

## The South-South Facility: Mission and Strategy

Tacit knowledge sharing among developing countries that face similar development challenges can help them collectively find solutions that can be implemented within their social and economic context.

Launched in 2008 as a multi-donor trust fund, the South-South Experience Exchange Facility (South-South Facility) enables the sharing of development experiences and knowledge among World Bank client countries by funding knowledge exchange activities.

## Integrated Knowledge Sharing Approach

In 2016, following the direction set-up by the South-South Facility partners<sup>1</sup>, a new strategy was designed and implemented in order to shift from a funding mechanism supporting individual South-South knowledge exchanges to one that supports programmatic delivery of South-South knowledge exchanges. This new strategy is grounded in the experience gained since inception and the feedback from participants and organizers of the exchanges. As a result, the new strategy focuses on an integrated knowledge-sharing approach that aims to help clients find and implement solutions to their key development challenges by:



- Introducing programmatic knowledge sharing that will enable multiple countries to participate in multiple exchanges over a period of two to three years
- Using knowledge-sharing experts who will ensure appropriate design, implementation and monitoring of knowledge exchanges, and
- Providing tools and services to ensure that country institutions are well prepared to share their knowledge with other countries

## Results

The South-South Facility results are captured in a series of implementation progress reports, result stories, videos, and client survey reports that are published on the interactive [South-South Knowledge Exchange library](http://www.knowledgesharingfordev.org/page/results-stories-south-south-facility).  
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<sup>1</sup> China, Colombia, Denmark, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Russia, Spain and the United Kingdom.

## Two windows: Stand-Alone and Programmatic Knowledge Exchanges

**Stand-alone knowledge exchanges:** One-off (just in time) exchanges allowing for very agile and responsive interventions to meet immediate knowledge needs of client countries or to unlock implementation bottlenecks. Stand-alone knowledge exchanges are implemented within a year from grant effectiveness.

**Programmatic knowledge exchanges:** enable multiple countries to participate in multiple exchanges to address long-term strategic issues requiring deeper engagements. Programmatic knowledge exchanges are implemented over one to three years.

**Organizational Knowledge Sharing:** Helps public sector institutions learn from their own experience. Institutions supported under the OKS program build the organizational infrastructure and acquire the skills to: a) execute a proven discipline of documenting and sharing operational knowledge; and b) solve critical challenges and scale up solutions.

### SOUTH-SOUTH FACILITY AT A GLANCE (PERIOD COVERED: 2008-2017)



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