

AFD Group Offer in the Middle East



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AFD Group at a Glance

The Agence Française de Développement (AFD) Group finances, supports, and accelerates the transitions necessary for a more just and resilient world. It thus contributes to implementing France's policy on sustainable development and international solidarity. The Group includes Agence Française de Développement (AFD), which finances the public sector, NGOs, research and training; its subsidiary Proparco, which is dedicated to the private sector; and Expertise France, its subsidiary in charge of technical cooperation.

It is with and for communities that we build, with our partners, solutions in more than 160 countries, as well as in 11 French over-seas departments and territories. Our objective: To reconcile economic development with the preservation of common goods: the climate, biodiversity, peace, gender equality, education and health. Our teams are involved in more than 3,600 projects in the field, which are part of the commitment of France and the French people to fulfilling the Sustainable Development Goals. For a world in common.

AFD GROUP CONSISTS OF 3 ENTITIES

PUBLIC SECTOR



Proparco is a subsidiary dedicated to private sector financing and support

PUBLIC SECTOR



French Development Agency funds and supports public partners and civil society organizations

TECHNICAL COOPERATION



Expertise France implements technical cooperation projects that strengthen the public policies of its partners

AFD Group Strategy

CONTEXT

- International Agenda Priorities: the SDGs and the Paris Agreement.
- The French government's ambition: to increase **official development assistance** to **0.7% of Gross National Income** by **2025**.



100%
PARIS AGREEMENT



100%
SOCIAL LINK



PARTNERSHIP
BY DESIGN

AFD Group in the Middle East

Established in 2019, the Middle East Regional Office (DRMO) was created to anchor and promote operational synergies among the three entities of the AFD Group, for the benefit of its clients and partners. Based in Amman, the Regional office covers four countries: Jordan, Lebanon, the Palestinian Territories, and Iraq, and ensures analytical monitoring and strategic oversight of Syria and Yemen. In these two countries, Expertise France is implementing technical assistance projects, while Proparco is active in Yemen's agri-food sector in collaboration with international stakeholders.



STRATEGIC PILLARS OF THE GROUP'S REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

In a volatile and sensitive regional context, characterized by a high likelihood of large-scale crises and major structural challenges, the AFD Group contributes to identifying and implementing pathways toward sustainable development, to reduce vulnerabilities that threaten the future of upcoming generations. The Group has anchored its regional strategy within a ten-year timeframe (2020–2030).

With an investment portfolio exceeding €1.43 billion between 2019 and the end of 2023, the AFD Group supports states, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations by providing tailored development solutions. It deploys a wide range of financial instruments adapted to the specific needs of each partner, including loans, guarantees, and grants.

Between 2019 and 2023, nearly 36% of AFD's commitments focused on the water and sanitation sector, helping to expand access to clean water. In 2023 alone, 73% of AFD's commitments included climate co-benefits—demonstrating a strong response to the region's urgent challenges related to climate change and water scarcity.



AFD Group's Objectives in the Middle East

INITIATING PATHWAYS TO IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS
AND CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCING INEQUALITIES IN THE REGION



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



Strengthening social cohesion
and ensuring populations
have access to more inclusive,
participatory, and transparent
public institutions



**Managing shared spaces and
resources sustainably and
inclusively**, with a focus on
effective resource governance



**Supporting a more equitable and
sustainable economic growth
trajectory**

CROSS-CUTTING PRIORITIES



Promoting gender equality,
in particular through the
deployment of approaches that
foster women's empowerment



Preserving the environment
through initiatives that enhance
adaptation to climate change



**Facilitating the modernization
of public action and the civil
service delivery**

A Diversified and Comprehensive Offering

TO EFFECTIVELY MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR CLIENTS AND PARTNERS

Responding to local partners' requests by **investing in projects or programs** that support ambitious public policies and align with the Group's strategic priorities

Implement projects, strengthen capacities, and provide technical support in the delivery of initiatives and/or sectoral policies and strategies



Foster a partnership-driven approach, particularly within a European framework, to amplify support and build synergies aimed at designing solutions that address the root causes of regional crises

Support the private sector, particularly the banking sector, to better play its **role as a catalyst for investment**

Support local and French civil society to play a role in facilitating dialogue between authorities and beneficiary populations



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DESIGNING SOLUTIONS FOR PUBLIC ACTORS

- Financing projects and public policies through sovereign loans, grants, or the mobilization of delegated financing
- Financing infrastructure projects as well as public policies
- Financing technical expertise
- Facilitation of partnerships and public policy dialogue

FOSTERING PRIVATE INVESTMENT

- Financing infrastructure and energy projects
- Long-term debt
- Equity and quasi-equity instruments
- Risk sharing: trade finance and SME financing
- Technical expertise and advisory services

MOBILIZING TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- Project Design and Implementation
- Mobilization of public and private expertise
- Support for public policy development
- Capacity building
- Networking and partnership facilitation
- Procurement of goods, services, and works

Activities started in

1999

71

Ongoing projects

€ 811M

Portfolio

Activities started in

1999

15

Ongoing projects

€ 141 M

Portfolio

Activities started in

2015

24

Ongoing projects (excluding multi-country projects)

€ 87 M

Portfolio (excluding multi-country projects)

AFD Group in the Middle East

Between 2019 and 2023, AFD Group* committed
up to €1.43 billion in the Middle East



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