

EDITORIAL

The SFD efficient technical and administrative mechanisms it has used in recent operations, as well as the SFD financial and administrative independence, all have been a value added that has achieved project effectiveness and its work continuity during the worst times. Those factors have achieved targeting efficiency, quality and impact effectiveness that attracted the largest group of financiers around it.

The donors' official reports have repeated mentioning the SFD's efficient interventions and methods in alleviating poverty and building resilience of vulnerable communities against shocks and crises. The donors report this as an evidence that their funding has resulted in effective impact and their selection of the implementing partners is based on quality.

The UK Parliament issued a report in April entitled "A forgotten crisis", praising the distinction of the SFD work in the new humanitarian context that has prevailed the country due to the ongoing nationwide conflict, that has left a humanitarian catastrophe for 80% of the population.

In its written evidence to the Parliament inquiry, DFID said that it is supporting interventions to retain resilience at individual, community and institutional level.

The DFID's below reported evidence to the Parliament describes the SFD's efficient mechanisms in the conflict context:

"...and we use unconditional cash transfers as a means of giving households the choice of how to allocate scarce resources. Alongside this humanitarian commitment, we also supported (SFD)—a quasi-governmental Yemeni institution—to deliver basic services and provide a social safety net for poor Yemenis prior to April 2015. We are currently exploring whether we can continue to support (SFD) as it remains a key development institution in Yemen and will be critical to Yemen's post-conflict recovery."

WB PROVIDES SFD WITH \$30-MILLION GRANT FOR ECRP

In late April – early May of 2016, a technical meeting was held with donors in Amman, Jordan, to discuss a new project funding agreement with UNDP for the WB-funded Emergency Crisis Response Project (ECRP). The \$30-million grant, the agreement of which is scheduled to be signed in August 2016, supports the implementation of labor-intensive works projects.

SUSTAINABLE WATER PROJECTS TO REDUCE THIRST AND HOT SUMMER IN AL-HUDAIDAH

The SFD contributed in responding to a distress statement by poor communities in Al-Hudaidah Governorate who suffered exceptional heat and scarce drinking water. The SFD responded with a number of projects in some areas, most notably villages in Al-Qanawis district. In "MahaIT'am" village, the SFD handed over a water network project to the community management committee who would manage its services. The project includes a piped network to 258 houses supplied with counters, a tower tank, a water pump room, and a management room.

The SFD also created a similar water system for the village of "Der Zein" serving 705 poor families including 5,000 beneficiaries. It trained members of the Users' Committee and Project Monitoring Committee. It started monitoring and improving the performance of the committees for six months to ensure management quality and sustainability.



CASH-FOR-WORK ALLEVIATES THE CONFLICT IMPACT IN REMOTE AREAS

The cash-for-work teams launched and concluded vital projects to support the poor to cope with the conflict-ensued economic and social impact. The interventions supported land reclamation and rehabilitation of irrigation channels, pastures and water wells in the village of Azzan in Bajil District (Al Hodeida). The interventions targeted 485 households at a cost of YR 86 million. The project will provide them with temporary jobs for six months. The activities build 17 rainwater-harvesting tank and reclaim agricultural terraces for a group of water-scarce villages of Al-Juhi in Kusmah District (Rimah). The work income is expected to support 285 poor families whose heads lost their jobs due to the conflict. Another intervention supported poor families by repairing their agricultural terraces after being swept away by floods recently. This six-month project cost YR63 million.

SECTOR ACTIVITIES

EDUCATION

During the 2nd quarter 2016, 5 projects have been approved at an estimated cost of nearly \$1.1 million, with direct beneficiaries expected to amount to 11,400 people (86% female) and job opportunities 13 thousand workdays.

This brings the total cumulative number of the sector's projects to 5,298 at an estimated cost approaching \$767 million, and direct beneficiaries expected to be about 2.9 million persons (46% female) and job opportunities generated more than 25.1 million workdays. Of these, 4,863 projects have been completed at a contractual cost exceeding \$572.8 million.

Literacy and Adult Education Program: During the reporting period, the team implemented 8 training courses for 122 teachers of literacy and adult education and the SFD female consultants in the Sana'a city, Al-Mahweet, Al-Jawf and Sa'adah and Al-Mukalla. The training focused on proper nutrition and

reproductive health manual. The SFD (during the period 2-7 April, 2016) carried out 3 courses for 72 female trainers of the vocational skills on the training manual.

Vocational Literacy program (VOLIP): The SFD is implementing VOLIP in the governorates of Al-Hudaidah, Lahj, Sana'a and Hadhramaut (Al-Mukalla City). During the reporting period, under the access facilitation to non-formal education, the SFD selected and appointed male and female teachers for adult literacy and similar facilitators for community classes and educational centers. Under the second and third components of the program (training for unemployed youth and women workers), the SFD continued training courses for young unemployed male youths and working women in the several fields, including beautification, bride make up, sewing and dress designing.



Education Indicators

Results Indicators	Achieved as of 30 June 2016	Phase IV Targets	
# of classrooms	Constructed	6,517	
	Rehabilitated	2,901	
	Total classrooms	9,457	9,000
# of pupils benefiting from space created by newly constructed gender disaggregated classrooms	Boys	142,852	201,600
	Girls	117,948	158,400
	Children with S.N	7,209	5,000
# of formal education teachers trained	Males	232	100
	Females	226	100
# of non-formal education teachers trained	Males	30	1,000
	Females	2,877	
# of non-formal education teachers qualified	Females	471	200
# of educational professionals trained	Males	1,023	782
	Females	594	600

HEALTH

The total cumulative number of the sector's projects reached 1,217 at an estimated cost of \$108.6 million, with direct beneficiaries expected to amount to nearly 7.9 million persons (46% female) and job opportunities to nearly 2.3 million workdays. Of these, SFD completed 1,123 projects costing about \$72 million.

