Development Partner Profile

South Korea
Summary

This development partner profile showcases different dimensions of performance and the distribution of development finance of South Korea. 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 South Korea’s influenced the policy agenda (n=190), provided useful advice (n=151), and how helpful this development partner was in implementation (n=65). The 2004-2013 Core Database represents the most comprehensive dataset tracking international development finance.

Where does South Korea's Development Finance go?

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

1. China (16%, 4068.7)
2. Vietnam (15%, 3849)
3. Indonesia (8%, 1997.5)
4. Philippines (4%, 1141.7)
5. Madagascar (4%, 1093.3)
6. India (3%, 839)
7. Mexico (3%, 726.6)
8. Bangladesh (3%, 675.9)
9. Oman (2%, 631.4)
10. Cambodia (2%, 577.1)

Distribution of South Korea's Development Finance, 2004-2013
(millions of USD)

Source: AidData's 2004-2013 Core Database

In which countries is South Korea 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.
How do in-country stakeholders perceive South Korea's performance?

Influences the policy agenda

Survey respondents gave an average score of 2.2 to South Korea's agenda-setting influence, 0.2 above the average country.

Provides useful advice*

Survey respondents gave a score of 3.3 to South Korea's usefulness of advice.

Helpful in implementation

Survey respondents gave a score of 2.7 to South Korea's helpfulness in policy reform implementation.

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

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South Korea's Useful Advice, Amount of Development Finance, and Influence by Policy Area

Policy Domain
- Economic policy
- Social and environmental policy
- Governance policy

Agenda-setting influence

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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