# Practices of Data Collection on South -South Cooperaion in Arab Countries Towards the adoption of the Framewrok on Measuring SSC

Inter-regional expert meeting on the measurement of South-South cooperation

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# South-South Cooperation for Knowledge Sharing Background











# **Project components**



Team: UNCTAD UNSD, ECA, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA



Support 8 developing countries from Asia, Africa and Latin America to measure SSC



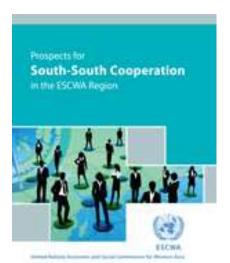
To inform and target policy action to manage and mobilize resources for efforts to achieve the SDGs

https://unctad.org/project/quantifying-south-south-cooperation-mobilize-funds-sustainable-development-goals

# Better Framework for measuring SSC Project Implementation

- Reporting on SDG 17.3.1 SSC with a methodology that has agreement and ownership by countries of the Global South with total respect to their sovereignty.
- Regional reporting and capacity-building, and interregional knowledge sharing
- Very strong support from policymakers in the Arab Region after Natural and War Disasters afflicting many countries and the disruption of Supply chains caused by the Ukraine War

# Background on SSC in Arab Region



South-South cooperation plays an important role in

- Generation of employment
- Poverty alleviation
- Attainment of inclusive, sustained economic development
  - Through technical assistance, knowledge exchange and technology transfer.
  - Across a number of sectors

#### Findings of the Study

E/ESCWA/EDGD/2011/4 22 August 2011 Arab Countries have achieved considerable progress in development cooperation, solidarity with other developing countries, and strengthening bilateral and multilateral relationships.

> Cumulative loans and grants from Arab countries amounted to US\$144 billion between 1970 and 2009 and over 60 per cent of that amount was provided by Saudi Arabia, the largest Arab donor country.

More than 50% of the assistance was provided to other Arab countries, helped developing countries finance development projects in various sectors or respond to emerging crises.

# Increasing Regional Generosity and Cooperation

Figure 1. Aid Chart as of March 2, 2023

C	ountry	2014 Gaza	2020 Lebanon	2023 Turkey	2023 Syria (regime areas)	2023 Syria (rebel-held areas)	
	QATAR	\$6.5 million during crisis, \$1 billion pledged for reconstruction (\$216 million delivered as of 12/2016)	\$10 million	10,000 housing units pledged (1,388 delivered so far), 40 aircraft, \$1 million in other relief aid	N/A	Trucks, shelters, medical personnel*	
C	KUWAIT	\$13.1 million during crisis, \$200 million pledged for reconstruction (\$48 million delivered as of 12/2016)	\$4.5 million	\$30 million to Turkey and NW Syria, 11 aircraft, 500+ tons	N/A	\$30 million to Turkey and NW Syria, 65 trucks, 120+ tons*	
	UAE	\$200 million pledged for reconstruction (\$59 million delivered as of 12/2016)	\$4.1 million	\$100 million, 42 aircraft, 840 tons, two field hospitals, search-and-rescue teams	134 aircraft, \$100 million, 10 ambulances	N/A	
20	SAUDI ARABIA	\$83 million during crisis, \$500 million pledged for reconstruction (\$90 million delivered as of 12/2016)	\$2.2 million	10 aircraft, 550+ tons, relief teams, 3,000 temporary housing units	Three aircraft, 70.3 tons*	180 tons*	
Ф	IRAN	95 tons	155 tons	12 planes, 126 volunteers for search- and-rescue teams, two field hospitals*	14 aircraft, 172 relief efforts	N/A	
GL &	IRAQ	N/A	1.8 million oil tankers	26 aircraft, 136 tons, and search-and-rescue team	24 aircraft, 238 tons	N/A	
•	BAHRAIN	\$5.2 million during crisis, \$6.5 million pledged for reconstruction (\$5 million delivered as of 12/2016)	Medical equipment*	Aircraft, two shipments	One aircraft, 82 tons, medical team	N/A	
	EGYPT	15 trucks <sup>±</sup>	11 planes, field hospital*	Pledged five aircraft (two delivered so far), ship carrying 650 tons*	Three aircraft, 1,500 tons	Search-and-rescue teams, logistical supplies	
	JORDAN	180 truckloads*	Field hospital*	12 aircraft, 28 trucks, 10,000 tents	Three aircraft, four convoys	N/A	