Enhancing reproductive health services

This program aims to enhance the health services provided for mothers and newborns.

During the second quarter of 2016, SFD has completed the implementation of four projects, namely the training of community midwives (from 5 districts in Hajjah Governorate) in community-based maternal and newborn healthcare, Comprehensive Emergency Maternal Obstetrics Center (EMOC) in Amran General Hospital (Amran Governorate) as well as building, equipping and furnishing of the emergency comprehensive obstetrics center within the General Hospital (Harad City, Harad District, Hajjah Governorate), in addition to the rehabilitation of basic EMOC at the Yemeni Swedish Hospital (Taiz City, Taiz Governorate).

Improving and expanding primary healthcare services

The program aims to improve and strengthen primary healthcare

Health Indicators

Results Indicators	Achieved as of 30 June 2016	Phase IV Targets
# of health facilities constructed or renovated and equipped	105	100
# of health facilities furnished and equipped	69	50
# Community Mid Wife's trained	2,058	2,000
# of Community Mid Wives qualified	255	240
# of Primary Health Care personnel trained	Males	1,468
	Females	901
# Primary Health Care qualified	Males	271
	Females	244

services and to provide medical qualified personnel, in addition to facilitating community access to these services and personnel. SFD has completed 6 projects including four projects aiming to constructing, furnishing, equipping and rehabilitating 2 health units (HUs) and 3 health centers (HCs) in certain villages and sub-districts of Taiz Governorate as well as the qualification of female nurses. It is worth mentioning that the number of beneficiaries of one of these centers (30 November HC in Al-Za'eema Village, Al-Za'aze', Taiz) amounts to about 10,377 people.

Another completed project has finalized the expansion, furnishing and equipping of the Motherhood and Childhood Center in Al-Turba (Al-Shamayteen District, Taiz), which provides health and medical services in appropriate conditions where privacy is secured for the female patients including those seeking delivery services, and pregnant healthcare and family planning.

Finally, a completed project focused on the qualification of 30 female technician nurses (post-high-school diploma) for Amran General Hospital, and particularly for the EMOC.



SPECIAL NEEDS GROUPS

The total cumulative number of the sector's projects reached 718 at an estimated cost of nearly \$38 million, and direct beneficiaries expected to be more than 184,600 persons (39% female) and generated employment about 864,300 workdays. Of these, 697 projects have been completed costing \$28.1 million.

Inclusive and Special Education

During the 2nd quarter 2016, the SFD teams have completed five projects that aimed to promote the inclusive education schools and services provided by the special education associations and centers in the governorate of Ibb. The projects targeted integrating and rehabilitating 665 male and female students with visual, auditory and mental disabilities in 20 inclusive schools, disability CSOs and special education centers in Ibb. The projects furnished and equipped two (pre-school / kindergarten) provided some associations with special educational aids, trained 76 of its employees on educational methods targeting children with disabilities, communication, and art-based psychotherapy. The training also included screening, functional therapy and behavioral treatment programs.

SPECIAL NEEDS GROUPS Indicators

Results Indicators	Achieved as of 30 June 2016	Phase IV Targets
# of Children with special needs integrated in Ordinary schools	Boys	2,500
	Girls	2,500

The projects also included the construction of 14 new classrooms, equipping and furnishing of 20 classrooms, the construction of two resources rooms, equipping and furnishing of 15 educational resources rooms, as well as the construction of 10 toilets designed for people with disabilities, and awareness sessions for eight local communities about the inclusion of the people with disabilities. The activities included the training of 180 teachers on the educational methods targeting people with hearing impairment, the preparation of teaching aids, the sign language, the speaking treatment, and methods for individual and collective learning.

Early Childhood Development

The SFD team finalized the preparation of the manual of Early Health Intervention in the Disability Sector that was approved by the Ministry of Public Health and Population. The guide targets the primary health care workers, and focuses on ways to provide these health workers with the proper early intervention services for children with disabilities or at disability risk.

WATER AND SANITATION

Activities in the two sectors water and sanitation included the following:-

Water Sector

Due to funds deficit SFD is experiencing since 2015, only one project was approved for building a cistern in Al-Ansar School (in Jabal Esam, Al-Saddah, Ibb), bringing the total cumulative number of projects in the sector (since 1997 until the end of March 2016) to 2,302 projects with total estimated cost of \$431 million (including beneficiaries' contributions, which is around \$219 million) and the number of people expected to benefit directly from those projects is around 4.14 million people (half of them are female), and the number of temporary jobs created is around 9.1 million workdays. So far, 2000 projects have been completed with total disbursed amount \$153.8 million (SFD's contribution only)

Public Covered Rainwater Harvesting Cisterns: Three projects were completed containing 5 cisterns with total storage capacity of 3,400 m³ and SFD's contribution is \$456,553 to serve 1,331 people and this created about 14,742 working days. Beneficiaries' contribution is around \$10,500.

Rooftop Rainwater Harvesting Cisterns: During this quarter, 25 projects were completed containing 3,583 cisterns with total capacity of 160,900 m³, and SFD's contribution amounted to \$2.8 million to serve 33,700 people, and created about 86,400 workdays while the contribution of the local communities reached \$6.9 million.

Groundwater Based Water Projects: Two projects were completed containing 2 tanks, 2 pumping units, 5,350 meter pipes, and 650 house connections to serve 3,450 people, and created 2,515 temporary jobs. SFD's contribution in these projects has reached \$252 thousand.

