

### Launching broad campaigns to raise waste from the areas affected by the events of 2011

Broad campaigns were launched in the Capital City and Taiz to remove piles of solid waste under the motto "Environment protection is everyone's responsibility". The SFD Cash-for-Work Program ran the campaign along with forestation campaign. The Secretary General of the Local Council in the Capital City, Mr. Amin Juma'an and the Governor of Taiz, Mr. Shawqi Anam participated in the campaigns in a number of areas affected by the accumulation of waste.

The SFD is carrying out the campaigns in coordination and cooperation with local councils in the target areas that were affected by the 2011 events, in addition to community outreach program to improve the appearance of the two cities. The SFD will launch a similar lifting of waste in the cities of Al-Hudaidah and Ibb during the next quarter of this year.



### SFD Study on Impact of the 2011 Events on Communities

**A qualitative study carried out by the SFD pointed out to aggravation of livelihood situation of the rural and urban population in Yemen as a result of the violent events and economic collapse of 2011. The events resulted in change of social and economic behavior and styles in order to get access to requirements of living such as reduction of spending and reduction of number and gradients of the main meals.**

The SFD study aimed at identifying the results of impacts of 2011 events on the target communities and the ways they used to overcome them. The study was conducted in 74 urban and rural areas distributed in 47 districts within 20 governorates. Using a set of participatory tools, the qualitative data were collected from field visits conducted by SFD teams.

The main findings of the study are:

- The people, including the poor, were forced to sell their personal belongings and productive assets such as weapons and livestock, with saving decreased in several areas of the study in order to respond to the basic requirements for survival, especially food.
- Spending on health, education, and other non-food basic needs dropped. Households were burdened by additional costs for new items such as alternative lighting and they raised spending on the cooking gas and drinking water (especially in the major cities.)
- The burdens of rural women increased as more responsibilities were added to their daily activities. They increased efforts to look for wood as a source of fuel in addition to the burdens of fetching water due to shortage and rising costs.
- The rate of sending children to schools and enrolling them in education dropped, beside the low percentage of outreach and benefitting from the educational and

health services particularly in the countryside due the rising transportation costs.

- The issue of reverse migration from urban to rural areas in most areas of the study emerged due to losing their jobs and income resources in the urban areas. This issue led to the increase in unemployment and rise of pressure on resources in the rural areas, as well as the drop of money remittance as one of the financial resources that used to come from the city to the countryside, as a result of unavailability of work opportunities in the urban areas. This consequently led to the aggravation of the poverty problem in the countryside.
- The irrigation-dependent agricultural production was greatly affected as a result of the high cost and shortage of diesel and oil products and costs of agriculture inputs in many target areas.
- Public service facilities were directly affected and damaged particularly in the tension areas, including schools, health centers, and government buildings, which were used as military barracks.
- Increase in illegal migration (trafficking in persons) practices, carrying weapons in major cities, thefts, roads blocking, as well as begging, in addition environmental problems that increased in the urban areas due to pollution, accumulation of rubbish, resulting in the spread of diseases.
- On the other hand, some positive aspects resulted like the increase in social solidarity in some target areas and increase in the activities of some CSOs to serve the affected communities.

**The SFD has drawn from the findings of this study in order to wage a more effective response to the actual development requirements in this changed situation.**

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## Social Fund for Development

### Editorial

The Social Fund for Development (SFD) launched, at the beginning of 2012, the second year of the fourth phase of its operations (2011–2015).

In 2011, the SFD faced challenges and difficulties due to the conditions that prevailed in the country. The SFD made efforts to reduce the impact of those events on its implementation of development projects in various areas of the country, thus continuing to provide benefits to the target groups – in spite of the decline of funding to support the SFD operations.

Recently, as the country's conditions improve, the SFD has embarked on the implementation of an ambitious action plan for the current year through which the SFD seeks to return to the high pace of performance that has distinguished SFD since its inception in 1997. This includes contributing to the provision and expansion of various services to poor people and needy areas and to reducing unemployment by providing temporary and permanent job opportunities.

As the SFD's interventions are designed to be flexible, SFD has sought to develop and "adjust" the 2012 planned interventions – taking into account the consequences of 2011 events. In this course, the SFD has developed a strategic paper to respond to those effects, focusing on providing more job opportunities during 2012 and 2013, in particular, through the implementation of labor-intensive projects and other approaches. Moreover, the SFD is currently contributing to the rehabilitation of the violence schools damaged during the 2011 events.

It is worth mentioning that the National Reconciliation Government has pledged, in its action plan, to increase SFD's ability to absorb more employment in its projects and continue to improve access to basic services in the neediest areas.

### BoD reviewed 2011 performance and approved 2012 action plan

The SFD Board of Directors (BoD) held on March 11, 2012 a meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. Mohammed Salem Basendwah, Prime Minister and Chairman of the BoD. The meeting approved the SFD 2012 Action Plan that included implementation of 1495 projects costing USD\$267.6 million. The planned projects cover 4 main programs allover governorates; the Community Development Program (853 projects for US\$180.6 million), Labor-intensive Works Program (199 projects for US\$ 59.5 million), Capacity Building Program (419 projects for US\$ 17.9 million), and Development of Small and Micro-enterprises (24 projects for US\$ 9.6 million). The beneficiaries' contribution makes up around 3% of the total cost of the projects.

The 2012 plan focuses on continuing to contribute to improving the living conditions of the poor with their participation, contributing to increase and diversify sources of income and job creation, supporting the state's efforts to promote decentralization and development of local government and transfer of knowledge and developing pilot programs through partners.

The BoD reviewed the 2011 performance report that stated that the SFD committed to about 1347 projects at a cost of \$ 234.6 million at a percentage of 88% of the planned projects, and 96% of financial commitments. The report indicated to the challenges the SFD faced during the 2011 events as the number of approved and committed projects were not implemented due to the fact that most donors sharply reduced or stopped the flow of funding. The report reviewed many SFD major outputs since 1997 till 2011 in the various sectors and areas.

The BoD approved the SFD draft budget for the fiscal year 2012 at a total amount of nearly YER32.4 billion, 4.6% more than last year. The budget will implement 1,495 projects over different sectors and programs. The BoD also approved the 2010 Financial Statement in the light of the report of the independent auditor's report.