• Policy Notes 130 Disaster Dynamics: Assessing Middle East Responses to the Turkey-Syria Earthquake a Other Destructive Events by Sarah Cahn, Erik Yavorsky Mar 2023 THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE FOR NEAR E POLICY

4.1 million people with non-food aid, and three million people with emergency food assistance, while more than 700,000 people have received support to improve their living quarters, including tents, relief housing units, and tents repair tools."

He added that 1.6 million people received water and sanitation assistance and hygiene, and about 1 million liters of drinking water were delivered.

The UN official pointed out that the Turkish Ministry of Health has been supported with 4.6 million vaccine doses, and 16 mobile health clinics, in addition to medicines and medical supplies for reproductive health and treatment of trauma and injuries.

#### Read more:

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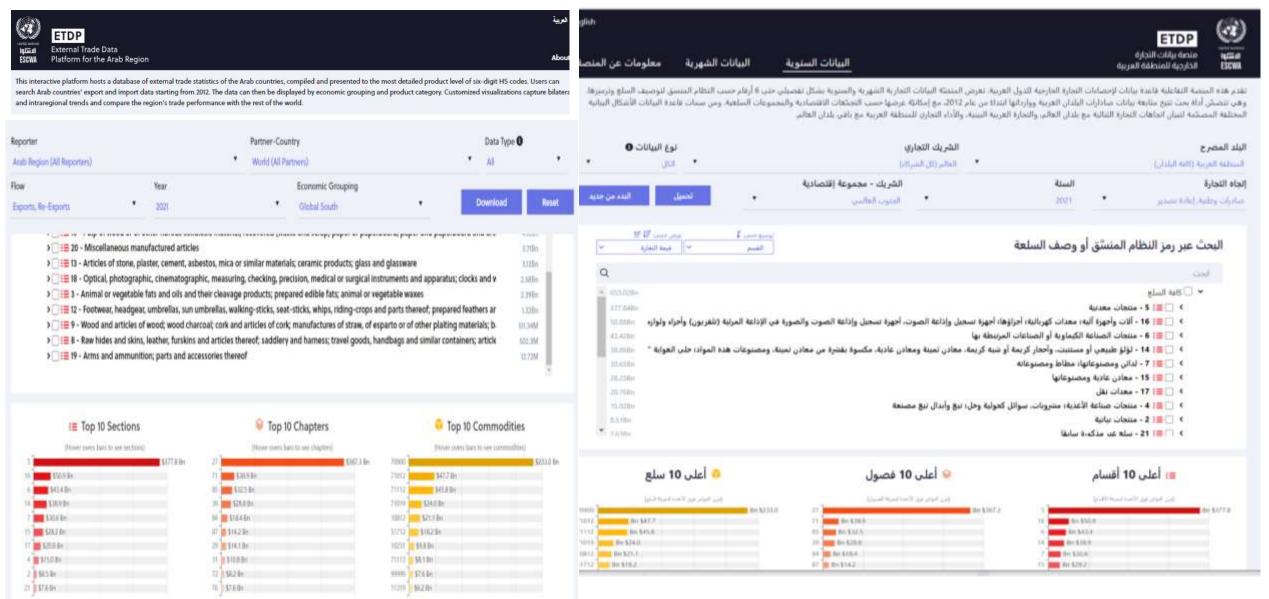