Surface-Water-based Projects: Two projects were completed at a total cost of \$158 thousand to serve 1,569 people, and created 5,589 workdays.

Other Activities: The SFD continued its participation in the meetings of the water, sanitation and hygiene cluster "WASH" (which is held monthly) and submitting the monthly reports to the cluster coordinator.

On the other hand, a workshop was held in June in the head office between the water and environment unit staff headed by

the unit head, and the cash for work program staff headed by the program head, to strengthen coordination between both staff. The main objectives of the workshop were to facilitate the

implementation of projects and document SFD's achievements in the water and sanitation sectors resulted unintentionally from the cash for work program activities.

Water Indicators

Results Indicators	Achieved as of 30 June 2016	Phase IV Targets
*Water access: Number of people provided with access to improved water sources	874,782	646,000
Storage capacity for improved water (m³)	3,294,447	2,240,000
Storage capacity for unimproved water (m³)	1,839,102	1,690,000

Sanitation Sector

Due to funds deficit SFD is going through since 2015, no project was approved during this quarter, therefore the total cumulative number of projects (since 1997 until the end of March 2016) remains as stated in the previous quarter i.e. 413 projects at an estimated cost exceeding \$46.1 million to provide appropriate sanitation to around 3.63 beneficiaries (half of them are female) and create about 679,724 business days. The number of completed projects so far is 368 projects at a cost of \$24.8 million to serve approximately 3.0 million people.

The Sanitation Sector comprises 3 subsectors: Wastewater Management, Solid Waste Management and Training and Awareness. In the latter, 3 projects were completed during the 2nd quarter, containing 128 CLTS hygiene campaigns aiming to change behavior in using latrines, hand washing and water treatment at the point of use. The three projects' cost approached \$56 thousand, targeting 29,250 persons and creating 1,345 workdays. The following table shows the impacts of these hygiene campaigns.

Sanitation Indicators

Results Indicators	Achieved as of 30 June 2016	Phase IV Targets
Sanitation access: Number of people provided with access to improved sanitation	256,059	265,000
*Number of SFD-supported Open Defecation Free communities	835	240

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The total cumulative number of projects reached 461 at an estimated cost of nearly \$58.4 million, and direct beneficiaries expected to be more than 468 thousand persons (45% females) generating about 1.4 million workdays. Of these projects, 368 have been completed costing about \$26.1 million.

The second quarter witnessed a slowdown in the implementation of the agriculture projects due to the limited funding. The majority of activities were restricted to follow-up, completion of financial issues for the completed works.

Under the water for agriculture sub-sector, some 29 projects at an estimated cost of \$9.9 million are still under construction (no progress made due to the current conditions). They are expected to serve 66,249 beneficiaries. There are eight approved projects at an estimated cost of \$ 2.1 million expected to serve about 12 thousand people.

Plant and animal sector: Given the current conditions and funding shortfall, 20 projects are still under construction at an

estimated cost of \$ 1.2 million. There are still two approved projects at a cost of US\$ 46 thousand expected to directly benefit 15,771 farmers.

The Saving and Credit pilot program aims to economically empower communities, poor families, by encouraging savings and investing them, increasing women's participation in the production process, for agricultural and economic growth, and establish small income-generating projects.

During the reporting period, the SFD teams trained 22 and credit groups in the districts of Jabal Ras and Al-Hujailah (Al-Hudaidah Governorate). The training focused on building financial and administrative skills in managing groups and implementing economic income generating projects. Steel safes were made for savings and credit to be distributed to the relevant groups in several governorates, in addition to follow-up and supervision activities to develop 47 new savings and credit groups in five districts in Lahj Governorates.



Agriculture Indicators

Results Indicators	Achieved as of 30 June 2016	Phase IV Targets
Storage capacity of water for agriculture and livestock use (m ³)	3,810,180	3,000,000
Total potential area of land to be irrigated by water sources (Hectare)	998	2,000
Total area of rehabilitated agricultural land and terraces (Hectare)	308	600

TRAINING & ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT

Interventions in the two sectors of training and organizational support aim to provide services through training and building human capacities for SFD partners including community committees, local authorities, governmental and nongovernmental organizations, etc., whose activities are linked to SFD objectives, i.e. local development and poverty reduction. The total cumulative number (1997 – end of June 2016) of the Training Sector projects reached 1,094 at an estimated cost of nearly \$27.8 million, and direct beneficiaries expected to be about 163.6 thousand persons (38% females) generating about 405.5 thousand workdays. Of these projects, 967 have been completed at a contractual cost of about \$14.8 million.

With regards to the Organizational Support Sector, the total cumulative number of the projects amounts to 660 at an estimated cost of nearly \$41 million and direct beneficiaries expected to be about 836.6 thousand persons (48% females) generating about 0.93 million workdays. Of these, 604 projects have been completed at a contractual cost of about \$20.7 million.

Empowerment for Local Development (ELD) Program

ELD program activities diversified during the 2nd quarter 2016, whereby development structures (Villages' Cooperation Councils, Sub-districts' Development Committees) formed in

ELD districts with SFD support continued to implement self-help initiatives without SFD intervention. The initiatives come from three directions: The Self-help Initiatives' Activities, which included awareness raising, planning and implementing such initiatives, mainly construction of water tanks, cleaning canals and ponds, roads' repair and paving, sanitation. The number of these initiatives reached 180 implemented by 172 VCCs at a cost of 80.72 million Riyals.

