Development Partner Profile

Saudi Arabia

Summary

This development partner profile showcases different dimensions of performance and the distribution of development finance of Saudi Arabia. The information below was compiled from two sources: AidData’s 2014 Reform Efforts Survey and 2004-2013 Core Database. The 2014 Reform Efforts Survey asked public, private, and civil society leaders in 126 low- and middle-income countries questions about the most pressing problems they face, their top policy priorities, and how aid agencies can partner with them most effectively. Leaders evaluated the degree to which Saudi Arabia’s influenced the policy agenda (n=121), provided useful advice (n=85), and how helpful this development partner was in implementation (n=18). The 2004-2013 Core Database represents the most comprehensive dataset tracking international development finance.

Where does Saudi Arabia’s Development Finance go?

Top Partner Countries
(in millions USD by % of development finance)

- 1. China (13%, 361.3)
- 2. Yemen (9%, 246.4)
- 3. Syria (5%, 149.1)
- 4. Morocco (5%, 132.8)
- 5. Pakistan (4%, 127.9)
- 6. Jordan (4%, 123.8)
- 7. Mauritania (4%, 114.7)
- 8. Sudan (4%, 105.8)
- 9. Algeria (4%, 101.5)
- 10. Sri Lanka (3%, 86.3)

Source: AidData’s 2004-2013 Core Database

Distribution of Saudi Arabia’s Development Finance, 2004-2013
(millions of USD)

- Saudi Arabia
- Average Development Partner

In which countries is Saudi Arabia performing the best?

Influences the policy agenda (0-5)

Provides useful advice* (1-5)

Helpful in implementation (0-5)

Source: AidData’s 2014 Reform Efforts Survey, Q14, Q21, Q25

* The usefulness of advice scale ranged from 1 to 5.

*Insufficient data*
How do in-country stakeholders perceive Saudi Arabia's performance?

1.1
Survey respondents gave an average score of 1.1 to Saudi Arabia's agenda-setting influence, 0.9 below the average country.

2.6
Survey respondents gave a score of 2.6 to Saudi Arabia's usefulness of advice.

2.5
Survey respondents gave a score of 2.5 to Saudi Arabia's helpfulness in policy reform implementation.

Source: AidData's 2014 Reform Efforts Survey, Q14, Q21, Q25

Saudi Arabia's Useful Advice, Amount of Development Finance, and Influence by Policy Area

Governance: land, decentralization, anti-corruption & transparency, democracy, public administration, justice & security, tax, customs, and public expenditure management

Economic: macroeconomic management, trade, business regulatory environment, investment, labor, energy & mining, infrastructure, and finance, credit & banking

Environment & Social: health, education, family & gender, social protection & welfare, environmental protection, and agriculture & rural development

** The amount of development finance is log-transformed to account for skewed distribution of aid across sectors.

Source: AidData's 2004-2013 Core Database and 2014 Reform Efforts Survey, Q14, Q21

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