### The UK Secretary of International Development visits an SFD project

On March 12, 2012, the UK Minister of State for International Development, Alan Duncan, accompanied by the UK Ambassador to Sana'a Mr. Nicholas Hobton and the Head of DFID Office in Yemen Ms. Joanna Reid, paid a visit to the SFD-supported Nuqom Center for Woman Training and Rehabilitation in Sana'a. The visit came in the sideline of Mr. Duncan's official visit to Yemen to declare the UK government



support to the Yemeni national efforts to overcome obstacles to development and stability. The minister toured various facilities of the center and was briefed on the SFD interventions to the center that target economic and development empowerment of women. The interventions started in 1997 across 5 stages for a total cost of US\$ 543 thousands in construction, equipping, furnishing and ToT training for many activities such as literacy, cosmetics, sewing, handicrafts and computer through two-year diploma courses and three-year professional short courses. This is the only center in Yemen, which offers such high qualifications in these skills.

Mr. Duncan held a meeting with the SFD officials discussing ways to increase the UKG support to the SFD IV (2011-2015). He expressed his pleasure to have checked the success of the SFD in responding to the needs of the poor and its role to alleviate their suffering, especially in light of the current priorities.

## UNIT NEWS

**Education**

The SFD approved 31 projects at a cost exceeding \$3 million expected to directly benefit about 77 thousand people (55% females). This brought the cumulative total number of education projects (1997 – end of March 2012) to 4,711 projects worth more than \$636 million and directly benefiting about 2.7 million people (45% females).

Projects of this quarter focused on the restoration, maintenance and rehabilitation of schools affected by the 2011 violent events in the districts of Al-Mudhaffar, Al-Ta'ezziya and Al-Qahera (Taiz) and in Sana'a governorate and Sana'a city. The work continued in building schools in Sa'ada governorate. The SFD established the Rural Girls Development Centre in the village of Al-Khoubah (Al-Luhaiya District of Al-Hudaidah Governorate), and it equipped the Ministry of Education's General Department of Examinations, and the renovation and equipping of the Education Office of Taiz Governorate.

**Literacy and Adult Education Program**

The SFD held a consultative workshop on 9 January 2012 with the participation of the female consultants who had composed the Women Craft Skills Curriculum for female students of Literacy and Adult Education classrooms and women training centers. The meeting aimed at reviewing the overall objectives of the curriculum and carried out modifications in line with the participants' proposals. The SFD also distributed the Guideline on Community Education Centers Establishment and Opening to the education officers in all SFD branch offices. The guideline provides guiding principles and checklists facilitating the tasks of the officers during the establishment of new centers in different governorates.

**Cultural Heritage**

During the first quarter, 3 projects were approved at an estimated cost of \$386 thousand, bringing the cumulative total number of projects (1997 – 31 March 2012) to 268 projects at an estimated cost exceeding \$58 million, directly benefiting more than 364 thousand people, and generating about 2.3 million temporary jobs.

**Education Sector Indicators**

Results Indicator	Targeted in Phase IV (2011-2015)	Total Completed in (2011-2012)
Number of classrooms constructed or rehabilitated	9,000	1,977
Number of students benefiting from SFD supported basic schools (M, F)	201,600	53,519
	158,400	49,479
Children with special needs	5,000	750
Number of teachers trained (sex disaggregated)(M, F)	100	20
	100	340
Number of educational professionals trained (sex disaggregated)(M, F)	782	232
	600	170

**Cultural Heritage Sector Indicators**

Results Indicator	Targeted in Phase IV (2011-2015)	Total Completed in (2011-2012)
Master builders trained \gained skills	510	79
Professionals trained & gained skills (Architects\ Archaeologists\ Engineers)	190	53
Sites and monuments documented, saved /conserved	50	16

**Restoration projects of the two Great Mosques in Sana'a and Shibam Kawkaban**

In the Great Mosque of Sana'a, the restoration work of the wooden coffered, structural restoration and repair works were completed at the east wing where the project also started the implementation of gypsum works, with the same works continued at several places of the wooden ceiling. Currently, electrical works are going on including underground piping. Dismantling and removal of the concrete water tank added in the previous period had been finished, in addition to the continuation of documentation for all project activities.

At the Great Mosque of Shibam Kawkaban, restoration works, and in the vicinity of the mosque, the works on the women mosque and the finishing of the adjacent Al-Thuluth caravansary have reached an advanced stage.

**Restoration of Dar Al-Ezz (Jiblah, Ibb)**

Documentation and registration of archaeological excavated items continued, along with the implementation of sanitation and electrical works for the toilets and ablution units of Al-Najmiyah Mosque attached to Dar Al-Ezz, in addition to the Qadad and plastering works for the roof and ceiling.

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

In the frame of the second phase of the project, preliminary works carried on, especially in collecting traditional building materials and launching archaeological excavations and sensors. The project also continued the restoration of parts of the walls of the *mihrab* from outside, and followed up the removal of illegal constructions around the mosque.

**Restoration of Al-Ashrafiya Mosque & Madrasa (Taiz)**

Work continued in the fifth phase of the project, with the completion of restoration of Qadad of the domes and the interior and external walls, corridors, and floors. All wooden doors, windows and Qamareas had been equipped for the entire building. Fine conservation of the mural paintings and gypsum decorations had been completed at the eastern and western side and the completion of the work of cleaning and the consolidation of more than 60% of the central dome at the prayer hall, shrines and at the open courtyard by the national team with a constant contact with the Italian specialists.

**Cumulative number of projects, commitment, contracted amounts, beneficiaries and temporary employment as of 31/03/2012**

Sector	No. of projects	Commitments (USD)	Contracted amount(USD)	Direct beneficiaries*		Indirect beneficiaries*		Temporary Job Opportunities
				Male	Female	Male	Female	
Environment	292	38,691,681	27,640,995	1,344,901	1,318,719	190,891	190,508	1,276,034
Integrated Interventions	237	17,693,917	12,366,924	151,982	113,080	43,139	47,897	500,917
Training	820	19,694,972	13,986,631	84,007	53,763	415,623	449,827	295,369
Education	4,711	636,088,862	488,984,166	1,471,352	1,211,921	1,868,491	1,610,514	22,085,031
Organizational Support	590	27,027,838	22,500,969	349,868	305,614	318,674	282,999	673,645
Agriculture	346	35,136,737	14,961,714	208,148	202,439	359,639	322,122	868,478
Health	1,067	87,932,011	68,859,557	2,731,797	4,458,486	2,045,630	2,683,403	2,068,985
Rural Roads	766	161,055,134	129,045,624	2,094,218	2,065,356	844,275	834,700	8,309,398
Special Needs Groups	630	33,762,001	27,273,107	107,895	69,357	68,449	52,389	804,705
Micro Enterprises Dev.	158	23,684,722	18,397,354	57,496	263,866	345,518	867,875	44,050
Small Enterprise	32	9,852,031	7,779,511	18,334	22,071	59,529	44,686	17,916
Cultural Heritage	268	58,006,253	46,187,633	194,363	169,760	60,261	68,741	2,261,132
Water	1,830	248,446,242	116,029,063	1,615,199	1,627,635	113,544	94,630	6,291,114
Food Price Crisis Response	364	54,163,530	48,285,891	285,854	271,717	712,619	756,169	4,664,873
Business Development	52	6,038,353	5,984,096	45,033	20,780	62,517	39,119	2,365
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,163</b>	<b>1,457,274,284</b>	<b>1,048,283,237</b>	<b>10,760,447</b>	<b>12,174,564</b>	<b>7,508,799</b>	<b>8,345,579</b>	<b>50,164,012</b>

