

Cumulative Investment and Disbursement as of 31/03/2001 According to Program

Program	Commitment (\$)*	Disbursement (\$)*
Community Development	79,047,935	38,351,181
Capacity Building	7,939,878	6,234,498
Small & Micro Enterprises	2,688,069	2,191,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,889,069</b>	<b>48,452,300</b>

\*Figures include cost of project initial studies, operating and investment cost

SFD Cumulative Investment and Disbursement as of 31/03/2001 According to Governorates

Governorate	No. of projects	Commitment (\$)	Disbursement (\$)
Sana'a Capital	98	7,782,705	2,480,033
Sana'a	126	6,356,191	2,573,257
Aden	44	4,139,795	1,733,057
Taiz	129	7,386,605	4,418,105
Hodaidah	119	8,045,417	4,586,106
Lahj	39	2,722,023	1,721,819
Ibb	84	5,294,670	2,940,910
Abian	33	2,322,157	1,069,226
Dhamar	93	5,268,407	2,753,754
Shabwah	35	1,840,752	1,041,254
Hajjah	95	4,896,149	2,428,735
Baidha	32	2,160,886	1,140,997
Hadhramout	86	6,189,331	3,136,893
Saadah	42	1,958,358	1,261,089
Mahweet	68	4,670,384	1,912,363
Mahara	23	1,483,081	719,256
Maarib	25	1,362,767	749,143
Aljawf	22	1,138,419	657,097
Amran	108	5,501,958	2,849,666
Al-Dhala'a	19	1,370,111	598,871
Several Governorate	39	603,067	411,194
<b>Total</b>	<b>1359</b>	<b>82,493,230</b>	<b>41,182,825</b>

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SFD Cumulative Investment, Disbursement, Expected Number of Beneficiaries, and Job Opportunities as of 31/03/2001 According to sectors

Sector	No. of Projects	Commitment (\$)	Disbursement (\$)
Education	750	42,967,155	23,097,170
Health	155	8,322,764	4,112,342
Water	250	15,419,891	6,788,728
Environment	21	3,604,887	2,083,031
Cultural heritage	7	822,580	283,914
Roads	23	2,406,535	453,536
Micro Enterprise	19	2,645,098	1,937,695
Special Need Groups	22	4,685,943	1,315,774
Integrated Intervention	1	8,231	7,329
Training	47	912,701	629,866
Organizational Support	64	697,425	473,440
<b>Total</b>	<b>1359</b>	<b>82,493,210</b>	<b>41,182,825</b>

Sector	Beneficiaries		Job Opportunities	
	Direct	Indirect	Temporary	Permanent
Education	415,418	87,407	1,622,265	5,517
Health	715,548	50,515	216,531	1,654
Water	718,478	14,094	620,220	196
Environment	398,009	0	115,947	188
Cultural Heritage	16,850	4,900	30,022	8
Roads	415,983	92,498	144,705	0
Micro Enterprise	14,946	75,163	4,746	191
Special Need Groups	12,294	45,300	149,101	286
Integrated Intervention	9	0	136	0
Training	16,914	390	14,402	142
Organizational Support	12,485	8,269	14,437	87
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,736,934</b>	<b>378,536</b>	<b>2,932,512</b>	<b>8,269</b>

Completed Projects as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2001\*

Sector	No. of Projects	Investment (\$)*	Disbursement (\$)*
Education	395	20,064,098	17,164,400.23
Health	62	2,996,303.28	2,554,369.03
Water	63	4,439,931.82	3,918,324.90
Environment	3	356,564.27	347,435.39
Roads	4	405,200	242,630.11
Micro Enterprises	6	305,097.25	275,122.21
Special Need Groups	1	98,747	91,596.74
Integrated	1	8,231	7,329.09
Training	33	410,899.86	364,225.99
Organizational	24	252,535.68	234,538.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>29,337,608</b>	<b>25,199,972</b>

\*Completed and not closed projects and their final cost is subject to change

# SFD Newsletter

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\*The 2nd Meeting of the Board of Directors in the year 2001

## Editorial

At the onset of the first quarter of this year, the SFD inaugurated the second phase of its operations with an ambitious target plan consisting of 700 projects to be implemented during the first year which are expected to cost about US\$ 47.5 million.

During the second phase, SFD will emphasize, within its circle of interest, training and capacity building programs, support special needs groups and the continuation and expansion of water harvesting programs. At the same time SFD will stress progress in the development of community capabilities through their active participation in the implementation of the various projects.