# Labor from developing countries to Arab countries

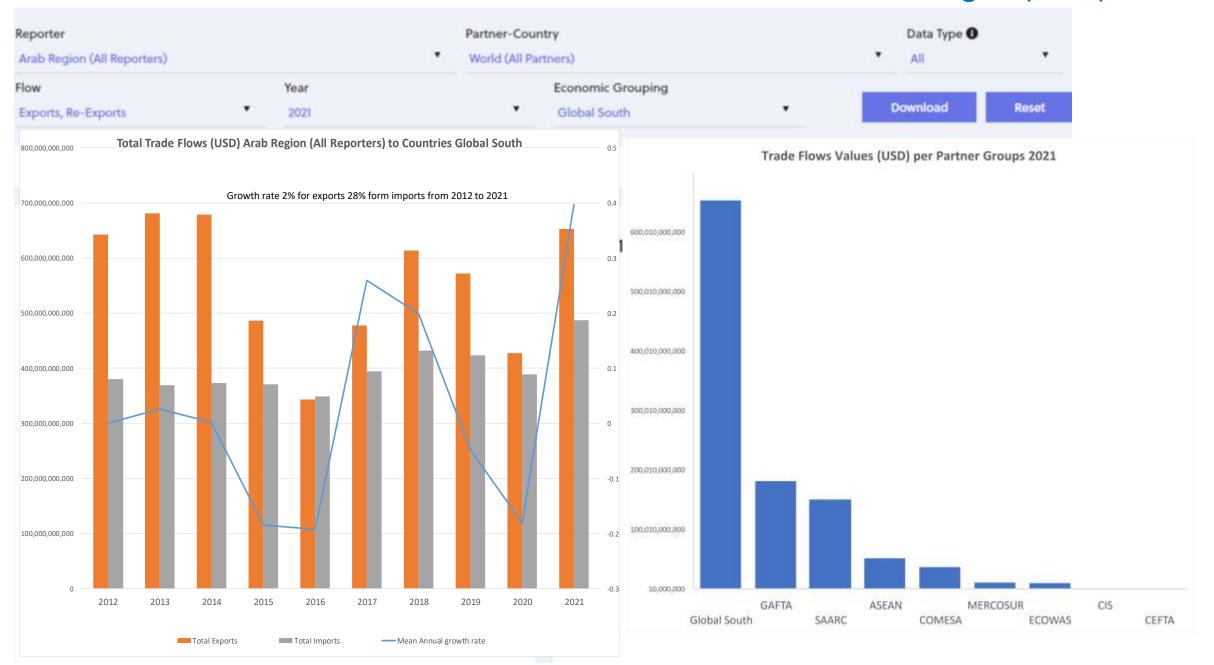
- 24.1 million migrant workers in 12 Arab States in 2019 (ILO)
- 14 % of all migrant workers worldwide.
- 41.4 per cent global share of migrant workers as a proportion of the total workforce in 2019, highest compared to the global average of 5 %.
- 41.4 million international migrants and refugees in 2020 The(GCC) subregion hosted almost 75% of all migrants in the Arab States region, most of them migrant workers

### Trade in Goods: ESCWA External Trade Data Platform for the Arab Region (ETDP)

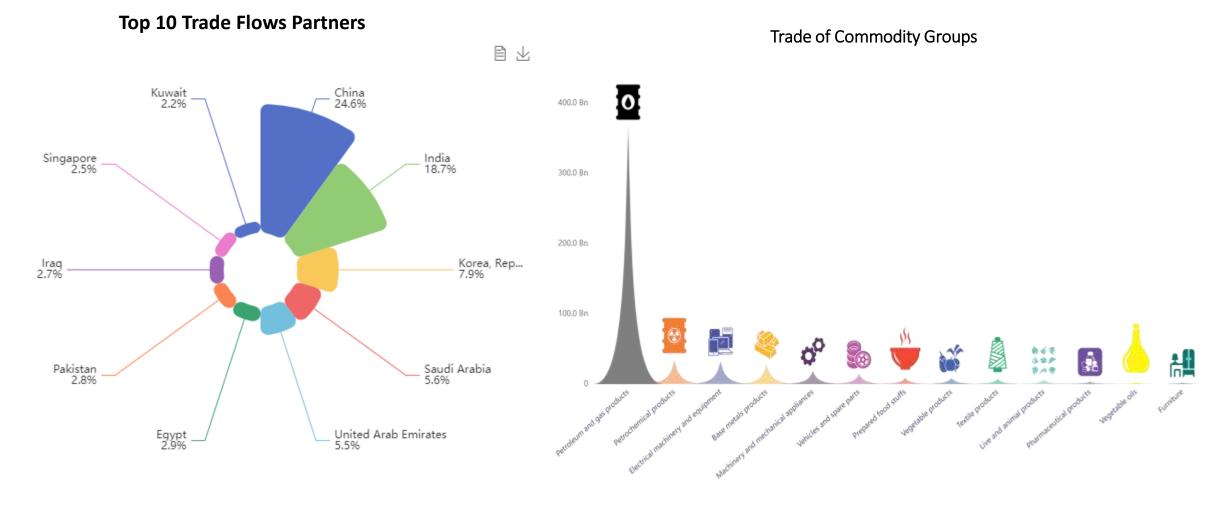
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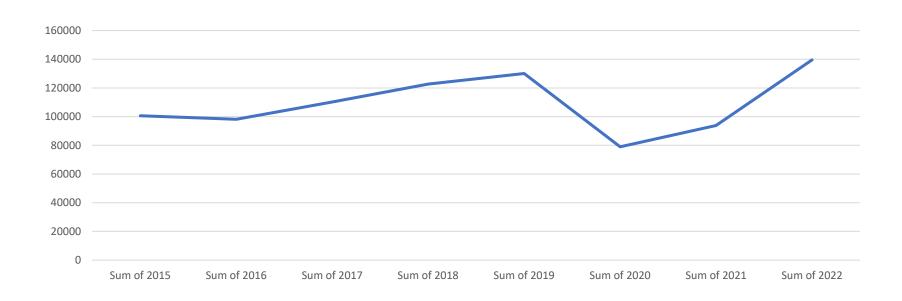