\*The same beneficiaries might repeatedly benefit from more than one sector

**Cumulative commitments & contracted amounts as of 31/03/2012, by governorate**

Governorate	No. of projects	Commitments (\$)	Contracted amounts (\$)
Ibb	1,163	138,210,125	100,579,350
Abyan	218	29,420,596	21,466,407
Capital City	660	96,289,417	76,553,426
Al-Baidha	279	33,034,316	24,306,113
Al-Jawf	149	17,299,710	11,948,335
Al-Hudaidah	1,030	135,800,877	106,773,186
Al-Dhale'	232	34,495,800	23,340,005
Al-Mahweet	358	45,621,283	32,623,185
Al-Maharah	92	6,102,923	4,964,575
Taiz	1,513	203,214,853	132,784,902
Hajjah	886	116,284,694	77,822,926
Hadhramaut	618	65,589,162	48,392,924
Dhamar	784	83,743,147	65,091,667
Raimah	312	49,947,707	26,283,554
Shabwah	270	26,137,639	19,948,115
Sa'adah	275	37,513,658	29,257,440
Sana'a	484	54,277,983	38,548,159
Aden	274	37,903,196	29,194,871
Amran	745	84,609,103	64,579,549
Lahj	539	74,431,265	47,610,326
Mareb	114	10,260,003	7,844,397
Several Governorates	1,168	77,086,827	58,369,825
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,163</b>	<b>1,457,274,284</b>	<b>1,048,283,237</b>

**Cumulative completed projects as of 31/03/2012, by sector**

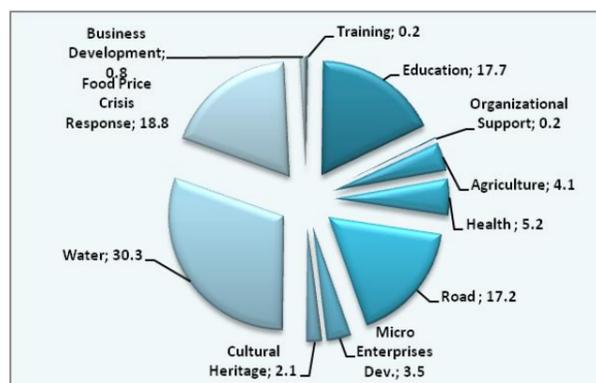
Sector	No. of projects	Cost (\$)
Environment	212	19,252,830
Integrated Intervention	163	9,189,783
Training	700	11,365,730
Education	3,855	413,989,325
Organizational Support	503	17,770,597
Agriculture	114	3,419,266
Health	888	60,439,576
Roads	542	98,269,365
Special Needs Groups	515	23,947,888
Micro Enterprises Development	141	14,432,650
Small Enterprises Development	30	6,746,953
Cultural Heritage	190	30,405,977
Water	1,408	92,137,834
Cash for Work	154	15,357,193
Business Development Services	26	1,958,457
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,441</b>	<b>818,683,425</b>

SFD-Supported Microfinance Programs as of End of March 2012

Program	Active number of clients			Outstanding loan portfolio (Million YR)	Portfolio at Risk (%)	Cumulative numbers		Area of Operation
	Borrowers		Savers			Number of loans	Loan amounts (Million YR)	
	Total	Women (%)	Total					
Al-Amal MF Bank	19,768	50	36,019	670	1.38	41,669	2,100	Capital City, Taiz, Ibb, Dhamar, Al-Hudaidah, Al-Mu'alla, Aden
National MF Foundation	12,179	92	19,104	381	7	91,209	3,690	Capital City, Taiz, Ibb, Al-Qa'edah, Yarim, Abs, Hajjah, Lahej, Dhamar, and Al-Hudaidah
Aden MF Foundation	7,844	98	10,760	255	0	40,803	1,582	Dar Sa'ad, Al-Buraikah, Al-Mu'alla, Al-Tawwahi, Crater, Khormaksar, Sheikh Othman, Aden, Lahej
Abyan S & C	7,300	98	7,950	229	77	35,224	1,216	Zingibar, Ahwar (Abyan), Al-Mukalla, Al-Shih
MF Development Program (Nama')	5,432	35	1,222	261	8	48,186	2,621	Capital City, Taiz, Aden, Hajjah, Al-Hudaidah
Al-Awa'el MF Company	4,668	84	0	108	25	49,569	1,615	Taiz (Al-Camb, Hawdh Al-Ashraf, Al-Rahedah, Sainah, Al-Qada'edah)
Altdhamon Bank	3,728	42	0	526	3	17,378	3,353	Capital City, Taiz, Al-Hudaidah, Aden, Ibb, Al-Mukalla
Sana'a MF – Azal	2,858	60	1,701	162	5	31,953	700	Capital City
Small Enterprise Development Fund (SEDF)	2,593	16	0	1,061	23	14,163	11,394	Capital City, Taiz, Aden, Al-Mukalla, Al-Hudaidah, Ibb, Dhamar
Wadi Hadhramaut	1,409	12	2,805	79	23	10,541	689	Hadhramaut (Seyun – Tarim, Al-Suom)
Social Institution for Sustainable Development (SIFSD)	915	61	0	99	6	15,324	1,086	Capital City
Alkuraimi Islamic Microfinance Bank	427	0.70	17,032	131	6	1,035	411	Capital City, Aden, Taiz, Al-Hudaidah, Dhamar, Ibb
Other Activities & IGPs	0		0	0		67,495	1,690	Several areas
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,121</b>		<b>96,593</b>	<b>3,962</b>		<b>464,549</b>	<b>32,147</b>	Capital City, Taiz, Ibb, Dhamar, Al-Hudaidah, Al-Mu'alla, Aden

N.A= Not available/Not applicable, MC = Micro Credit, S&C = Saving and Credit, MF= Micro-finance, IGPs =Income generating projects