The wide areas covered by the SFD operations involving diversity of activities which required a strict monitoring system to be put on place, to control the quality of project implementation in order to achieve the expected results.

Along with the above considerations, which are meant to ensure the continuation and sustainability of projects in providing the required services, it is also important for SFD to design a mechanism for the purpose of impact assessment for its various interventions and to examine to what extent these interventions have contributed to the improvement of the living conditions of the target groups and communities, which is the essence of objectives for which SFD was created.

The SFD Board of Directors held its 2nd meeting for the year 2001 on Wednesday 6/6/ 2001. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Abdulkader Ba Gammal, Prime Minister, Chairman of the Board. The main issues of the meeting were:

Review and approval of the Draft Plan for the year 2001.

Discussion of issues relating to SFD targeting policies, financing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, and the relationship with the Local Authority.

### Signing a secondary agreement of more than one billion USD

Under the auspicious H.E. Abdulkader Ba Jamal, the Prime Minister, Chairman of the SFD Board of Directors, an agreement was signed between the Ministry of Planning and Social Fund to provide the SFD with 1,474,239,666 Yemeni Riyal (equals US\$8 million) financed from the selling of the American Food Aid. The Fund will be used to construct 100 schools at various governorates throughout the Republic. The agreement attended by H.E. Ms. Barbara Bodin the US ambassador to Yemen.

\* Mr. Abdulkarim I. Al Arhabi became Minister of Social Affairs and Labour

Mr. Abdulkarim I. Al Arhabi has been appointed as Minister of Social Affairs and Labour by the Republican Decree number 46 for yea 2001. His Excellency will keep his post as the Managing Director of SFD. SFD staff would like to congratulate Mr. Al Arhabi and wish him all the best for the trust he has been given by the political leadership.

\* **Dr. Ibrahim Al Namla, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs visits SFD**

During the meeting of the Yemeni-Saudi Coordination Committee in May, His Excellency, Dr. Ibrahim Al Namla, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of Saudi Arabia visited the SFD and met His Excellency, Mr. Abdulkarim I. Al Arhabi, Managing Director and heads of units who briefed His Excellency about SFD's activities particularly about issues related to social works.

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- A detailed proposal for upgrading skills of SFD staff and consultants on community participation has been developed and approved. It is expected to start the training on June of this year.
- The analysis of the first phase of integrated Intervention program has been finalized. The four areas to be covered at the pilot phase are identified: Ahwar /Abian; Rab'e Al-Duss, Luhaia / Hodiedah; AlNayef, Ghashm /Amran; and Allayl Neighborhood / Sana`a capital.
- The framework for phase two of the Integrated Intervention program is prepared. Consultants to be involved in this phase are identified. Phase Two will involve two main activities: conducting a base-line data survey for all four areas ; and working with relevant communities for need assessments , prioritization, problem analysis ,project identification, and the formation of community –based development committees.
- The Unit has contracted 6 projects in the health sector, and 3 projects in the sector of groups of special needs.

### Unit news

#### Infrastructure Unit

During the second half of April 2001, the unit organized a field visit to monitor projects. The field visit took place in coordination with Aden branch. Eight completed projects in Aden, Lahj, and Abyan governorates were visited. After the visit, the unit agreed on a working schedule with the Aden branch and the beneficiaries to deal with issues that were resulted from the visit.

During the second quarter of this year, the unit announced eight national tenders for importing 70.000 school desk benches to be distributed to needy schools in different governorates for reducing crowding in urban schools. At the same time, the unit conducted a field visit to verify the needy schools, which were recommended by the Ministry of Education. The Netherlands government funds this project.

The unit has contributed to a group-field visit to the old city of Zabid. The group included different institutes interested in the cultural heritage such as (ministry of culture, Hodiedah Governorate office, World Bank, GTZ, KFW and the Urban Cultural Heritage Programme. The purpose was to view the city's situation which is exposed to a continuous deterioration and the upsetting of the unique traditional building of the city. The group have reached to a preliminary urgent work plan to support the infrastructure and rehabilitate some sights using the financial, the administrative and the technical capacities of the groups according to their specialisation.