### Trade Flows by Reporter and (USD) and Top 10 Trade Flows Partners for 2021



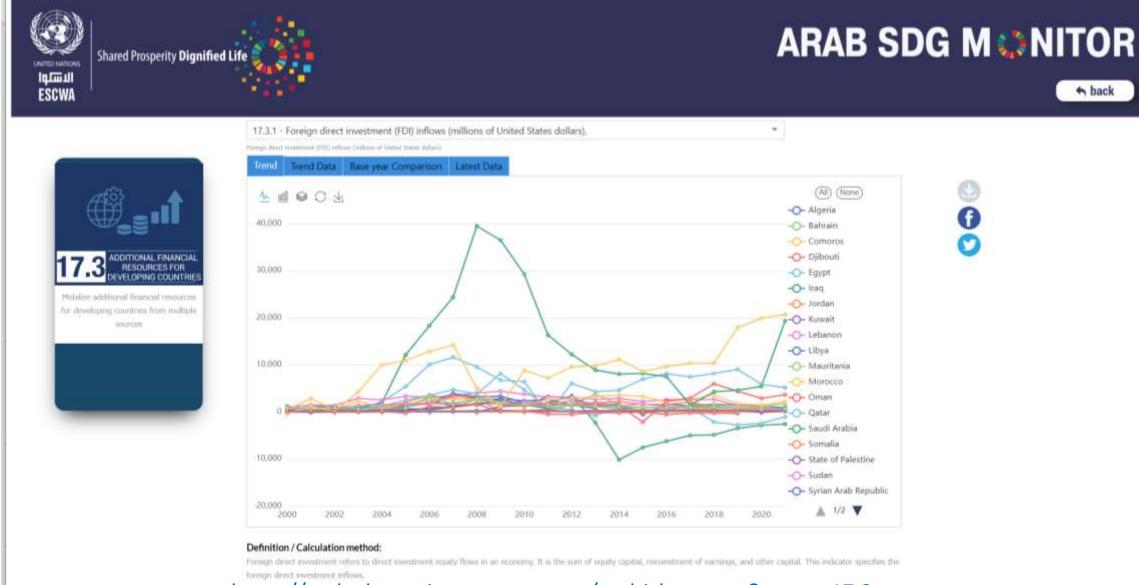
# Trends in Trade in Services in 14 Arab Economies (Million US Dollars)