Commitments, first quarter 2012, by sector



Commitments, first quarter 2012, by governorate

Governorate	No. of projects	Commitments (\$)	Distribution (%)
Ibb	2	806,371	4.5
Capital City	21	2,744,870	15.2
Al-Hudaidah	13	1,223,468	6.8
Al-Dhale'	2	5,140	0.0
Al-Mahweet	1	410,135	2.3
Al-Maharah	2	72,500	0.4
Taiz	46	6,892,554	38.2
Hajjah	1	48,400	0.3
Dhamar	2	566,529	3.1
Raimah	3	709,976	3.9
Shabwah	1	110,000	0.6
Sa'adah	14	1,996,258	11.1
Sana'a	5	865,634	4.8
Amran	1	150,000	0.8
Lahj	5	378,426	2.1
More than One Governorate	5	1,069,834	5.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>18,050,095</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Number of beneficiaries and job opportunities, first quarter 2012, by sector

Sector	Direct beneficiaries		Temporary job opportunities
	Total	Female (%)	
Training	70	57	1,148
Education	76,766	55	111,023
Organizational Support	800	100	959
Agriculture	6,300	51	17,570
Health	117,102	55	18,645
Roads	33,541	51	117,064
Micro Enterprises Dev.	10,100	98	40
Cultural Heritage	0	-	6,040
Water	24,365	50	52,650
Cash for Work	18,320	18	292,020
Business Development Services	200	75	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>287,564</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>617,359</b>

Paving the Historic City of Zabid

Installing of the underground electrical has reached a significant stage, where these works had been completed in all the four projects currently under implementation. While the accomplishment percentage of the paving works is varying between 42% (in the Castle square) and 44% in Al-Elweya neighborhood, at the time, the paving project of Al-Mujambeth neighborhood had been completed.

Protection of some palaces in the historic city of Tarim

80% of the project activities were completed, which consists of support and restoration of the large cracks that threatened the palaces to be collapsed. The work is implemented by a number of local master builders and workers who are skilled and highly experienced on the restoration of such mud buildings with local techniques and materials.

Training and Organizational Support

Interventions in the two sectors of Training and Organizational Support aim at providing services through training and building the human and institutional capacities of SFD partners, namely consultants, community committees (beneficiary committees), small contractors, technicians, local authorities, NGOs, and governmental organs, as well as SFD staff.

During the first quarter of the year, the SFD implemented activities covering the following sub-sectors:

University Graduates (RAWFD Program)

About 161 rural university graduates from Hadhramaut (Al-Mukalla, Seyoun, Suqutra) were qualified for development advocacy issues, 84 of those trainees were females.

Governmental Organizations

Several activities were implemented, including development of the training materials concerning sensitive conflicts, preparing the draft of the information manual concerning RAWFD program and carrying out a workshop related to discussing the institutional assessment study results with the participation of the Minister of Social Affairs and Labor as well as representatives from a number of government agencies and heads of the labor arbitration committees in 6 governorates.

Moreover, the quarter witnessed the implementation of the first phase of the institutional assessment study for the Supreme National Anti-Corruption Corporation (SNACC), organizing a series of meetings with the Minister of Local Administration and the ministry's concerned staff for coordinating joint activities and discussing the support to be

provided to the ministry. Finally, some amendments to "With People" manual and "Empowerment" brochure were made and evaluation of the civil society organizations' electronic information system was conducted.

NGOs

During the quarter, onsite training was provided for 9 associations (in Al-Dhale' governorate) was implemented in administrative and financial components, and training for 30 trainers in sewing from Al-Gawl Association (Khanfer district in Abyan governorate), Al-Sa'adah female association (Qalansia, Suqutra in Hadramout governorate), Al-Mawadda Association (Ataq in Shabwah governorate). 13 trainers from agricultural cooperatives' Union (Sahel Hadhramaut) were also trained in plan preparation skills and awareness campaigns management. 10 females from Al-Nasha' Al-Hadith Association (in Ataq) were also trained in accounting, in addition to implementing an evaluation in administration for the same association.

Local Communities

Beneficiary committees were formed and trained for two schools in Baihan and two water dams in Al-Rawada (Shabwah governorate) as well as five ponds in Yabauth, Hadhramaut. The total number of targeted beneficiaries from these projects reached 7,383 (of whom 3,605 females). Amran branch also implemented 50 participatory needs assessment studies as well as a training course on P.R.A. methodology for 30 trainees (half of them females), and 30 needs assessment studies as well as a verification study for seven training projects. Additionally, the second phase of community awareness raising was conducted to gain support concerning the importance of the historic Ghail Al-Awar, and getting rid of obstacles related to the completion of this project in Shibam Kawkaban, Al-Mahweet.

Private Sector (individuals)

Al-Mukalla branch implemented a refresher training course in Gender and Principles of community appraisal and P.R.A. for 30 male & female consultants, while Al-Hudaidah and Amran branch offices implemented courses in community contracting targeting 90 engineers, accountants and community consultants.

Empowerment for Local Development (ELD)

Field visits started concerning the Self-help Initiatives Project, and the formation of cooperation councils in 81 villages (Tuban, Lahej Governorate) – 2nd phase. This is in addition to organizing two workshops for the field teams participating in the implementation of the project. In the same respect, field visits took place to Al-Ja'afriah District (Al-Hudaidah) where 113 villages' cooperation councils were formed. This is beside training 23 members from the local authority in the district on the program's field mechanism, as well as the field visit to Al-Sawda district (Amran) where 58 villages' cooperation councils were formed.

Training and Organizational Support Sector's Indicators

Results Indicator	Targeted in Phase IV (2011-2015)	Total Completed in (2011-2012)
Number of Young volunteers (Sex disaggregated): (M/F)	2500	73
	1500	78
Local Authority members trained		379
Individuals/consultants/contractors/others trained	1000	2039
NGOs supported	90	30
Government Entities supported	40	5
Local authorities offices supported	90	10
Community-Based Organizations formed	2500	350

Field visits also took place to Thula district (Amran) where 49 councils were formed, as well as a field visit to Al-She'er district (Ibb) where 97 councils were formed. Other field visits took place for the purpose of following up on the self-help initiatives concerning the villages' cooperation councils in Shara'ab Al-Rawna district (Taiz).

As concerns the field mechanism of the "Empowerment for Local Development" program, a training was organized for 20 local council members in Tuban (Lahej), and 27 members of the local authority in Bani Qais Al-tour (Hajjah), as well as training the local councils in the district of Bani Qais, beside 42 consultants in Al-Mukalla branch, 70 consultants from the two branches of Aden and Hajja, 60 consultants from Sana'a branch, and the team of Haifan district (Taiz). This is in addition to conducting the evaluation workshop with the participation of the work teams of the ELD program in Al-Mawasit (Taiz).

In addition similar training activities were conducted for the leaderships and members of local council in Qusma districts (Raimah). The training focused on the community accountability aspects under the ELD program. About 19 participants participated in this training.