At the end of June, the unit organized a workshop on: SFD Policy in Constructing Road Feeders: Engineering Criteria for Designing. Branch Managers, road consultants, project officers, and the head of infrastructure unit have participated in the

#### Training Unit

Nineteen projects were contracted during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the year 2001, four of them have already been completed, and fifteen are still under implementation. The nineteen projects contain:

- A – Training:
- Training beekeepers in the development of Bee – Keeping. Twenty-five participants from Taiz

#### Training Unit

Six projects were contracted during the 1st quarter of the year 2001. These include:

##### A. Training courses “three projects” in the following fields

- Two training courses to improve the capacities of 42 charitable associations and NGOs, (male and female) from Sana`a



Participation of associations in need assessment. Al-Iradah Deaf and Mute association Support Project in Dhammar

Following two organizations with equipment and furniture to ( in addition to refurbishment and repairs for Amran Center ) to help them improve the services they offer to beneficiaries in local communities:

- Khola Women Charitable Association – Al – Oudain – Ibb.
- Basic Literacy Training Center – Amran.

##### C. One project of Technical Support for governmental organizations

The SFD provides support to the National Museum (Second Phase) in the field of enhancing the documentation of the antiquities' collection database. This intervention is considered as a guarantee to the transformation of the system from manual to automated archiving. This will enable the museum technical staff to film, document and enter in

the database about twenty thousand objects in both Arabic and English languages. The entered data will be linked with the objects' pictures, in addition to providing the necessary hardware and software needed for this purpose. The project will also provide training for the museum's technical staff. A consultant hired by the SFD will conduct the training. It will concentrate on aspects related to running the system and the development and administration of the network.

The SFD had formerly financed the First Phase through a separate project. The former intervention concentrated on the creation and development of a database for recording and documentation of the antiquities' collection and historical sites. Such work has been done by means of cards difficult to read or analyze. Necessary hardware : during the

A course session in accounting for NGOs



Enterprise and credit Al-Khokha and Jabal Ras districts. This year, the program will continue providing 700 women with literacy classes and will make more efforts to build the capacity of the groups. The program will also work to develop the savings and credit policies and is expected to disburse 450 loans and provide saving services to about 700 women.

- Al-Saih Credit Program: SFD signed an agreement with Al-Saih Agricultural Cooperative to extend the agreement signed earlier by the two parties related to Al-Saih Credit Program. The cooperative will concentrate in the coming period on collecting the over-due loans caused by the frost which hit the area in December 2000.
- Appraisal of New Projects:

the has been working out the design two projects, the first in Taiz city with Tadamon Islamic Bank and the other with Wadi Al-Nakhil Cooperative in Zabid. The unit also continued its research into establishing two programs in Sana`a and Mukalla.

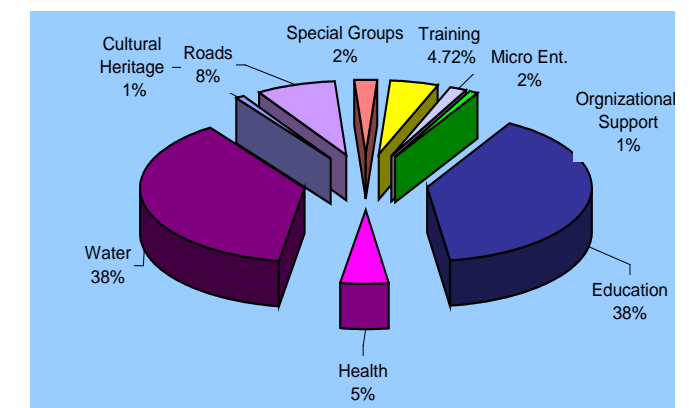
The following table shows the portfolios of SMED programs as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2001:

Program	Active No. of Borrowers	Active No. of Savers	Outstanding Loan Portfolio (YR)
Micro Credit-Hodeidah	2,072	-	78,719,606
Women Literacy-Hais	31	60	1,470 ,000
Al-Saih Lending Program	272	-	6,070,390
Income Generating Maraw	838	-	15,775,370
Income Generating-Abyan	407	-	8,883,383
Income Generating-Odain	124	-	4,967,747
Income Generating-Wadi More	249	-	4,472,717
<b>Total</b>	<b>3993</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>120,359,213</b>

#### Achievements of the Fourth Quarter as of 2001

The SFD has contracted 127 projects during the forth quarter of 2000, with a total investment of about 7.5 m US\$.

##### Investment by Sector, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2001



##### Investment by Governorates (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter/ 2001)

Governorates	No. of Projects	Commitment (\$)	Percentage
Sana`a City	5	241,723	5.5
Sana`a	21	1,556,953	20.7
Taiz	5	418,500	6
Hodeidah	16	1,246,850	18
Lahj	1	67,000	0.8