BOP6 - SOX - Commercial services



https://stats.wto.org/

## Arab SDG Monitor-SDG 17.3.1



https://arabsdgmonitor.unescwa.org/multichart.aspx?target=17.3

### National data publishing of assistance and cooperation data in Arab countries

- •To understand how countries publish their bilateral or multilateral cooperation data we use a sample of donor and beneficiary countries in the Arab region, namely Jordan and Egypt as beneficiaries and Saudi Arabia and UAE as donor countries.
- •A look at the statistical publications of the ministries of finance, central banks, ministries of foreign affairs as well as dedicated government entities for managing assistance provides an idea on the degree of publishing and assistance data sharing currently practiced
- •The results vary immensely between donors and beneficiaries publishing:
  - •Beneficiary countries have the data by source of funding or assistance, but they only publish aggregates of their loans and grants
  - •Some donors consolidate all assistance activities in one detailed report while other report by donor entity without a consolidated published report, the level of detail these donor entities publish on loans and grants also varies by level of detail when reporting on end beneficiary, amounts, sector and type of assistance

# **Donor countries publishing practices**

#### **Saudi Arabia**

The total grants and assistance by end beneficiary in Saudi Arabia is not consolidated in one report and its publishing varies depending on the donor entity itself

Donor entities in Saudi Arabia by allocated assistance funds (OECD ODA Data)

Ministry of Finance 5392.5

Saudi Development Fund 1055.631

King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center 644.814 Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen 583.569

Other agencies 143.4227

The Saudi Development Fund has most detailed reporting

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· SFD Efforts i	Supporting the Agriculture Sector and Providing Food Security

#### **United Arab Emirates**

The UAE published a consolidated report on all developmental and foreign assistance activities on an annual basis, however the report is lacking in detailed figures by end beneficiary, amounts and areas of assistance, and other related information Donor entities in United Arab Emirates by allocated assistance funds (OECD ODA Data)

Other Government Entities	943.9999
Abu Dhabi Fund for Development	407.362
Other agencies	110.3684
Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Humanitarian and	
Charity Establishment	35.62827
International Humanitarian City	28.30567

The UAE Aid report consolidates developmental and assistance





### Qatar Fund for Development- Annual Report-2022



### **Beneficiary countries publishing practices**

#### **Jordan**

#### **Egypt**

Ministry of finance publishes the by country disaggregation of the source of grants, and by sector

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TABLE (35): ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

OF BUDGETARY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Ministry of finance doesn't publish the by country disaggregation of the source of grants, only if by country of organization

Publi	c Accounts(2)						
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 Actual	2023/2024 Budget <sup>(1)</sup>			
	(LE millions)						
Revenues and Grants	1,108,625	1,347,178	1,564,115	2,142,09			
Tax Revenues	833,993	991,403	1,258,582	1,529,97			
Income Tax	321,246	386,393	516.287	594,43			
Property Taxes	72,404	90,221	125,157	173,653			
Value Added Taxes	384,913	454,211	555,556	664,677			
Taxes on International Trade	36,130	42,956	59,390	58,215			
Other Taxes	19,300	17,621	2,193	39,000			
Grants	2,955	4,081	5,432	1.93			
Other Revenues	271,678	351,694	300,102	610,18			
Property Income	79,669	93,120	86,220	115,17			
Proceeds from Sales of Goods and Services	57,730	77,814	94,707	96,58			
Miscellaneous Revenues	126,619	170,870	106,243	394,38			
Expenditures	1,578,774	1,831,022	2,184,790	2,990,92			
Wages and Salaries	318,806	358,735	412,464	470,00			
Purchases of Goods and Services	81,462	99,580	127,778	139,38			
Interest Payments	565,497	584,826	774.236	1,120,08			
Subsidies, Grants and Social benefits	263,886	343,405	454,101	529,68			
Other Expenditures	99,751	114,746	127,060	145,08			
Purchases of Non-Financial assets	249,372	329,730	289,152	586.69			
Cash Deficit <sup>st</sup>	470,149	483,844	620,675	848,82			
Net Acquisition of Financial assets	2,196	570	(10,772)	(24,375			
Overall Fiscal Deficit	472,345	484,414	609,903	824,45			
Overall Balance GDP (%)	(6.8)	(6.1)	(6.0)	67.0			
Primary Balance/GDP (%)	1.3	1.3	1.6	2.			
Revenues/GDP (%)	16.0	17.0	15.5	18.			
Expenditure GDP (%)	22.8	23.1	21.6	25.			