On the other hand an institutional assessment study was implemented in the districts of Haifan, Same' and Al-Makha (Taiz) and meetings were conducted with the local authority in the three districts for reviewing outcomes and results of the assessment study and the ELD program.

In Ibb governorate, a support was provided for the local authority (Al-She'er) in participatory planning and community organization. This is in addition to training 24 trainers on subjects related to responsibilities of the sub-districts' development committees and providing organizational support in computer literacy for districts of Al-She'er, Hubeish, Al-Sabra, and Hazm Al-Oudain). This is in addition to training on administrative and secretarial aspects (Hubeish), and preparing the five-year development plan (Hazm Al-Oudain).

Organizational support (equipment and furniture) was also provided to the local authority of Wadi Hajar (Hadramaut) and the main office of Al-Maharah Governorate and Hasween district of the same governorate. On the other hand a workshop in control and community accountability was held in SFD's main office and was attended by 18 consultants.

## Health and Social Protection

### Health

During the quarter, 20 projects were approved for this sector at an estimated cost of \$0.94 million expected to directly benefit more than 117 thousand people (55% females). Cumulatively, 1067 projects were developed costing appr. \$88 million, and the number of direct beneficiaries reached about 7.2 million (62% females).

In line with the SFD effort to **strengthen partnership with the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MoHP)**, and other partners who are working to achieve the MDGs, a meeting was held with the MoHP Deputy Minister for Reproductive Health and the Dean of Sana'a Higher Health Institute to discuss the Midwifery Program - especially with regard to job description for the community midwives (three-year system), and the technical midwives which was developed with SFD technical and financial support.

The SFD participated in the discussion of the Safe Motherhood Draft Law sponsored by the Ministry and in discussing the status of the general framework of the referral system for obstetric emergency sponsored by the MoHP Population Sector in collaboration with the Reproductive Health and Population Program (RHPP-I). A meeting was held for the management of the program and health offices in the targeted governorates (Taiz, Al-Hudaidah and Lahej) to approve the final plans of those governorates under the program. The plans were approved as under-implementation projects. 9 projects of the plan were developed to equip and furnish health facilities in Taiz (including 5 health units and 5 health centers).

**Increasing access to primary health care facilities**  
This component aims to increase coverage of primary health care services through the rehabilitation of the existing health units and centers and construction and equipping of permanent facilities rather than the temporary ones, in addition to the formation and training the health committees. The SFD developed 9 projects for furnishing and equipping health facilities in Taiz governorate (5 health units and 5 health centers).

**Increase the number of providers of primary health care and enhance their skills**  
A project was developed to train and upgrade midwives from workers of the Taiz Higher Health Institute and major hospitals to technical midwives. Another project was developed to rehabilitate physical therapy specialists for the Physical Therapy Center of the Saiyoun Hospital (Hadramout). Three other projects were developed to train 70 health workers from 4 districts in the governorate of Taiz on the integrative care for the child health.

**Expanding and improving reproductive health services**  
This program aims to increase the number of births that occur under medical supervision, reduce the number of deaths in child birth of mothers and babies, and decrease infant mortality.

**Reducing maternal mortality and neonatal**  
This sub-program aims at expanding and improving reproductive health services by building and equipping emergency departments of basic and comprehensive obstetric, and maternal and child centers, and equipping sections for premature infants and newborns.

The SFD developed 3 projects in the governorates of Taiz and Lahej to expand, furnish and equip a motherhood and childhood Center, rehabilitate and equip and furnish a hospital, and rehabilitate a department for reproductive health in another hospital.

**Increase of births under medical supervision**  
This component focuses on training community midwives before and during the service. It aims to improve primary health care for mothers and newborn. During the quarter, 18 projects were developed to train 368 community midwives (from 8 governorates) on community-based care for the health of the mother and newborn.

**Mental Health**  
The SFD 5 developed projects in the Mental Health Program, of which 4 projects are to promote school mental health in the governorates of Al-Hudaidah, Raimah and Hajjah and a project to train psychologists and assistants (Dhamar city) in psychiatric care.

The Agency also implemented a training course again in the use of modern technologies and agricultural inputs for potato growers province Dali, targeting 25 participants among farmers, agricultural engineers, and dealers of agricultural inputs. The aim was to raise their abilities and awareness on the importance of using modern agricultural techniques through theoretical and practical training. Sixteen farmers were provided with improved potato tubers, as well as with the installation of four modern irrigation networks in their fields.

The farmers were made aware of the in a practical way on how to implement proper farming, store tubers, installation and maintenance of irrigation networks, and farmin nets through the establishment of 4 illustrative fields Homeisan (in joban) and Bana Valley (in Damt).

**Raising the skills of the fishermen in marine boat repair**  
SMEPS carried out (in cooperation with the Modern International Institute) 4 training courses and several workshops to raise the skills of 75 fishermen from fishermen associations in the districts of the coast of Hadramaut, Mahara, Shabwa in the maintenance and repair of boat engines. where the total number of beneficiaries of the hunter. Also, in the city of Mukalla the "Training Courses in Maintenance and Repair of Boats and Marine Engines Project" came to a close. The project was organized by the Modern International Institute in cooperation with the IAEA, and it included 18 sessions aimed at training 313 traditional fishermen from the coastal areas of the three provinces mentioned. In the context of raising awareness of fisherman in maintaining product quality fish, and under the motto "In order to improve product quality fish", and within the framework of joint cooperation with the Private Sector Development Project (PSDP) of the German Organization for International Development (GIZ), SMEPS's branch in Mukalla carried out a workshop aimed at raising awareness among traditional fisherman on the ways of maintaining product quality fish.

**The relief project for the displaced people of Abyan**  
Agency adopted in cooperation with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) a project to train and rehabilitate 400 young men and women in various fields of art and technology, to help them find job opportunities that would ensure them a dignified life. The Agency started the implementation of training aimed at building skills (capacity building), to enable them with professional skills and work certificates. In addition, 28 young men and young people from the provinces of Aden and Abyan were trained in human resources management of. The Agency also set up a special training workshop in communication skills and effective communication, in order to build a channel of communication between the displaced people and the surrounding community, as well as the competent authorities, through comprehensive monitoring of reports on their needs, problems, and possible obstacles and opportunities. The workshop aimed at sharpening the skills of 25 teenagers and young women from Aden and Abyan in effective communication, how to deal with different personalities, and build a network to communicate with displaced people. Six trainees were chosen to form an approved working team that would descend to 144 displaced families, as well as 300 hosting families to know and study the relationship between these families and the displaced people. Post-trauma psychological counseling and social counseling was provided to 100 documented cases, as 20 psychologists were trained on the classification of cases and ways to deal with them.

