

Estishraf & National Data Bank — Saudi Arabia's SDAIA Platforms for AI-Driven Government Foresight

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Saudi Arabia

Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

SDAIA's Estishraf platform applies AI to generate predictive indicators for Saudi government planning; it won a 2026 UN Public Service Award, though its claimed SAR 50bn (~\$13.3bn) in savings is self-reported by officials and unaudited.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	0/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	0/3
Scalability beyond pilot	2/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-19

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