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Total Non-Tax revenues	197,177	(9),033	28,79	115,7%	274,633	185,715	612,119	161,779	314,291
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From International Organizations	354	998	747	798	634	1,285	:701	138	191
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Source: Ministry of Finance

Long- and medium-term debt are published by country as well as denomination

E-	As at 30 June				
	2021	2622 <sup>(1)</sup>			
Creditor	(U.S.S mill)	lotuJ <sup>©</sup>			
Group of hanks	12,063.80	10,989.70			
Rassia	762.58	1,126.5			
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tance	1.545.50	1,490.6			
Juited States	434.85	160.0			
Беппацу	2,776.25	2,329.2			
opea	2,619.81	2,402.9			
Spain	278.65	238.8			
Insted Kingdom	751.40	784.3			
taly	47.95	42.9			
Sahrain	170.00	208.2			
Vestria	37.82	27,3			
Cuwait.	1,745.11	1,886.4			
Switzerland	2.84	2.2			
Denmark	36.80	26.2			
Consida	285.53	511.9			
Quitar	0.0	0.0			
Dukey	0.0	0.0			
China	4,631.54	4,775.2			
The Netherlands	37.13	26.9			
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inland	1.63	1.1			
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	2623	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	
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Compensations of employees	6.0	5.7	7.2	2,7	7.4	7.2	ويضك فعلين
Wages, Schmes and Allowacces	6.0	5.7	7.2	7.7	7.1	7.2	فرواف والنعوز والعائوات
Social Security Contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	سلعات الضبان الإجتباض
Purchase of Goods and Services	669.7	647.1	326.6	165.9	198.5	183.9	سلخام فبطع والخصات
Grants	338.2	336.2	302.6	165.6	162.7	237.0	فدسم إ فعتح

Long- and medium-term debt are published by country as well as denomination

Source	Disbursements JD	Of Total %
The World Book and the International Development Corporation	428.7	19.2
Arab Monetony Fund	156.7	4.5
European Union	151.7	3.6
Gennas Government	146.6	3.5
Islamic Development Bank Jeddah	133.1	3.1
Japon	71.3	1.7
Canada	62.9	1.5
The Homing Bank for Trade and Finance	50.0	1:2
OPEC fund	47.6	1.1
Axion livrestment Bank	42.7	1.1
French Development Agency	42.6	1.0
Amb Fund for Economic and Social Development	26.8	0.6
International Monetary Fraid	22.9	5.6
Kowait Fond	20.5	0.5
Italy	15.6	0.4
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	6.0	0.1
European Investment Bank	5.7	1.0
Sanda Fund	5.2	0.1
International Fund for Agricultural Development	3,2	0.1
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Domestic Bonds and Bills in Dollar	1842.5	41.9
Total	4199.8	100

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# International data publishing of assistance and cooperation data for Arab countries

The main international collectors of assistance data are:

International data collected covers recipient data for all countries but only from high income donor countries, leaving a gap in data for middle and low income countries who donate financially or in kind to countries alike

#### **OECD**

Organization and initiative details: Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, Geographical Distribution of Financial Flows to Developing Countries, Development Co-operation Report, and International Development Statistics database. Data are available online at: <a href="https://data-explorer.oecd.org">data-explorer.oecd.org</a>

Scope: OECD is currently the world's most authoritative source of annual statistical information on international aid flows, with limitation when it comes to non-OECD countries as the collect donor data from four Arab countries, only Qatar, UAE, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, and recipient data for all Arab countries but only for assistance coming from the mentioned four Arab countries or OECD countries

#### **TOSSD**

Organization and initiative details: Total Official Support for Sustainable Development <a href="https://tossd.online/">https://tossd.online/</a>

Scope: TOSSD collects data under an SDG framework and published the data by pillar, recipient sector and framework from 2019 onwards, as well as the provider whether agency or country

#### The data collected at an international level includes

**OECD** 

**TOSSD** 

The OECD collects donor data from OECD and highincome countries as well as recipients of ODA but only coming from high-income and OECD countries

The most important ODA figures and disaggregation collected:

- Net ODA
- by type of expenditure
- by type of program aid
- by type of recipient
- by receiving country
- by aid category
- by sector
- by specific donor