**Funding of youth ambitions – Tumoohi**  
Agency set up in January and March 2012 three workshops for the introductory program "Funding of Ambitious Young People Tumoohi", in collaboration with the Aden Microfinance Foundation, and with the support of the German GIZ. The aim of the workshops (which was attended by 303 participants) was to open new horizons for young people to provide them with alternative employment opportunities, to reduce unemployment, and to reduce the poverty

rate among them by financing their existing or new projects according to their financing needs. One of the main outputs of the workshops was the provision of loans to 67 young men and women from the Governorate of Aden.

### The Yemen Microfinance Network (YMN)

The network implemented during the quarter 4 training courses in the fields of communication skills, operations planning, management skills, and problem solving and decision-making. Eighty-five trainees participated. With the regard to on-the-job-training, the network implemented two training courses in March 2012: the first was on marketing, and it targeted 18 employees from Al-Amal MF Bank, and the second was in management skills, which targeted 21 participants among the employees of Al-Kureimi Islamic MF Bank.

**A Study on the situation of Abyan Program**  
The network implemented a study on the effects of 2011. The study was implemented on Abyan Credit & Savings program, which was greatly affected by the crisis, leading its operations to stop completely, and its employees and clients to flee to the neighboring Governorate of Aden. The purpose of the study focused on the problems that faced the program, and the possible solutions and interventions which the program needs to come through those problems and continue to provide its financial services.

**The First Comprehensive Program on Microfinance**  
At the end of March 2012, YMN implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MoTI) The comprehensive program on microfinance awareness for the staff of the Ministry – funded by the Istijaba Project, which is in turn financed by the United States Aid organization (USAID). Nineteen participants from various offices of the Ministry in the Capital City of Sana'a and the Governorates are targeted. They will form the nucleus of a unit MoTI is planning to establish due to the importance of Microfinance in Yemen.

### Al-Amal MF Bank is crowned with the MIX Silver Award for Social Performance

On top of its continuing success, Al-Amal Bank was awarded the MIX Silver Award for Social Performance for 2011. The bank was chosen for this award according to international standards in social performance. The bank was awarded the prize in recognition to its social mission, which includes providing financial and non-financial services for the poorest segments of society, as well as owners of small and micro activities, and focusing on improving the livelihood of the youth and women providing and helping them graduate from poverty. The Bank contributes at the regional level in establishing the first microfinance institution in Somalia by providing technical assistance (first stage) to the Help Leads to Hope Organization. The organization's managing director was made acquainted with the experiment of Al-Amal Bank during a visit he carried out to the Bank as part of a program of emerging microfinance institutions.



A Client of the National Microfinance Foundation- Al-Hudaidah

### Health Sector's Indicators

Results Indicator	Targeted in Phase IV (2011-2015)	Total Completed in (2011-2012)
Number of health personnel trained (sex disaggregated) (M, F)	1,450	105
	1,450	800
Number of health facilities constructed, renovated and/or equipped	800	52

Thus, the cumulative number of the sector's projects reached 766 at an estimated cost exceeding \$161 million benefiting directly about 4.2 million people (half of them females), and generating temporary employment reaching around 8.3 million workdays.

These projects are distributed over four sub-sectors. These are rural roads (480 projects, with a total length of about 3,181 km, benefiting about 2.2 million people and creating 4 million temporary jobs); urban streets paving (229 project, with a total area of 2.7 million m<sup>2</sup>, with beneficiaries reaching around 2 million and jobs exceeding 4.3 million workdays); training (54 projects, benefiting 5,349 persons and creating more than 11,406 jobs); and bridges (3 projects, benefiting 32,300 people and creating more than 10,820 jobs).

Concerning the field follow-up during the quarter, 41 projects were visited – distributed over under-implementation projects (to assess the quality of works) and projects from 2012 Annual Work Plan (for assessing targeting quality and conformity to the established criteria). Thus, 225 projects were cumulatively visited.

### Small and Micro Enterprises Development (SMED)

The SMED continued its activities in providing technical assistance and necessary funds to its partners working in microfinance to continue the provision of financial and non-financial services to SMEs. The combined outstanding loan portfolio of all existing MFIs reached at the end of March 2011 about YR 4 billion. The number of active borrowers in all MFIs reached more than 69,000, while the number of active savers reached almost 97,000.

Also, during the quarter, the FD funded Aden Microfinance Foundation with YR 60 million due to the increasing demand for loans and to expand their services, which have reached nearly 8,000 male and female micro entrepreneurs.

SFD also funded the Small and Micro Enterprises Promotion Services agency (SMEPS) with GBP 50,000 to carry out its activities in the development of Yemeni handicraft according to international standards (incl. handmade baskets made of palm straws).

These activities will contribute to their exports to Europe and give an opportunity to participate in international expos. SMED also financed The Yemeni Microfinance Network (YMN) with YR 15 millions to cover its operating costs and training activities. A field audit to the loan portfolio of Al-Awael MF Company was carried out. Finally, the branches of the National Microfinance Foundation (NMF) in Taiz and Al-Qaeda (Ibb) were audited by SMED.

### Small and Micro Enterprises Promotion Services (SMEPS)

#### Business Edge program (expansion phase) and the Small Business Administration Diploma

SMEPS organized in the month of February 2012 two promotional seminars on the Business Edge program and the Small Business Administration Diploma in Al-Hudaidah and Sana'a, targeting 190 graduates from public universities and private technical and vocational institutes. The objective of the two symposia was to open up wider prospects for graduates in the labor market, and develop their skills and abilities to manage their small businesses using modern and sound management techniques.

#### Training of female project owners on the WBOT approach

The SMEPS continued its activities in the training of female owners of small enterprises on the method of Women Business Owners Training (WBOT), which targets large groups of women enterprise owners, and women working in income-generating activities who want to open small businesses. A number of training and microfinance institutions in Yemen have been signed up to train 500 women who own small projects. Also, a refreshing workshop for 23 female trainers was organized to train them on the WBOT methodology. A training book was printed (50 copies for trainers, and 500 copies for trainees), in addition to 16 copies of the game "Marketing Mix" for this approach, and distributed to the implementing institutions. Fifteen acquaintance meetings on the approach were organized in Sana'a, Aden and Al-Hudaidah. Also, the training institutes carried out 9 courses on the curriculum, in which 225 female owners of small projects from the three governorates participated.

#### The use of improved agricultural inputs

The SMEPS implemented a training course for 21 farmers in the use of modern techniques in the cultivation of squash in the areas of Damon and Al-Qorfa (District of Tarim, Hadhramaut). The techniques were applied in the two regions, and a drip irrigation network was introduced, including the use of plastic sheeting and agricultural gauzes, in addition to fertilization through the irrigation network. The SMEPS distributed hybrid seeds to the participating farmers.



