



## Kuwait

**KFAED is the first institution in the Middle East that took an active role in the international development efforts. Kuwait is one of the few countries in the world whose aid budget exceeds the UN target of 0.7% of GNI.**

### Bilateral Relations

Nepal and Kuwait established diplomatic relations on 25 February 1972. Nepal established its Embassy in Kuwait on 21 March 2010. The Embassy of Nepal in Kuwait facilitates aid and other matters with KFAED. There is no Embassy of the State of Kuwait in Nepal.

### Development Cooperation

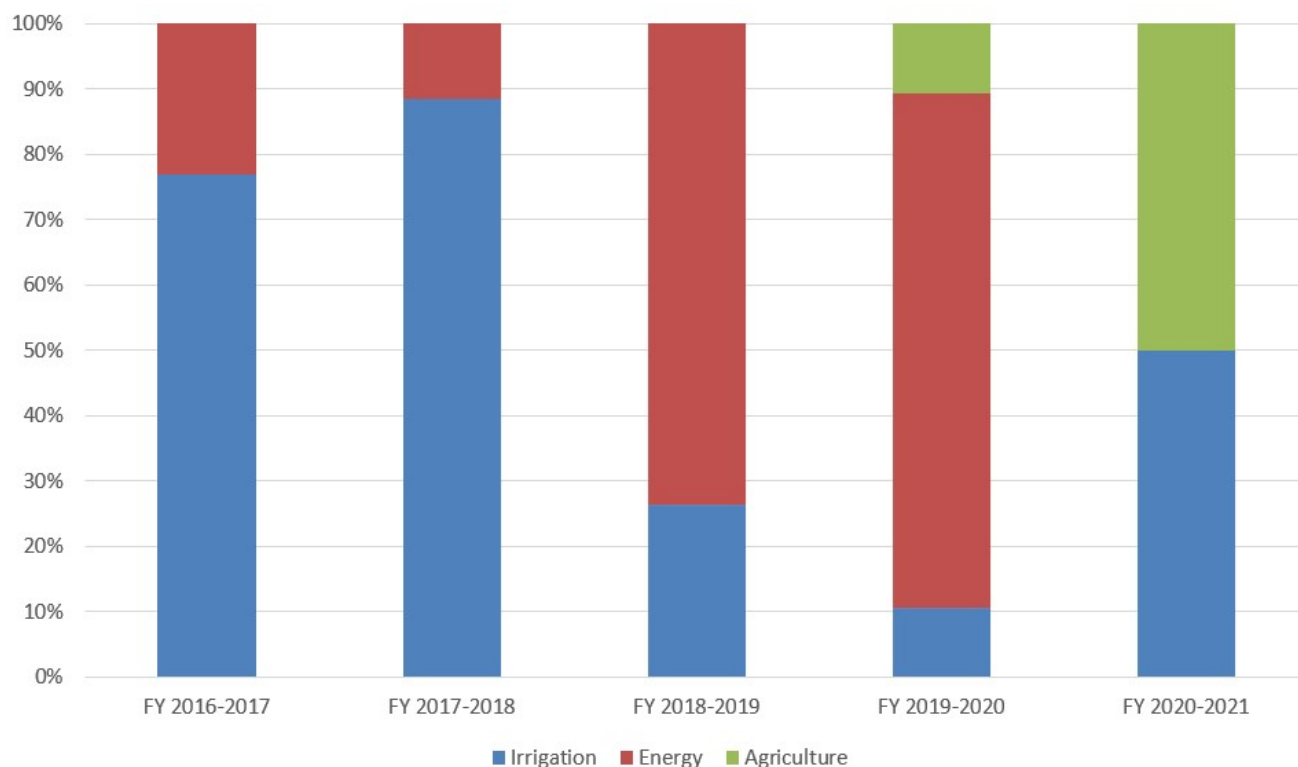
Economic cooperation between the two countries started in January 1976 with the signing of a loan agreement amounting US\$ 18.5 million for the Kulekhani Hydro-Project. Further, in 1979, Kuwait provided a supplementary loan of US\$ 7.4 million to meet the cost overrun of the same project.

On 25th January 1985, Kuwait provided KWD 6.0 million (approximately US\$ 20 million) to the Marsyangdi Hydro Power Project through a separate loan agreement. Kuwait further provided an additional KWD 2.9 million (around US\$ 9.5 million) for works related to the same Project.

A loan agreement of KWD 1.5 million (around US\$ 5 million) was concluded on 26 October 1998 for the execution of the Praganna Kulo Irrigation Project in Dang district. In 2013, KFAED agreed to provide loan assistance of US\$ 18 million for the Budhiganga Hydropower Project to be developed in Achham District.

### Kuwait's Major Support to Nepal by Sector

1. Agriculture
2. Irrigation
3. Energy



Source: Aid Management Information System

### KFAED's Disbursement during FYs 2016/17 and 2020/21 (in US \$)

Over the last five year period beginning from FY 2016/17 to FY 2020/21, KFAED has disbursed a sum of US \$ 7.6 million to Nepal. The highest level of disbursement of US \$ 3.2 million took place in fiscal year whereas the lowest level of disbursement of US \$ 0.26 million in fiscal year 2019/20. The average annual disbursement over the five year period is US \$ 1.5 million. Kuwait and Nepal did not have any agreement of bilateral cooperation during the last five year period.

Fiscal Year	Agreement Amount	Disbursement
<b>2016/17</b>		649,148
<b>2017/18</b>		3,274,490
<b>2018/19</b>		2,652,546
<b>2019/20</b>		267,163

Source: Aid Management Information System

**Note: The Agreement Amount is not comparable with disbursement because disbursement here accounts for disbursement of each fiscal year only, whereas Agreement Amount refers to the project cost over the period (not only for single fiscal year but also beyond).**

### Development Cooperation Strategy

Kuwait has been supporting Nepal by providing soft loans for projects, especially in the areas of hydropower generation and irrigation.

### Updated

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