In Humanitarian and Relief Work, SFD conducted surveys related to displaced families, their reception and coordination to provide them with basic needs and with health and nutrition baskets. This activity consisted of 30 initiatives carried out by 573 VCCs, at a cost of 931.1 million Riyals.

Within Initiatives Supported by Other Agencies such as development organizations and foundations, activities included repairing a school and rehabilitation of water network. Initiatives of this kind reached 216 implemented by 756 VCCs at a total cost of more than 1 billion Riyals.

NGOs

Twelve civil society organizations (CSOs) that had already received SFD support were active during the quarter. These

CSOs have implemented about 37 projects in all the governorates of the Republic, with activities and projects diversified including community resilience, relief, recovery, capacity building and economic empowerment. Some of these projects were self-supported, supported by charitable individuals or by international organizations.

Rural Advocates Working for Development (RAWFD) Program

The SFD continued to follow up with RAWFD graduates, and found that some graduates obtained short- and long-term

work opportunities with a number of national and foreign civil society organizations working in the country. The follow-up also revealed that 66 graduates have volunteered to carry out 80 initiatives in 13 governorates at a total cost of 8.4 million riyals. These initiatives focused on helping the IDPs and carrying out relief activities.

Training & Organizational Support Indicators

Results Indicators		Achieved as of 30 June 2016	Phase IV Targets
Number of active village councils in pilot areas		3990	1,500
Number of people trained in RAWFD, M&E, participatory methods, planning or other strategic information management disaggregated by:	Male	887	2,500
	Female	702	1,500
Local Authority members trained on LED program		4,893	1,500
Number of SFD consultants trained		6,482	3,000
Number of NGOs supported		55	90
Number of local authorities supported		50	90
Number of Community-Based Organizations formed and trained		1,832	2,500

Integrated Intervention Program (IIP)

The total cumulative number of the IPP projects amounts to 338 at an estimated cost of nearly \$31.4 million, with the number of direct beneficiaries expected to reach 315 thousand people (51% female) and employment opportunities generated to exceed 783 thousand workdays. Of those projects, 258 have been completed at a contractual cost of about \$15.5 million.

During the quarter, training was provided to groups of males and females in Al-Mateena Sub-district, Al-Hudaidah, on handicrafts along with the implementation of a training program on agricultural extension for the sub-district's farmers, which included demonstration fields, in addition to identifying classrooms for facilitators' followed-up. The SFD also continued to implement the Environmental & Health Awareness Program in the area and has completed the printing of the guidance manuals and hand-books and nomination of the trainers as well as activities related to animal care & health.

Similarly, in Wade'a Sub-district, Amran, the Health Awareness Program has been implemented and coordination carried out with a number of associations and foundations to support and assist the IDPs.

Also, the teachers' training needs have been identified in BroumMaifa'a, Hadhramaut, and a field study concerning the agricultural situation was conducted (after the area had been recently hit by the cyclone) in order to set community solutions.

In Al-Dumaimat, Al-Juheila (Lahj), the quarter witnessed the formation of a committee for maintaining the water small dam and the completion of the manual for the school reinforcing health program as well as the completion of the field study pertaining to the Wells Rehabilitation Project. Moreover, the SFD has constructed 357 and 63 house water tanks in Lahj and Abyan respectively.

On the other hand, under the Preparatory Phase of Targeting Poverty Pockets in Urban Areas Project, activities included drafting the directives of the social and economic study (that will be conducted soon) and preparing the training program for the local authority Executive Unit team in the Capital City.

In Community Participation, the SFD has prepared the training materials and manuals for economic empowerment (second phase of youth in RAWFD program), including the guidance and awareness manual relating to community dealing with mines and explosive remnants of war and an executive perception and working proposals concerning conflicts-sensitive development. Also, the IIP participated in the final workshop concerning the assessment and institutional capacity development for the Ministry of Technical Education.

Also, training course in community participation (P.R.A.) was carried out for 31 participants (12 females) from Hadhramaut, Shabwah, Al-Maharah and Socotra Governorates.

In Hajjah, activities also included roads periodical maintenance, digging 2 surface wells benefitting 4 villages and erecting a retaining wall as well as implementation of 14 community training courses through local community structures, targeting 20 youths of displaced families, with training focusing on life skills. This is in addition to reconstructing part of WadiHubat – Aslam Nasher Road (Kueidina, Hajjah), which was subject to erosion due to rainfall and floods. Also, the SFD has provided training courses related to psychological support and identification of tendencies. Community donations were also collected, beside the contribution from government schools, for training 65 orphans on mobile phone maintenance.

In Raima Governorate, road maintenance was carried out for Al-MagharemSub-district, KusumaDistrict, due to damage by floods and heavy rainfalls, in addition to water treatment and cleaning of a stream and construction of 2 WCs as well as construction of a covered water tank by the community committee and villagers' contribution. Moreover, 3 classroomshave beenconstructed by the community in addition to implementing a sewerage project, a water tank and a protected farm as community initiatives costing 1 million riyals.

Integrated Intervention Indicators

Results Indicators	Achieved as of 30 June 2016
Education: Number of classrooms	75
Water: Storage capacity (m ³)	39,150
Water: Rehabilitated wells	74
Water network (m)	
Health units	3
Roads (km)	17
Number of female students in women literacy classes	2200
Number of individuals trained in agriculture, animal production, health, handicrafts, education, etc)	1506
Members of committees trained (male/female)	554

CULTURAL HERITAGE

The total cumulative number of the sector's projects to 285 at an estimated cost of \$66.2 million, with direct beneficiaries expected to amount to nearly 396 thousand persons (47% female) and job opportunities to more than 2.52 million workdays. Of these projects, SFD completed 237 costing \$38.1 million.