### Roads Sector Indicators

Results Indicator	Targeted in Phase IV (2011-2015)	Total Completed in (2011-2012)
Total length of roads improved / built (km)	1,825	210

### Social Protection

The cumulative number of sector projects amounted to 630 projects at an estimated cost of \$33.8 million directly benefiting about 177,252 people (39% females).

The sector, during the quarter, focused on training and capacity building. On January 14 to 19, 2012 a training course was held for 26 teachers from public schools in Al-Safra' District and Sa'adah City (Sa'adah) on the functions and role of the social workers, the preparation of student records, and ways to activate the role of parent councils. From January 21 to 26, 17 teachers from comprehensive education schools in Sa'adah participated in a training course on speech therapy for children with hearing disabilities. And 32 of the workers in early childhood in government institutions and non-governmental organizations were rehabilitated in a training course held between January 14 to 24 in cooperation with the Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood. The training focused on the integrated approach-based care and early childhood development.

On January 28<sup>th</sup>, a seven-day training course was held on "measurement and evaluation" for 28 resources teachers in the schools of comprehensive education in the districts of Amran and Khamir (Amran). Participants gained skills of measurement of the type and levels of disability of children in schools, relative early detection, and methods of addressing each type, in addition to assessing the current educational integration in the schools of comprehensive education, and ways to overcome the difficulties that may be ensued. In the district of Amran, a six-day training course was held in late February on ways to teach people the visual disabilities and Braille reading techniques, targeted 20 teachers of the comprehensive education schools and the Association of the Blind.

During January 28 to February 23, the 4 training courses were held for 40 specialists / social workers and psychologists at the camps of displaced people in Almazraq (Haradh, Hajjah) and the neighboring schools on the psychological rehabilitation during wars and conflicts. The training focused on stress pressures and relevant support and counseling. And on February 9<sup>th</sup>, a four-day training course on integration and its mechanisms and ways of using the resource rooms. The event targeted 30 teachers and administrators in the schools of comprehensive education in the Hajjah city. Under the program of Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR) in the city of Abs (Hajjah), the SFD financed all activities relating to medical check-up for 468 persons with disabilities, and the preparation of medical reports on the status and size of their disability.

In the context of enhancing programs of early discovery and early intervention of disability, the SFD (during the 10-13 March), in cooperation with the MoHP Program of Combat of Blindness, set up a course that aimed at training 72 teachers and specialists from the public schools and community in the Capital City on visual disability, and ways to conduct vision scanning for children to discover cases of low vision and eye problems among those students. (It is worth mentioning that the training will be followed by a comprehensive survey of all students of the target schools in the Capital City and to implement the early intervention to treat the affected students according to the expected survey's findings).

"Best Practices of Disability" Project is progressing in Ibb governorate where a course was organized on February 28 to 29 with aim to prepare a form of comprehensive field survey for persons with disabilities in the districts of Jiblah, Azzihar, and Almashannah to identify the size of the disability, the needs of those persons in the target districts, and planning for the projects activities based on outputs of the survey. In Yarim town (Ibb), two training courses were organized for members and workers of Al-Thiqah Disability Society in the areas of management and sign language.

Physical therapy training was set up for eight workers in the Community-based Rehabilitation Program in the district of Almarawi'ah (Al-Hudaidah), where the workers will work with families in the project areas to conduct physical therapy exercises for people with disabilities, in accordance with rehabilitation programs prescribed by physiotherapists.

Finally, on March 24 – 29, four workshops were carried out for government agencies and non-governmental organizations in Dhamar aimed at defining the rights of marginalized groups in the Yemeni and international laws and regulations and the means and methods of integrating them into society.

### Water and Environment

During the quarter, the SFD approved 19 projects in the sectors of water and environment at an estimated cost of \$ 5.5 million expecting to benefit about 24 thousand people. This brings the cumulative number of projects (1997 - March 2012) to 2122 projects at a cost exceeding \$287 million benefiting more than 5.9 million people (around 50% female).

#### Water sector

The sector aims to provide improved and adequate water for the poor communities (based on the definition of coverage of water as approved by all partners) and raise health and environmental awareness for beneficiaries.

During the quarter, as part of the rehabilitation of partners, the SFD Branch of Dhamar held a week-long training course for 16



### Water and Environment Sectors Indicators

Results Indicator	Targeted in Phase IV (2011-2015)	Total Completed in (2011-2012)
Number of households benefiting from improved water sources	60,000	26,970
volume of improved water stored (m <sup>3</sup> )	1,100,000	680,912
volume of unimproved water stored (m <sup>3</sup> )	260,000	820,304
Number of households using improved sanitation facilities	43,000	4,193
Number of Open-Defecation-Free-project communities	261	38
Villages targeted by CTLS		230

consultants in the preparation of designs for mechanized water projects as well as overseeing its implementation. 11 consultants of them in addition to 4 SFD project officers have been qualified.

In the context of implementation of the **Water Scarcity Response Program** (which coincides with the SFD fourth phase), since the beginning of 2011 till March 2012, the SFD approved 125 projects at an estimated cost of \$14.6 million serving about 131 thousand persons of them 70% are in poverty category 4, while 30% are in category 3. The projects include building 54 harvest rain reservoirs with a total capacity of 80,000 m<sup>3</sup> and 16 kareefs (ground ditch) at a total capacity of 58,000 m<sup>3</sup>. 9,407 m<sup>3</sup> private reservoirs at a total capacity of 465,900 m<sup>3</sup>, and pipes of 15,400 meters long. 88 projects have been under actual implementation.

## Environment

This sector aims to solve the pressing environmental problems affecting the poorest people. The interventions centered on sanitation in rural areas, as a contribution from the SFD in achieving the MDGs.

The SFD has focused its activities, during the quarter, on implementing health and environment awareness campaigns using the Community-led Total Sanitation Approach (CLTS). It held a workshop to exchange experiences between the SFD awareness officers in the branches in order to improve outputs of the awareness campaigns. The workshop raised many useful lessons to be learnt. It identified and analyzed problems that affected the results of the awareness campaigns and proposed appropriate solutions to them.

In the Aden Branch Office, the findings of the awareness campaigns in the district of Al-Maqatera (Lahej) showed the success of 15 villages to have gotten rid of open defecation by 100%. In Ibb Branch Office, three villages of Al-Udain district celebrated being announced open defecation-free (in the presence of representatives of the SFD, local authority and community leaders). The Dhamar Branch has geared up to train 100 consultants on the implementation of such campaigns.

