

## REVERSE LINKAGE

Reverse Linkage is "a technical cooperation mechanism enabled by the IsDB whereby member countries and Muslim communities in non member countries exchange their knowledge, expertise, technology and resources to develop their capacities and devise solutions for their autonomous development".

### STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Reverse Linkage interventions must be in line with the recipient country's national development priorities.

## CORE FEATURES

### PEER-TO-PEER APPROACH

Reverse Linkage interventions are led by the provider and recipient member countries, using a direct consultation process leveraging the endogenous knowledge of the recipient and expertise of the provider.

### OWNERSHIP AND COMMITMENT

Reverse Linkage requires all sides of the exchange to commit technical, in-kind, and/or financial resources to a project.

### WIN-WIN ARRANGEMENTS

All stakeholders have something to gain through the transfer of knowledge, expertise, technology and resources.

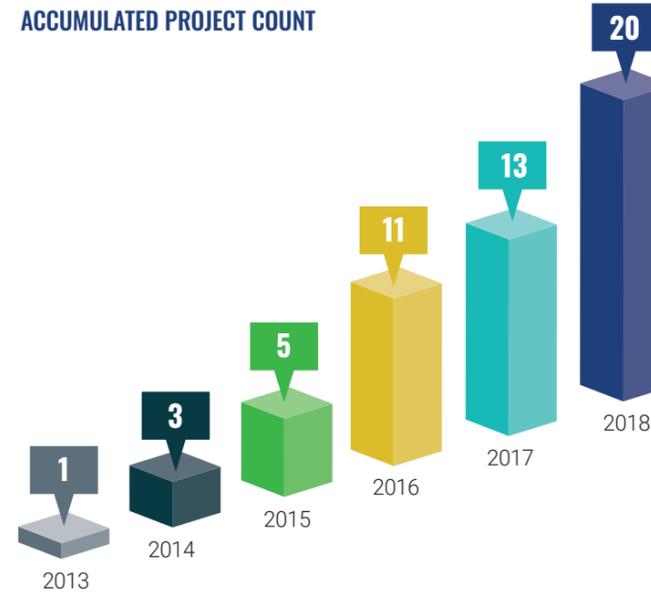
### INCLUSIVITY

The mechanism considers that all member countries have proven knowledge, expertise, technology or resources to offer, regardless of their level of development.

**REVERSE LINKAGE**  
DEVELOPMENT THROUGH  
SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

## FAST GROWTH OF REVERSE LINKAGE

### ACCUMULATED PROJECT COUNT



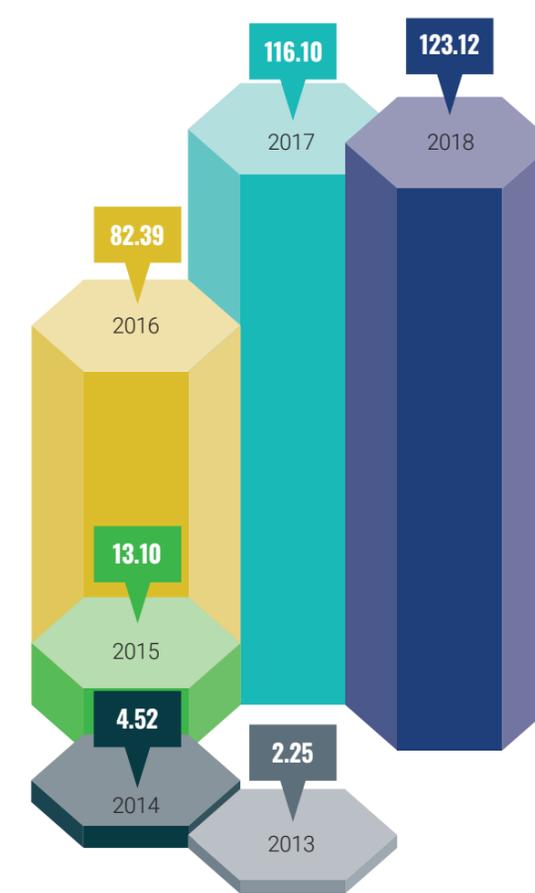
IsDB APPROVED **20** REVERSE LINKAGE PROJECTS WITH A TOTAL AMOUNT OF **US\$ 123m**

IsDB INCLUDED REVERSE LINKAGE COMPONENTS IN **11** PROJECTS WITH A TOTAL CONTRIBUTION OF **US\$ 5.37m**

**"We have, in recent years, worked on expanding partnerships with regional development institutions, bilateral cooperation agencies, resource centres, and other partners in order to promote the Reverse Linkage concept."**

H.E. Dr. Bandar M. H. Hajjar,  
President, Islamic Development Bank

### ACCUMULATED PROJECT AMOUNT (US\$ MILLION)



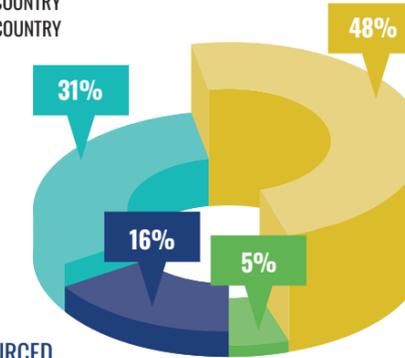
**66%** OF REVERSE LINKAGE PROJECTS ARE FUNDED THROUGH NON-GRANTS

## STRONG OWNERSHIP BY MEMBER COUNTRIES

### DISTRIBUTION OF SOURCE OF FUNDING (GRANTS)

■ ISDB GRANT  
■ PROVIDER MEMBER COUNTRY  
■ RECIPIENT MEMBER COUNTRY  
■ OTHER PARTNERS

**84%** OF THE GRANTS OF REVERSE LINKAGE PROJECTS ARE SOURCED FROM OUTSIDE THE ISDB



**MORE THAN 900** MAN/DAYS WERE FREELY PROVIDED BY EXPERTS FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES DURING THE PEER-TO-PEER PROCESS OF PROJECT FORMULATION

