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The Saudi Fund for Development's Efforts in Transportation and Communications Sector 2024

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Introduction

Transportation and communications sector is considered one of the key drivers of economic growth and regional integration, given its primary role in connecting communities, promoting trade exchange, and improving access to services. In this context, the Saudi Fund for Development's (SFD) places significant emphasis on financing infrastructure projects in this sector, aligned with its vision to support developing countries in achieving comprehensive and sustainable development. SFD's support in this sector encompasses a wide range of vital projects that contribute to strengthening geographic connectivity, improving service delivery, and enhancing logistic efficiency. These projects include the development of road networks, construction of railway networks, construction and rehabilitation of airports, expansion of seaports, as well as digital infrastructure projects and strengthening telecom systems. These efforts contribute to supporting economic growth, facilitating movement of individuals and goods, and enabling communities to access new opportunities in education, healthcare, and trade. Through its support for the transportation and communications sector, SFD aims to accelerate balanced development and establish modern infrastructure that improves quality of life, raises service efficiency, and strengthens the capacity of developing countries to keep pace with global advancements in transportation, technology, and communication.

This booklet reviews SFD's efforts in supporting transportation and communications sector in developing countries, highlighting its development contributions that reflect its commitment to supporting this sector.



SFD's Efforts to Support Transportation and Communications Sector

Considering substantial developmental importance of the transportation and communications sector, SFD has given it special priority. Despite the challenges that the developing countries face, such as high investment costs, limited short-term returns, and investor hesitancy, SFD has provided **252** loans amounting to USD **5,832.53** million within its commitment to supporting sustainable development. These loans have contributed to transportation and communications development projects in developing countries, enhanced critical infrastructure networks, and strengthened opportunities for economic and social growth. SFD-financed projects in this sector include developing roads and railways, expansion of airports and seaports, and renewing telecom networks and digital infrastructure, contributing to economic integration and improving quality of life in beneficiary communities.

Latest Development Loans Provided to Developing Countries in Transportation and Communications Sector

Dominica

Rehabilitation of Infrastructure in Roseau

Agreement Signing Date: 14/9/2024.
Objectives: Rehabilitating infrastructure for seven key roads in the capital, Roseau, spanning **3.7** kilometers.

Bahamas

Development of North Eleuthera International Airport

Agreement Signing Date: 9/9/2024.
Objectives: Construction, rehabilitation, and equipping of a passenger terminal building, spanning **4,000** square meters, and increasing passenger handling capacity from **300,000** to **700,000** passengers annually.

Tunisia

Renewal and Development of Railways Used in Transporting Phosphate

Agreement Signing Date: 22/2/2024.
Objectives: Rehabilitation of **191** kilometers of railway lines.

SFD's Activities in Transportation and Communications Sector (1975 – 2024)

Transportation and Communications Sector

No. of Loans
252

No. of Countries
72

Total Amount (USD Million)
5,832.53

% Of Contribution
26.84%
out of SFD's total cumulative contributions

Africa



No. of Loans	No. of Countries	Total Amount (USD Million)	% Of the Total Amount
155	41	3,160.23	54%

Asia and the Pacific



No. of Loans	No. of Countries	Total Amount (USD Million)	% Of the Total Amount
84	23	2,281.98	39%

Europe



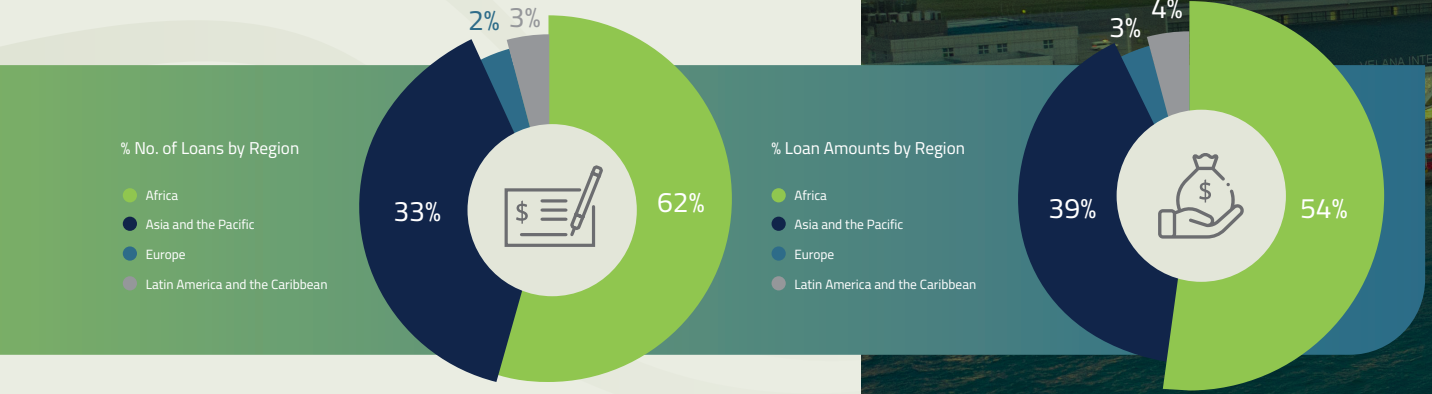
No. of Loans	No. of Countries	Total Amount (USD Million)	% Of the Total Amount
8	4	169.68	3%

Latin America and the Caribbean



No. of Loans	No. of Countries	Total Amount (USD Million)	% Of the Total Amount
5	4	220.64	4%

SFD's Activities in Transportation and Communications Sector (1975 – 2024)





Development Loans Provided to Developing Countries in Transportation and Communications Sector by Sub-Sector

Roads

	Africa	Asia and the Pacific	Europe	Latin America and the Caribbean	Total
No. of Loans	115	60	6	3	184
Loan Amount (USD Million)	2,337.68	1,624.87	139.65	95.64	4,197.84

Airports

	Africa	Asia and the Pacific	Europe	Latin America and the Caribbean	Total
No. of Loans	15	8	0	2	25
Loan Amount (USD Million)	156.21	237.40	0	125.00	518.61

Seaports

	Africa	Asia and the Pacific	Europe	Latin America and the Caribbean	Total
No. of Loans	12	8	2	0	22
Loan Amount (USD Million)	229.01	183.75	30.03	0	442.79

Railways

	Africa	Asia and the Pacific	Europe	Latin America and the Caribbean	Total
No. of Loans	9	6	0	0	15
Loan Amount (USD Million)	399.29	200.24	0	0	599.53

Development Loans Provided to Developing Countries in Transportation and Communications Sector by Sub-Sector

Communications

	Africa	Asia and the Pacific	Europe	Latin America and the Caribbean	Total
No. of Loans	4	2	0	0	6
Loan Amount (USD Million)	38.05	35.71	0	0	73.76

Total

	Africa	Asia and the Pacific	Europe	Latin America and the Caribbean	Total
No. of Loans	155	84	8	5	252
Loan Amount (USD Million)	3,160.23	2,281.98	169.68	220.64	5,832.53

SFD's Contributions to Developing Transportation and Communications Infrastructure

Total Length of Roads Funded by SFD	Total Length of Railways Funded by SFD	No. of Seaports Funded by SFD	No. of Airports Funded by SFD
24,625.05 Kilometers	5,479.20 Kilometers	22 Seaports	18 Airports





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