TOSSD database collects recipient data from 7 Arab countries so far: Tunisia, Sudan, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria from multiple data providers, governments and institutions

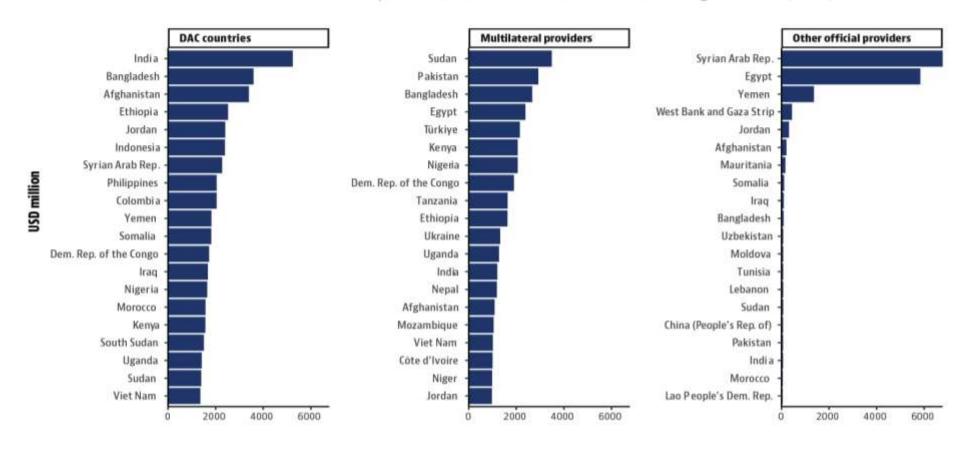
The most important ODA figures and disaggregation include:

- ODA by SDG focus
- by purpose
- By sector
- by ISIC name and description
- by channel
- by modality
- by financial instrument
- by framework of collaboration

# **ODA Reporting**

#### A range of official providers give ODA to developing countries

ODA from DAC and other official providers, and outflows from multilateral organisations (2021)



Note: Estimates of aid to Syrian Arab Republic from other official providers include large volumes of ODA that Türkiye reported to the OECD in 2021, which consist mainly of support to Syrian refugees in Türkiye.

Source: OECD (2023[8]), "Creditor Reporting System: Aid activities", https://doi.org/10.1787/data-00061-en.



from ODA Arab sources (both bilateral and regional) accounted for 34 per cent of the entire region's ODA intake.

Arab Financing for Development Scorecard International development cooperation E/ESCWA/C.9/2023/5(Part V)

# Private philanthropy for sustainable development, 2018-20 (oecd.org)

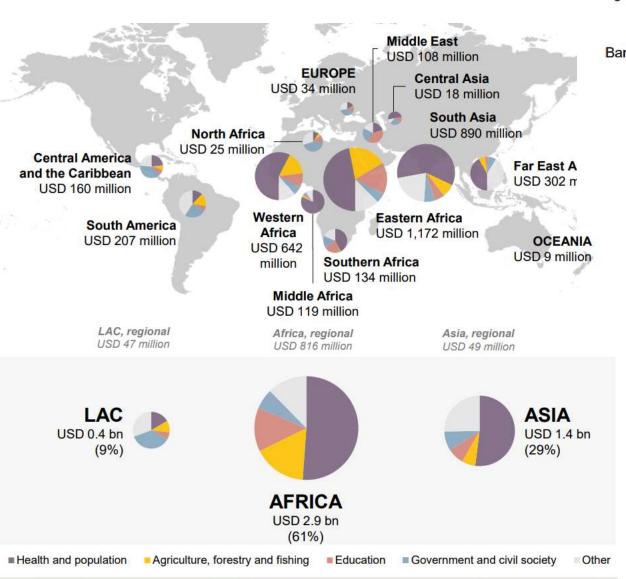
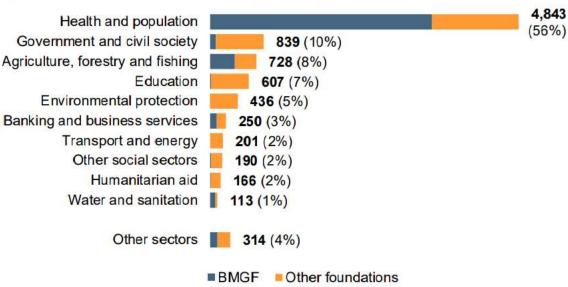
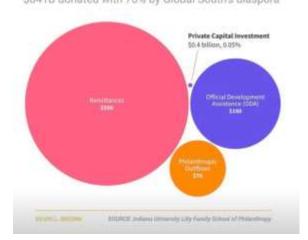