Restoration of Great Mosque in Sana'a

Due to the deterioration of the security situation and lack of funding, the entire project's works have been suspended for a certain period to adopt an emergency action plan and restrict resuming action to priority projects' activities. This has been done through 3 approaches:

The first approach deals with the works which cannot be left open and should be closed, as these works have the highest priority in this difficult time. In this regard, SFD has completed archiving and saving all the project's documentations and made backup copies of each hardware contents of images, reports and information. The quarter also witnessed the completion of the works, which have been opened from the rooftop, and of the restoration of cracks on the arch loaded on the western minaret. Similarly, SFD has strengthened and covered the parts the motifs and inscribed text in the eastern minaret, strengthened and secured the floor and walls of the western library as well as prepared the piping for the temporary rainwater drainage and secured the electricity and acoustics network. Moreover, checking and securing the main mihrab and securing open excavations have been carried out.

The second approach aims to create a larger space for worshipers during the Holy Month of Ramadan (by almost 14% of the total area of the corridors of the mosque). To pursue this goal, SFD continued to conduct studies and documentation, construction

repairs and restoration of the ceilings, electrical wiring and related accessories and restoration of the old layers of murals and column capitals along with re-plastering.

The third approach relates to continuing the ordinary works set within the action plan. These include studies and overall documentation, the motif ribbon documentation (which coincided with the restoration works), the excavation and study on 3 soundings inside the mosque and categorizing, documentation, archiving and entering the data collected from the site. SFD has also carried out cleaning of archaeological findings and drawing and documenting columns and capitals in the western corridors. Regarding the restoration of the ornate wooden ceilings, focus was given to the ongoing work in the corridors of the western and southern wings, repairing and implementing the Qadad layers of the areas that had been closed in the surfaces above the intervention areas as well as cleaning and preparing the secondary steel beams in the western library.

Additionally, in murals works, the consolidation and restoration as well as the gypsum plastering have been completed, while electrical works included completion of the electrical wiring. Finally, training was provided to 8 staff members of the General Organization for Antiquities and Museums (GOAM).

Restoration of the Great Mosque Shibam/ Kawkaban (Al-Mahweet)

During the quarter, the SFD has completed the detection and restoration of inscriptions and decorations on the columns crowns buried after cleaning and detecting, cleaning and restoration for the load-bearing columns of the roof, including the gypsum inscriptions on the walls of the eastern wing. The

quarter also witnessed the completion of washing all the internal interfaces in the eastern wing with the gypsum material as well as the re-settlement of the east-wing floor after revealing during the archaeological sensors work. Similarly, repaving was completed for the space in front of the eastern-wing gate as was the restoration and rehabilitation of the side walls for the rainwater drainage channel on the bottom floor of the eastern wing as well as the supply and installation of wooden doors and windows for the eastern wing. Finally, restoration was continued for the wooden Musandqat, with the eastern wing temporarily opened for worshippers.

Restoration of Al-Asha'er Mosque (Zabid, Al-Hudaidah)

Works on the project during the quarter continued including the removal of the distorting bathrooms built in cement randomly and drilling and eliminating excess soil from the ground level of the mosque yard. SFD also continued to remove the pillars' damaged wood flooring and replace them with new ones after treatment against termites.

In the western wing, the SFD poured the dome and adjacent rooms' floors with the introduction of a new staircase from

the southern side leading to the main street and then to the bathrooms and ablution place. In the backside, a path was made at the end of the south-eastern corner of the western corridor linking between southern external square through the hallway from the top and then to the main mosque. The SFD has also built crown from baked bricks (yagur) to strengthen the wall of the minaret in addition to strengthening the roof of the new corridor. Works also continued to compose wooden bridges between the southern wall of the posterior crown to the roof as well as roofing the corridors' ceilings. The SFD has also built a fender was also built from old yagur between the eastern side of the back and the discovered Mihrab to protect visitors during the traffic as well as strengthened the construction of the wall between the Mihrab overlooking the discovered columns in addition to building the ground stairs of the discovered Mihrab. Finally, the SFD continued works within the timber ceilings nearby the western entrance of the mosque, prepared the new bathrooms and ablution places and cleaned up the site.

Other cultural heritage works discontinued due to lack of funding and the armed clashes.

Cultural Heritage Indicators

Results Indicators	Achieved as of 30 June 2016	Phase IV Targets
Master builders trained \gained skills	1,285	510
Professionals trained & gained skills (Architects \ Archaeologists \ Engineers)	297	190
Number of sites and monuments documented, /conserved	50	50

LABOR INTENSIVE WORKS PROGRAM

LIWP comprises the Cash-for-Work Program and the Roads Sector.

Cash-for-Work Program

During the 2nd quarter 2016, 6 projects have been approved at an estimated cost of nearly \$0.88 million, with direct beneficiaries expected to amount to 8 thousand people (50% female) and job opportunities 55 thousand workdays.

The total cumulative number of projects reached 845 at an estimated cost of nearly \$174.8 million, and direct beneficiaries expected to be 1.31 million persons (49% female) generating about 14.88 million workdays. Of these projects, 677 have been completed costing about \$109.8 million.

The number of benefitting households exceeds 0.2 million. Due to the displacement of hundreds of thousands of civilians as a result of the difficult conditions, the LIWP largely gave priority to protect the internally displaced persons (IDPs) through several activities. The activities included 3 workshops for 48 local authority members in Lahj, Al-Maharah and

Ibb Governorates, focusing on explaining some important points on the SFD work with the IDPs.

