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The Saudi Fund for Development's Efforts to Support Small Island Developing States 2024

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Introduction

Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are considered the most developing counties vulnerable to developmental and environmental challenges, because of their geographical nature, limited resources, and, in some cases, lack of advanced infrastructure. Furthermore, SIDS are directly exposed to the impacts of climate change, such as sea-level rise, natural disasters, and supply chain volatility. Collectively, these factors represent real obstacles hindering efforts to achieve sustainable economic and social development.

Driven by its commitment to promoting international development and contributing to achieving Sustainable Development Goals, SFD has supported SIDS in several critical sectors, such as education, health, water and sanitation, housing and urban development, energy, transport infrastructure, food and water security, and other priority areas. SFD adopts a well-rounded approach, which not only provides financing but also includes technical support, cooperation with local and international partners, and ongoing monitoring to ensure projects are effectively implemented and deliver the desired development outcomes. This booklet review SFD's activities in supporting SIDS, highlighting the development support provided to these countries, which reflects its commitment to supporting the most vulnerable communities and contributing to a more stable and prosperous future.



SFD's Loans Provided to SIDS Aim to Achieve the Following



Overcoming Geographical Challenges

Because of their geographic isolation, SIDS face difficulties in accessing global markets and logistical infrastructure.



Enhancing Natural Resources

SIDS often suffer from limited natural and economic resources, rendering them dependent on external development financing.



Strengthening Infrastructure

SIDS often have underdeveloped infrastructure, which impedes economic development and social growth.



Adapting to Climate Change

SIDS are highly vulnerable to sea-level rise and natural disasters, making investment in disaster-resilient infrastructure essential.



Enhancing Food and Water Security

Because of the limited availability of farmland and water resources, SIDS depend on external support to enhance food and water security.



Promoting Economic Growth

Contributing to the financing of development projects helps stimulate economic activity and create job opportunities in SIDS.



Developing Sustainable Tourism

Many SIDS depend heavily on tourism; accordingly, SFD contributes to developing sustainable tourism infrastructure.



Improving Quality of Life

Provision of education and healthcare services, and development of water, electricity, and transport infrastructure.

SFD's Contributions to SIDS by Geographical Regions

Africa

Cape Verde	
No. of Loans	4
Total Amount (USD Million)	39.30

Comoros	
No. of Loans	5
Total Amount (USD Million)	61.23

Seychelles	
No. of Loans	3
Total Amount (USD Million)	45.00

Mauritius	
No. of Loans	7
Total Amount (USD Million)	228.08

SFD's Contributions to SIDS by Geographical Regions

Latin America and the Caribbean

Antigua and Barbuda	
No. of Loans	1
Total Amount (USD Million)	80.00

Belize	
No. of Loans	2
Total Amount (USD Million)	122.00

Jamaica	
No. of Loans	1
Total Amount (USD Million)	4.64

Bahamas	
No. of Loans	3
Total Amount (USD Million)	135.00

Dominica	
No. of Loans	1
Total Amount (USD Million)	41.00

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	
No. of Loans	3
Total Amount (USD Million)	66.00

Saint Kitts and Nevis	
No. of Loans	1
Total Amount (USD Million)	40.00

Saint Lucia	
No. of Loans	1
Total Amount (USD Million)	75.00

Grenada	
No. of Loans	1
Total Amount (USD Million)	100.00

Cooperative Guyana	
No. of Loans	2
Total Amount (USD Million)	150.00

Cuba	
No. of Loans	7
Total Amount (USD Million)	193.34

SFD's Contributions to SIDS by Geographical Regions

Asia and the Pacific

Western Samoa	
No. of Loans	1
Total Amount (USD Million)	4.27

Total

No. of Countries
16

No. of Loanss
43

Amount (USD Million)
1,384.86

SFD's Contributions to SIDS by Sector

Social Infrastructure	
No. of Countries	12
No. of Loans	25
Total Amount (USD Million)	854.18

Transport and Communications	
No. of Countries	6
No. of Loans	10
Total Amount (USD Million)	289.37

Energy	
No. of Countries	3
No. of Loans	3
Total Amount (USD Million)	137.00

Agriculture	
No. of Countries	1
No. of Loans	2
Total Amount (USD Million)	19.31

Other Sectors	
No. of Countries	3
No. of Loans	3
Total Amount (USD Million)	85.00


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