**"The Islamic Development Bank introduced a "reverse linkage" mechanism in order to maximize the benefits derived from South-South cooperation and adequately address the emerging demands of its member countries"**

The Report of the UN Secretary-General on "Role of South-South cooperation and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Challenges and opportunities", September 2018

**"Successful examples of mainstreaming triangular cooperation and including it within large-scale investments can be found in the Islamic Development Bank's Reverse Linkage approach"**

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Development Co-Operation Working Paper 37, February 2018



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## TIMELINE OF REVERSE LINKAGE

INTRODUCTION OF REVERSE LINKAGE IN THE MEMBER COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY (MCPS) OF TURKEY

**JUNE 2010**

FIRST GRANT-BASED REVERSE LINKAGE PROJECT APPROVED FOR NIGER

**APRIL 2013**

FIRST MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON REVERSE LINKAGE SIGNED WITH INDONESIA

**APRIL 2013**

FIRST DIAGNOSTIC MISSION MOUNTED TO BURKINA FASO

**MAY 2013**

FIRST REVERSE LINKAGE COMPONENT INCLUDED IN A PROJECT FOR KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

**JULY 2015**

FIRST LOAN-BASED REVERSE LINKAGE PROJECT APPROVED FOR SURINAME

**SEPTEMBER 2015**

FIRST USAGE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AS MALAYSIA'S CONTRIBUTION

**SEPTEMBER 2015**

FIRST INVOLVEMENT OF PRIVATE SECTOR FROM MALAYSIA IN A REVERSE LINKAGE PROJECT

**SEPTEMBER 2015**

LAUNCHING THE DIALOGUE FORUM OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGENCIES ON REVERSE LINKAGE

**MAY 2016**

FIRST RESOURCE CENTERS MAPPING EXERCISE IN TURKEY

**JUNE 2016**

FIRST FUNDING FACILITY WITH MOROCCO

**NOVEMBER 2016**

FIRST REGIONAL REVERSE LINKAGE PROJECT WITH MOROCCO

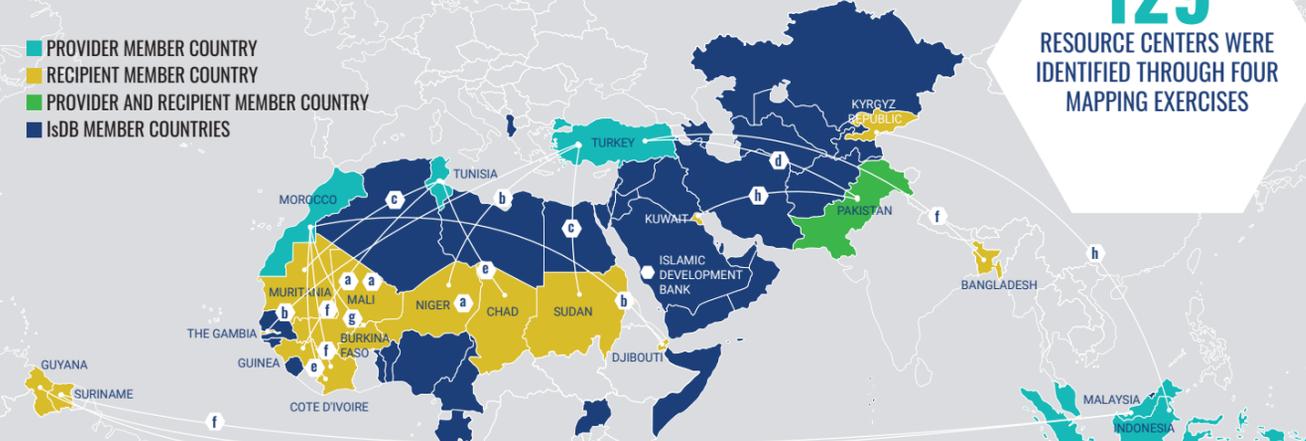
**APRIL 2017**

FIRST MEMBER COUNTRY TO WORK AS PROVIDER AND RECIPIENT – PAKISTAN.

**APRIL 2017**

## LARGE GEOGRAPHICAL AND SECTORAL COVERAGE

- PROVIDER MEMBER COUNTRY
- RECIPIENT MEMBER COUNTRY
- PROVIDER AND RECIPIENT MEMBER COUNTRY
- ISDB MEMBER COUNTRIES



**129**  
RESOURCE CENTERS WERE IDENTIFIED THROUGH FOUR MAPPING EXERCISES

- SECTOR KEY**
- a Renewable Energy
  - b Health
  - c ICT For Development
  - d Disaster Risk Management
  - e Education
  - f Agriculture
  - g Water Resources Management
  - h Livestock

THE ISDB APPROVED  
**31**  
REVERSE LINKAGE PROJECTS AND COMPONENTS CONNECTING  
**21**  
MEMBER COUNTRIES TOGETHER

### DISTRIBUTION OF REVERSE LINKAGE PROJECTS AND COMPONENTS BY THEME/SECTOR



## WIDE NETWORK OF DEVELOPERS AND PARTNERS