A meeting was also held with representatives of the Coalition of Humanitarian Relief in Aden Governorate to discuss some key work mechanisms used in the labor-intensive work (cash-for-work) projects in relation to the humanitarian work with the IDPs. The meeting also discussed the possibility to work together in the future. In the context, the SFD representative met with the UNDP Resident Representative in Aden. In Al-Hudaidah Governorate, the program met with 8 community consultants (including 4 females) to inform them of the LIWP's objectives regarding the IDPs and the mechanism for IDPs' community study and for selecting employment.

The LIWP is implementing two types of training: life skills and on-the-job training. In this regard, the SFD branch offices (BOs) carried out several training activities, which included a meeting with the training team and members of two CSOs in Amran, providing training for 507 persons (130 female) in building water harvesting tanks, improving the road of Al-Qumhi Village,



Shaharah District of Amran Governorate and improving a road and creating agricultural terraces in 4 villages of Bani Al-Harith Sub-district (in Al-Sawd District, Amran).

The LIWP team held a meeting also with 7 of the qualified CSOs to implement a life skills training in Al-Hudaidah Governorate, trained 203 beneficiaries (79 female) on life skills in the Rainwater Harvesting Tanks Project (in Alma'an Village) and the Project for Wells and Rainwater Harvesting Tanks Rehabilitation (in Shabrah Village of Kuaydinah District, Hajjah). The SFD also trained 232 people in agricultural land reclamation and water harvesting (in Al-Salq and neighboring villages of Al-Dhelai'a Sub-district of Hadhramaut Governorate). The total cumulative number of the people who benefited from the training activities has exceeded 3,700 (including women).

Since the program serves the donors' requirements (German Grant), the SFD held a workshop in Sana'a to 24 staff members of the LIWP program that discussed the current status of the program, and the training of the team on the Open Data

Kit (ODK) program in order to document the stages of field implementation phases and the recording, photographing and sending the coordinates.

A meeting was also held for 18 resident engineers working with the program's Amran BO in order to discuss the current status of projects in the field. They reviewed the weaknesses and ways to address them and discussed ways to enhance strengths.

Finally, the program held an induction for 11 members of the community committee for the project of Al-Qala'a (Bani Jasamar, Amran) by presenting their tasks and the program's mechanism.

Road Sector

The cumulative total number of the road sector is 846 completed projects at an estimated cost of US \$193.5 million, benefiting about 4.4 million people (50% female). These projects have generated about nine million workdays. From these projects, 754 projects have been completed at a contractual cost of nearly \$138.7 million.

Cash-for-Work (CfW) Program Indicators

Results Indicators	Achieved as of 30 June 2016	Phase IV Targets
Number of people directly benefiting from multi-year workfare assistance in rural areas		90,000
Number of people directly benefiting from short-term workfare assistance disaggregated by rural/urban	Rural	900,000
	Urban	416,900
	All	1,132,200
Number of workdays employment created under workfare assistance program for multi-year activities in rural areas		2.625m
Number of workdays employment created under workfare assistance program for short-term activities disaggregated by rural/urban	Rural	13.13m
	Urban	2.64m
	All	11,675,919
Indirect beneficiaries: Number of people benefiting from community livelihood assets	283,050	260,000
Land: Total area of agricultural rehabilitated land and terraces (Hectares)	4,579	4,980
% of resources paid as wages	0.70	60%

Roads Indicators

Results Indicators	Achieved as of 30 June 2016	Phase IV Targets
Total length of roads improved/built (km)	1,194 ¹⁰	1,300

SMALL AND MICRO ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT (SMED)

The SFD funded a number of microfinance institutions (MFIs) and supported a number of activities during the quarters as follows:

Hadhramaut Microfinance Program: The Program received YR 100 million Yemeni in funding to support its financing activities. Despite the ongoing war, the demand for microfinance services in Hadhramaut has been increasing.

Small and Micro Enterprise Promotion Services Agency (SMEPS): SMEPS was financed with USD 240 thousand to cover part of the operating expenses until the end of the third quarter of 2016.

National Microfinance Foundation (NMF): A sum of YR250 million was paid from the Decent Life Program to support the NMF respective activities. The fund was funded by the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development.

Rural Finance Project: In light of the current efforts, a joint team comprising representatives of the SMED Unit, NMF and the SFD Agriculture and Rural Development Unit visited the Village Credit and Saving Program in the governorates of Al-Mahweet and Al-Hudaidah to check the work progress and to improve the level of performance. The program is funded by SMED Unit and supervised by the RALP Unit. In light of the visit, the team made several recommendations for the Program with aim to modify some of the Program measures in order to comply to the best international practices.

Finance Guarantee Program: SMED set up the a workshop on the Finance Guarantee Program in the presence of representatives from the MFIs and the central Bank of Yemen. The workshop discussed the operations manual and the information system of the program, which the SMED has developed within the Unit. The program is considered a basic and important initiative initiated by the SFD to support the small and microfinance sector in Yemen.

Azal Microfinance Program's automated system development: A team from SMED developed the three systems of the Program (Ma'een for Credit, accounting system and the HR system). The process aimed to upgrade these systems with the Program's developed mechanisms, such as creating cost centers within the financial system. In general, SMED will continue its technical support for the computer-aided systems and the updating the data of the credit information website provided exclusively to the MFIs.

Auditing: The SMED Unit carried out a number of auditing activities. The internal auditor revised the accounts and the transactions specific to the operational grant for the Labor Force Survey project of the Central Statistics Organization. Another

auditing process was also carried out for Yemen Microfinance Network.

