	23.66



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	Roads	Railways	Sea Ports	Airports	No. of Loans	Amount	No. of Loans	Amount
Senegal	6	-	-	-	6	224.85	-	-
Sudan	3	-	-	1	4	263.50	2	55.65
Sierra Leone	1	-	-	-	1	37.50	-	-
Ghana	1	-	1	-	2	87.20	-	-
Guinea	5	-	-	-	5	321.37	-	-
Guinea Bissau	2	-	1	-	3	53.80	-	-
Cameroon	4	1	-	-	5	218.71	-	-
Cote d'Ivoire	2	-	-	-	2	157.50	-	-
Democratic Congo	1	1	-	-	2	70.04	-	-
Peoples of Congo	-	2	-	-	2	164.89	-	-



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Country	Projects of Transportation						Projects of Communication	
	Roads	Railways	Sea Ports	Airports	No. of Loans	Amount	No. of Loans	Amount
Kenya	4	-	-	-	4	242.54	-	-
Liberia	1	-	-	1	2	106.80	-	-
Lesotho	-	-	-	1	1	13.16	-	-
Mali	4	-	-	-	4	211.06	-	-
Madagascar	2	-	-	-	2	77.00	-	-
Egypt	6	1	2	-	9	1105.38	1	63.38
Morocco	-	1	1	-	2	870.00	-	-
Malawi	1	-	-	-	1	45.00	-	-
Mauritania	3	-	-	-	3	456.50	-	-
Niger	3	-	-	-	3	103.72	-	-
Total	88	8	11	12	119	7370.53	4	142.69



The Contributions of the SFD in Supporting the Transportation and Communication Sector in Asia during the Period 1975 - 2016

(SR Million)

Country	Projects of Transportation						Projects of Communication	
	Roads	Railways	Sea Ports	Airports	No. of Loans	Amount	No. of Loans	Amount
Azerbaijan	1	-	-	-	1	48.75	-	-
Jordan	2	1	1	-	4	146.77	-	-
Afghanistan	2	-	-	-	2	382.50	-	-
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	864.88	-	-
Turkey	1	2	-	1	4	450.12	-	-
Sri Lanka	3	-	-	-	3	490.00	-	-
Oman	1	-	-	-	1	124.28	-	-
Syria	3	-	2	1	6	275.85	1	35.98



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(SR Million)

Country	Projects of Transportation						Projects of Communication	
	Roads	Railways	Sea Ports	Airports	No. of Loans	Amount	No. of Loans	Amount
China	3	2	-	-	5	735.40	1	97.95
Tajikistan	2	-	-	-	2	97.50	-	-
Philippines	1	-	-	-	1	75.00	-	-
Vietnam	4	-	-	-	4	197.00	-	-
Kazakhstan	1	-	-	-	1	45.00	-	-
Kyrgyzstan	2	-	-	-	2	93.75	-	-
The Southern Korea	1	-	2	-	3	362.27	-	-
Lebanon	8	-	-	-	8	519.45	-	-
Maldives	-	-	1	5	6	522.46	-	-
India	-	1	1	-	2	181.95	-	-
Yemen	5	-	1	-	6	864.88	-	-
Total	50	8	9	7	74	7307.57	2	133.93



The Contributions of the SFD in Supporting the Transportation and Communication Sector in Other Regions during the Period 1975 - 2016

(SR Million)

Country	Projects of Transportation						Projects of Communication	
	Roads	Railways	Sea Ports	Airports	No. of Loans	Amount	No. of Loans	Amount
Albania	2	-	-	-	2	138.75	-	-
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	422.50	-	-