### Infrastructure Project of the Historic City of Shibam (Hadhramaut)

A field visit was conducted to the under-implementation components of the project, which includes sanitation, water, electricity, lighting, telecommunications, paving and house connections. Achievement rates within these components ranged between 5.4% and 64.6%, with the quarter's achievement average exceeding 5% – bringing the

## Agriculture and Rural Development

The SFD approved 10 projects at an estimated cost of \$0.7 million expected to directly benefit 6,300 people (51% females) and to generate 17,570 temporary jobs. This has increased the cumulative total number of projects of this sector (1997 - March 2012) up to 346 projects at a total cost exceeding \$35 million directly benefiting about 410,587 people (49% females) and generating 868,478 working days.

During the quarter, the SFD continued funding projects and providing capacity building and follow-up services for 64 rural producing groups in Khairan Al-Muharraq District and 84 groups in Al-Maghrabah (both in Hajjah). It also formed, trained and proposed projects for three producing groups in Arhab District (Sana'a) and 3 groups in Hamdan (Sana'a), with groups in 5 new communities in Bani Sa'ad (Al-Mahweet) followed up and assessed.

The SFD trained 19 consultants in forming 7 groups (between communities) in Hamdan and Arhab (Sana'a) and trained 48 members of the groups committees in Al-Madharibah & Al-Ara Districts (Lahej) and it contracted with 11 consultants to carry out follow-up activities, studies and build capacities of rural producing groups in Tawr Al-Bahah, Al-Maqaterah and Al-Qabbaitah (Lahej). It financed 24 groups in Mustaba, Aslam and Bakil Al-Meer (Hajjah).

The producing groups of the two latter locations participated in the fourth and fifth training courses in rehabilitating and maintaining terraces.



A rural group making anti-torrent gabions in Al-Jarif village – Al-Khushm- Al-Zuhrah Al-Hudaidah

In Belad Arrous (Sana'a) and Wadi Al-Dhar (Alqubaitah, Lahej) the SFD set up two modern irrigation networks and organized two trainings for 40 farmers in the different irrigation techniques (modern - traditional). Another training was held for 8 consultants to introduce the Rain-fed Agriculture and Livestock Project (RALP). 70 other rural persons (of both sexes) participated in a training to rehabilitate them as specialists in the RALP Rural Veterinary Project. Each trainee received a package bag and veterinary medicines.

6 consultants joined a sub-project of a preliminary study on skills of reading, writing and mathematics in 30 target areas in more than a governorate.

### Projects of watershed and integrated management of agricultural terraces

The SFD is implementing watershed projects and reclamation of agricultural terraces in the governorates of Hajjah, Sana'a, Aden and Al-Hudaidah.

In the Integrated Management for the Maintenance of Agricultural Terraces Project in Adim Valley (Al-maqaterah (Lahej), the performance percentage of the project reached to more than 90% where multiple activities are included in this project such as reclamation of agricultural terraces, protection of the valleys banks, restoration of spate irrigation channels, and the establishment of torrent barriers and protection of water resources.

In the pilot project of Soil and Water Conservation in Alfwaha in Jabal Ras district (Al-Hudaidah), 4 consultants were hired to implement a project of terraces reclamation, spate irrigation channels, development of natural pastures, and torrent barriers.

In the water watershed, the SFD started implementing 4 projects in Hajjah and 4 others in Sana'a. Finally, the percentage of progress of the pilot projects to replace the Qat trees in Al-Sawda and Maswarah districts (Amran) jumped to more than 95%.

## Labor Intensive Works Program

This program comprises the Cash-for-Work and Roads Sector projects.

### Cash for Work

During the quarter, 25 projects were approved at an estimated cost of approximately \$3.4 million. These projects are distributed over several sub-sectors including diverse interventions, preliminary studies and agricultural lands protection and reclamation. The number of benefiting households reached 2,960 (18,341 individual beneficiaries) and the temporary jobs opportunities created exceed 292,000 workdays (23,340 of them for females). Implementation is

underway in 183 projects benefiting 31,125 households (86% of the total targeted 36,083). The physical and financial achievement reached 91% and 84% respectively. Therefore, the total cumulative number of the projects during the program's first and second phases as well as SFD's Phase IV reached 364 projects at a total estimated cost of \$54.2 million, targeting about 87,194 households and directly benefiting nearly 557,602 people, while the total temporary employment generated approaches 4.7 million workdays (of which more than 0.7 million for women).

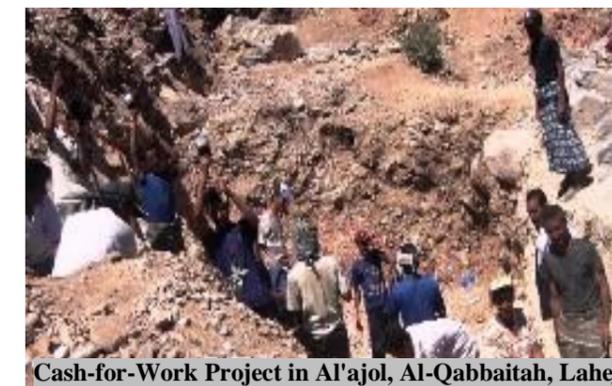
### Workshops and Training Courses

During the quarter, two workshops were held targeting 43 staff from SFD Main Office on the mechanism of the Cash-for-Work Program, in addition to 2 training courses in SFD Al-Mukalla and Al-Hudaidah Branch Offices (BOs) on the same, targeting 58 engineers, resident technicians and accountants. Moreover, 9 workshops were held attended by engineers and accountants of ongoing projects in the areas covered by BOs in the governorates to reinforce positive aspects and tackle setbacks (if any). The program also carried out a training course in veterinary in the targeted areas in Al-Hudaidah (Bakhshoush and Kadmat Zuhair, Al-Zuhrah District) in order to build the capacity of 60 participants in the mentioned domain.

Finally, BOs began to coordinate with local authorities to nominate areas for 2012 Annual Work Plan. Al-Mukalla BO also started coordination with Hadhramaut and Al-Maharah Reconstruction Fund and Agriculture Office to explore the potential implementation of joint interventions.

## Roads

Twelve projects were approved in the quarter worth about \$3.1 million, benefiting directly nearly 33,540 people (51% female), and generating 117,060 temporary jobs. The projects are distributed over **rural roads** (11 projects, 70-km-long, benefiting 32,340 people and generating 95,000 temporary job opportunities), **city streets paving** (1 project, with an area of 16,360 m<sup>2</sup> benefiting 1,200 people and generating 21,460 temporary job opportunities).



Cash-for-Work Project in Al'ajol, Al-Qabbaitah, Lahej

### Agriculture & Rural Development indicators

Results Indicator	Targeted in Phase IV (2011-2015)	Total Completed in (2011-2012)
Storage capacity of dams (Cubic meters)	3,000,000	76,176
Areas covered by irrigation (Hectare)	2,000	18

### Cash-for-Work Program Indicators