الصندوق الكويتي

وقطاع النقل

يعتبر قطاع النقل العمود الفقري للبنية الأساسية في أي دولة. فتكامل هذا القطاع وزيادة كفاءته يمكنه إيجاباً على تكامل ونجاح القطاعات الثانوية الأخرى في الدولة. فاستحاجة قطاع النقل على جزء كبير من إجمالي المبالغ التي تساهم بها الصندوق الكويتي في تمويل مشاريع البنية الأساسية. حيث بلغ عدد الفروض المقدمة لقطاع النقل 333 فروضاً حتى 31/12/2010. موزعة على 79 دولة من الدول النامية. وحيث بلغ إجمالي قيمة قروض قطاع النقل حوالي 1.562 مليار دينار كويتي (حوالي 5.47 مليار دولار أمريكي)، مما يشكل 35% من إجمالي قيمة قروض الصندوق.

ولعل السبب الرئيسي في التركيز على طلبات التمويل في قطاع النقل من قبل الدول التي استفادت من قروض الصندوق الكويتي يعود إلى حاجة هذه الدول إلى مستلزمات تنموية عبارة عن خدمات السلام التي تلت حصولها على استدامتها. ومن أهم هذه المستلزمات:

Kuwait Fund and the Transport Sector

Transport constitutes the backbone of infrastructure in any country. The integration and high efficiency of this sector have positive implications on the success of other development sectors in the country. With this fact in mind, transport has been accorded a substantial portion of Kuwait Fund’s contributions to financing infrastructure projects. Up to 31/12/2010 the Fund extended 333 loans in the transport sector, distributed over 79 developing countries. These Loans totaled nearly K.D1.562 billions (about US$ 5.47 billions) i.e. 35% of the total amount of the loans of the Fund.

Perhaps the key reason for focusing on transport sector loans by the Kuwait Fund beneficiary countries is that such countries experienced several developmental needs during the years following their independence. These needs include:
1. The need for food supplies and medical aid to reach villages scattered in vast areas of the country. This was achieved either by paving new roads or constructing sea, river, and air ports.

2. The need of the agricultural and industrial sectors for effective and all-year-round active means of transport irrespective of climatic conditions, so as to link the production areas with marketing, consumption and export centers.

3. Achieving the national unity via linking small and remote villages and inhabitant clusters with urban and administrative centers, so as to benefit from administrative, educational, health and social services.

4. Linking the land locked countries that have no sea outlets with other countries, via regional and international transport networks.

5. Meeting the increasing demand by stretching the transport network in order to satisfy the continuously increasing passenger and cargo transport volumes. Achieving one or more of the above objectives constituted a major factor that encouraged the countries to apply for Kuwait Fund’s soft loans to develop their transport sector.

The Fund financed numerous transport projects to be implemented utilizing sound engineering standards, and up to date specifications. The designs of all these projects ensures safety requirements including, for road projects, international traffic signs, effective road markings, traffic signals, side protective barriers, preventive measures against land-slides, in addition to other modern safety options.

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