Figure 1.7. Sectoral distribution of private philanthropy, 2018-20 average, USD million, 2020 prices



# Remittances: philanthropy without publicity.

\$841B donated with 70% by Global South's diaspora

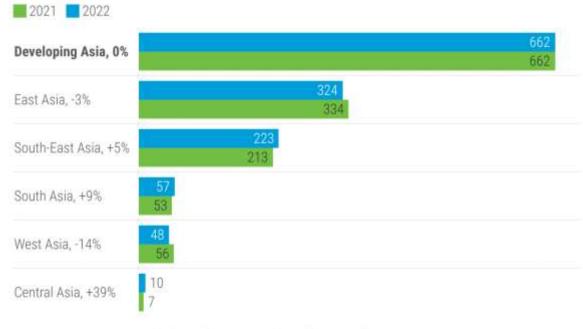






# Foreign direct investment in developing Asia

By subregion, billions of dollars, per cent, 2021-2022



Source: UNCTAD, FDI/MNE database (https://unctad.org/fdistatistics).

#### **UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2023**

Flows increased in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (up 42%, to \$580 billion), among the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (where they more than doubled, to \$37 billion) and in member States of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (up 20%, to \$56 billion).

# In Kind Support, Knowledge Transfer and Assets Sharing Co-Sponsored by ESCWA

- Egypt's and Jordan's digital census 2017, collected on-ground data using Windows tablets
- The Tablets were shared with Palestine and Lebanon and this year Egypt shared with Djibouti for their Census
- Study tours were set up for Iraq officials who visited Egypt and Jordan for onsite learning and discussions with related authorities for transfer of knowledge and skills on management, governance structures, procurement, and ICT

https://my.southsouth-galaxy.org/en/solutions/detail/ict-knowledge-transfer-for-the-2020-census

In April 2024 Study Visit from Egypt to Saudi.

Other non-monetary cooperation

# SSC on Data

- A South-to-South learning project between Colombia, Ghana, and Kenya to advance inclusive data systems #Data4South
- https://www.data4sdgs.org/initiatives/make-inclusive-data-the-norm
- Launched during the UN Statistical Commission in New York on February 28, 2024, at a meeting of the Heads of the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) from Colombia, Ghana, and Kenya, Make Inclusive Data the Norm is a partnership between APC-Colombia and the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data.

# DA Project 2023-2025 in the Arab region

https://unctad.org/project/quantifying-south-south-cooperation-mobilize-funds-sustainable-development-goals

Engagement from our Region to refine and Validate the Conceptual framework to measure and report South-South cooperation Data collection, compilation and reporting tools developed based on discussions in an expert meeting (with experts nominated by governments)

Organize one regional event, to disseminate the conceptual framework and the goals/objectives of measuring South-South cooperation and identify interested countries.

Inter-regional capacity building workshop

National
workshops in
beneficiary
countries to test
and adapt the
validated
framework, tools
and resources to
the national
context

An e-learning course (We can translate into Arabic) to support measurement and reporting of South-South Cooperation.

A report

summarizing the methodology and

the findings,

including early

estimates of South-

South Cooperation

Sharing the SSC framework, tools and resources in national and international events of statisticians

National On-line platform for data collection

# Complement and integrate Previous and On-going Work

With ISDB PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF NATIONAL ECOSYSTEMS FOR SOUTHSOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION

FIGURE 1: THE SEVEN PILLARS OF NATIONAL ECOSYSTEMS FOR SOUTH- TABLE 4: STATUS OF SSTRC ECOSYSTEM PILLARS



1-Add the Framework in SSC to pillar 4 2-Add countries of the UNCTAD SSC Project 3- Develop a national platform for data collection based on the SSC