MFIs' loan rescheduling: In light of the SMED efforts to help the microfinance sector recover from the negative consequences of the war, it reached loan rescheduling agreements with the Azal Microfinance Program, Hadhramaut Microfinance Program, Aden Microfinance Foundation and the National Microfinance Foundation in June. The SFD expected that this support to contribute in alleviating the war-ensued financial burden of those MFIs so they can scale up and proliferate.

Alternative energies project: A team from the German LFS company specialized in development consulting conducted a study on the feasibility of the introduction of the alternative energy to the Yemeni MFIs' beneficiaries. This German Development Bank-funded study took place during the period from April to May. The study showed high demand for the alternative energy (especially solar) by the MFIs' clients. It recommended that this demand to be financed. This promising opportunity was launched in a workshop on 27 April that included a team of experts and representatives from the SFD and MFIs. In this event, the product was introduced and the key steps that will be conducted by the experts were presented. In addition, views, observations and suggestions by the participants were taken for examination.

Yemen Microfinance Network (YMN)

YMN conditions: The YMN General Assembly held a meeting on April 28, which was highly attended by representatives of the YMN member MFIs, members of the administrative staff, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor and SFD. The meeting discussed the YMN conditions and its future trends under the current situation in the country.

BoD and M&E committee election: On May 25, 2016, the YMN General Assembly met to appoint a new Board of Directors (BoD). The meeting was attended by 85% of the YMN member MFIs in addition to the Deputy Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and the Director of the NGOs in the ministry. The meeting also discussed the YMN financial report and the auditors' report.

YMN annual meeting: With support of the German Development Organization (GIZ), YMN held its fourth annual meeting on May 26, 2016. The Deputy Minister of Social Affairs and Labor, who attended, stressed the importance of such an activity and its impact on the performance of the microfinance sector. During the meeting, the participants discussed the content of an open study by YMN entitled "The impact of war on the microfinance sector".

Number of projects & estimated costs - Second quarter, 2016 (by sector)

Sector	No. of Projects	Estimated Cost (\$)	Est. SFD Contribution (\$)	Direct beneficiaries		Temporary Job Opportunities
				Total	Females %	
Education	5	1,062,235	1,062,235	11,379	86	12,949
Roads	1	43,710	43,710	18,270	50	1,720
Micro Enterprises Development	3	3,031,500	3,031,500	12,028	84	246
Small Enterprise Development	1	50,000	50,000	0	-	150
Cultural Heritage	1	194,309	194,309	0	-	6,461
Water	1	99,700	97,200	650	49	2,400
Cash for Work	6	883,918	883,918	7,663	50	54,735
Business Development Services	1	470,750	470,750	6,220	25	542
Total	19	5,836,122	5,833,622	56,210	61	79,203

The total includes 210 projects with no funding

Number of projects approved and estimated costs- Second quarter, 2016 (by governorate)

Governorate	No. of Projects	Estimated Cost (\$)	Est. SFD Contribution (\$)	Percentage (%)
Ibb	1	99,700	97,200	97
Capital City	1	24,314	24,314	100
Al-Hudaidah	1	194,309	194,309	100
Hajjah	4	519,968	519,968	100
Shabwah	1	9,921	9,921	100
Sa'adah	1	97,060	97,060	100
Amran	2	310,600	310,600	100
Lahj	2	178,000	178,000	100
Several Governorates	6	4,402,250	4,402,250	100
Total	19	5,836,122	5,833,622	%100

The total includes 210 projects with no funding

Cumulative number of completed projects and contractual costs as of the end of second quarter 2016 (by sector)

Main sector	No. of Projects	Contractual cost (USD)
Environment	371	25,906,738
Integrated Intervention	258	15,458,395
Training	967	14,777,174
Education	4,863	572,843,255
Organizational Support	604	20,680,063
Agriculture	368	26,050,698
Health	1,123	72,002,676
Roads	754	138,665,107
Special Needs Groups	697	28,067,341
Micro Enterprises Development	184	31,669,640
Small Enterprise Development	32	6,790,920
Cultural Heritage	237	38,096,878
Water	1,989	153,099,000
Cash for Work	677	109,764,695
Business Development Services	72	10,708,283
Total	13,196	1,264,580,861

Cumulative number of completed on-going & approved projects and contractual est.&confr. costs as of the end of second quarter 2016 (by governorate)

Governorate	No. of Projects	Estimated Cost (\$)	Est. SFD Contribution (\$)	Contractual cost (USD)
Ibb	1,412	203,580,291	170,063,076	139,455,437
Abyan	343	67,714,766	55,967,148	39,434,892
Socatra	54	6,352,214	6,117,509	5,883,341
Capital City	712	108,858,527	103,472,233	89,144,236
Al-Baidha	312	40,053,555	35,570,911	30,201,768
Al-Jawf	160	19,340,879	18,521,478	13,644,570
Al-Hudaidah	1,250	186,348,004	180,845,026	146,090,175
Al-Dhale	295	49,672,730	43,505,925	33,020,473
Al-Mahweet	437	61,183,341	53,460,250	43,161,968
Al-Maharah	109	8,827,398	8,327,642	7,128,970
Taiz	1,805	280,293,340	206,471,325	171,476,300
Hajjah	1,193	167,997,122	150,131,629	60,114,205
Hadhramaut	684	79,436,447	76,808,886	60,114,205
Dhamar	982	132,120,004	104,211,367	88,457,791
Raimah	365	58,208,008	37,141,107	35,321,441
Shabwah	306	33,400,381	32,105,463	26,462,221
Sa'adah	356	56,729,946	55,685,641	46,733,351
Sana'a	543	66,888,406	62,428,306	49,841,770
Aden	326	48,373,760	45,827,504	36,138,301
Amran	932	126,524,701	112,372,175	94,041,326
Lahj	732	118,937,402	89,805,300	72,043,021
Mareb	129	12,095,465	11,538,118	9,998,876
Several Governorates	1,304	133,315,109	131,533,606	86,470,961
Total	14,741	2,066,251,798	1,791,911,626	1,441,486,593

The total includes 210 projects with no funding

Cumulative number of completed projects and contractual costs as of the end of second quarter 2016 (by sector)

Main sector	No. of Projects	Estimated Cost (\$)	Est. SFD Contribution (\$)	Contractual cost (\$)
Environment	411	46,020,017	39,697,784	34,955,523
Integrated Intervention	338	31,351,602	26,015,814	18,040,885
Training	1,049	27,757,223	27,718,622	17,115,386
Education	5,298	766,916,559	742,178,423	617,921,685
Organizational Support	660	40,973,573	38,232,459	22,225,618
Agriculture	461	58,376,127	53,715,544	35,932,211
Health	1,217	108,622,309	105,807,906	35,932,211
Roads	846	193,516,595	187,372,932	154,094,119
Special Needs Groups	718	37,945,828	37,191,932	28,946,807
Micro Enterprises Development	202	55,772,845	55,609,743	38,369,726
Small Enterprise Development	34	9,032,031	9,031,031	6,921,000
Cultural Heritage	285	66,191,186	65,451,780	51,872,225
Water	2,294	430,508,844	211,462,681	180,174,691
Cash for Work	845	174,766,164	173,924,082	133,740,133
Business Development Services	83	18,500,893	18,500,893	16,187,535
Total	14,741	2,066,251,798	1,791,911,626	1,441,486,593

The total includes 210 projects with no funding

Cumulative number of projects, commitment, beneficiaries and temporary employment as of the end of second quarter 2016 (by sector)

Sector	No. of Projects	Estimated Cost (\$)	Est. SFD Contribution (\$)	Contractual cost (USD)	Expected direct beneficiaries		Expected indirect beneficiaries		Total estimated employment (workdays)
					Male	Female	Male	Female	
Environment	411	46,020,017	39,697,784	34,955,523	1,811,807	1,806,736	205,476	203,002	1,385,173
Integrated Intervention	338	31,351,602	26,015,814	18,040,885	153,720	161,251	121,541	123,008	782,807
Training	1,049	27,757,223	27,718,622	17,115,386	101,538	62,038	447,244	478,163	405,500
Education	5,298	766,916,559	742,178,423	617,921,685	1,548,779	1,332,616	1,919,023	1,631,966	25,103,084
Organizational Support	660	40,973,573	38,232,459	22,225,618	438,695	397,854	326,384	290,609	925,632
Agriculture	461	58,376,127	53,715,544	35,932,211	255,154	212,634	470,069	368,395	1,428,137
Health	1,217	108,622,309	105,807,906	84,989,047	2,858,113	5,011,130	905,515	1,756,157	2,299,513
Roads	846	193,516,595	187,372,932	154,094,119	2,234,526	2,211,900	848,433	839,804	8,953,046
Special Needs Groups	718	37,945,828	37,191,932	28,946,807	112,070	72,549	68,482	52,431	864,313
Micro Enterprises Development	202	55,772,845	55,609,743	38,369,726	82,955	342,892	525,447	1,443,476	187,821
Small Enterprise Development	34	9,032,031	9,031,031	6,921,000	18,434	22,101	60,129	44,866	17,978
Cultural Heritage	285	66,191,186	65,451,780	51,872,225	210,865	185,038	109,306	83,393	2,520,905
Water	2,294	430,508,844	211,462,681	180,174,691	2,037,671	2,054,721	160,002	140,633	8,842,581
Cash for Work	839	174,766,164	173,924,082	133,740,133	662,385	645,339	1,003,529	1,056,386	14,877,175
Business Development Services	83	18,500,893	18,500,893	16,187,535	72,473	28,502	105,967	80,519	4,299
Total	14,741	2,066,251,798	1,791,911,626	1,441,486,593					68,597,964

The total includes 210 projects with no funding

Success story

RAWFD Team for Community Development in Shibam-Kawkaban

((We joined SFD's RAWFD Youth Program after graduation from Sana'a University. Through this program we knew how to design and implement youth self-help initiatives and the importance of voluntary work in building communities, as well as the several development programs aiming at communities' development, and raising awareness aiming to build up civilized and educated civil society. We were able to leave behind the ordinary life mode, and assume a life full of action, thinking, and building. We learned how to design and implement development activities, and work in the sole team spirit, volunteering for the purpose of providing a constructive community service.

RAWFD program made a great impact in our lives, because we turned from ordinary young people to ambitious and entrepreneur youth, loving homeland and people's good. Immediately after graduation from RAWFD program we and some other outstanding RAWFD graduates formed RAWFD Team for Community Development in Shibam-Kawkaban, Al-Mahweet.

During 2015 our team has carried out several activities including cleaning the streets and neighborhoods of the Historic City of Shibam-Kawkaban in cooperation with Shibam Municipality and distribution school materials (provided by charitable persons in the town) for low-income people, with about 110 students benefitting.

We've also distributed blankets and winter clothes provided by Itlalat Al-Khair Foundation, benefitting about 80 families and provided training for female secondary students in the art of studying in Al-Zahra' Educational Complex for Girls in the city, and Al-Shaheed Al-Durra School in Al-Ahjur Sub-district (Al-Mahweet), with nearly 100 students benefitting. Finally, our team has conducted three training courses on first aid, handicrafts and processing of incense and civet, with some 45 young females attending).

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