

Expected Number of Beneficiaries, and Job Opportunities for the 1st Quarter, 2002 According to sectors

Sector	Beneficiaries		Job Opportunities	
	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect
Education	74,708	6,933	332,670	417
Health	91,090	450	48,207	531
Water	30,424	760	127,804	2
Environment	144,157	14,580	31,727	97
Cultural Heritage	460	910	24,036	0
Roads	192,576	104,833	83,694	0
Micro Enterprise	0	0	15	0
Special Needs Groups	0	0	9,062	16
Integrated Interventions	11,668	10	0	0
Training	823	0	2,540	0
Organizational Sup.	310	0	1,482	1
Total	546,216	164,476	661,237	1,064

SFD Cumulative Investments and Disbursements as of 31/03/2002 According to Governorates

Governorate	No. of projects	Commitments (\$)	Disbursements (\$)
Sana'a Capital	190	19,114,443	7,045,114
Sana'a	197	10,878,055	4,987,340
Aden	76	7,403,813	3,813,896
Taiz	204	12,868,040	7,317,843
Hodaidah	187	14,334,959	7,678,632
Lahj	69	4,522,120	2,795,632
Ibb	127	8,650,074	4,906,860
Abian	58	4,036,896	2,328,664
Dhamar	156	9,571,791	4,403,390
Shabwah	55	3,146,235	1,715,458
Hajjah	117	6,990,411	4,006,387
Baidha	48	3,930,490	2,104,126
Hadhramout	158	10,386,490	2,272,824
Saadah	52	2,705,400	1,885,252
Mahweet	89	6,709,208	3,620,775
Mahara	33	2,034,746	1,360,353
Maarib	31	1,686,680	1,086,267
Aljawf	32	2,050,999	948,131
Amran	149	8,629,232	5,516,655
Al-Dhala'a	36	2,429,232	1,278,741
Several Governorate	63	1,234,067	735,990
Total	2,128	143,314,531	74,807,747

SFD Cumulative Investments, Disbursements as of 31/3/2002 According to sectors

Sector	No. of projects	Commitments (\$)	Disbursements (\$)
Education	1,072	74,995,198	40,565,930
Health	241	14,174,753	7,243,542
Water	416	24,735,564	13,609,927
Environment	31	5,673,198	3,293,875
Cultural Heritage	40	2,525,915	669,709
Roads	16	7,134,700	2,303,934
Micro Enterprises Dev.	571	3,793,655	2,308,927
Special Needs Groups	32	7,079,413	2,966,766
Integrated Interventions	58	787,656	65,203
Training	9	811,222	706,429
Organizational Support	71	1,603,259	1,073,505
Total	2,128	143,314,531	74,807,747

Expected Number of Beneficiaries, and Job Opportunities as of 31/03/2002 According to sectors

Sector	Beneficiaries		Job Opportunities	
	Direct	Indirect	Temporary	Permanent
Education	1,050,382	135,231	3,040,143	9,645
Health	1,259,732	347,740	481,911	2,626
Water	1,213,890	105,803	1,109,148	357
Environment	631,134	49,580	170,534	367
Cultural Heritage	42,063	16,810	124,283	36
Roads	808,261	330,327	428,719	0
Micro Enterprises Dev.	20,507	112,206	7,275	228
Special Needs Grs.	86,571	49,744	215,018	703
Integrated Interventions	11,383	960	27,788	19
Training	4,086	4,524	12,722	259
Organizational Sup.	38,557	4,659	30,195	117
Total	5,166,566	1,157,584	5,647,736	14,357

Completed Projects as of 1st Quarter, 2002

Sector	No. of Projects	Investments (\$)*	Disbursements (\$)*
Education	592	30,639,928	27,204,039
Health	114	5,521,524	4,597,114
Water	140	8,977,262	8,386,545
Environment	17	3,009,486	2,625,912
Cultural Heritage	3	483,540	354,290
Roads	9	855,986	717,710
Micro Enterprises	10	329,197	303,133
Special Need	6	430,967	398,159
Integrated Interventions	2	51,254	45,873
Training	61	627,757	545,424
Organizational Support	44	536,150	477,307
Total	998	51,463,051	45,740,505

*Completed but not closed projects and their final costs are subject to change

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Editorial

SFD is commencing the new year by launching an ambitious plan consisting of 847 projects with the SFD share in financing estimated at US\$ 55 million.

In addition to project implementation tasks, SFD is undertaking capacity building activities with the aim to enhance its performance. In the first quarter this included a training course conducted to increase community participation skills among project officers and consultants.

Workshops were held concerning the design of the special programs of girls' education and community contracting in the field of education for projects to be implemented. Other training activities were held that focused on local development committees in the integrated interventions areas.

The cultural heritage and roads sector will be expanded this year by allocating a significant portion of investment. Also, the management information system is to be redesigned and developed to incorporate the expansion in operations and to better respond to needs.

SFD staff are confident that they will be able to achieve expected outcomes as a result of experience gained and new skills.

The 1st Meeting of the Board of Directors

The First meeting of the 2002 of the SFD Board of Directors on March 10, 2002. H.E. Mr. Abdulkader Ba-Jammal, Prime Minister and Chairman of the Board, chaired the meeting. The two primary issues discussed and approved were the Audit Report for the year ending December 31, 2001, and the inclusion of Cultural Heritage in the SFD interventions.

Events

- March 13, 2002, the first meeting was convened for the Grand Mosque Board of Trustees on SFD premise. This Board of Trustees was established by a Republican Decree to be responsible for the Grand Mosque restoration project. During the meeting the structural condition of the historic Grand Mosque was discussed. Particular attention to the painted wooden ceiling of the monument based on its assessment by an Italian firm specializing in conservation and archaeology.

- January 13, 2002, a World Bank technical mission visited SFD and held a meeting with the Managing Director. During the meeting the mission's updated poverty report was discussed. The updated report will incorporate data from the Household Poverty Survey of 1998.

- January 14-19, 2002, a World Bank mission visited SFD to conduct an early assessment for actives financed from the second IDA credit provided for the second phase of the Social Fund.

- January 20, Dr. Schafer-Preuss, Director General of the Middle East Department in the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development in Germany, paid a visit to the SFD. During the visit the Managing Director and the heads of SFD Units presented the status of operations, particularly focusing on the microfinance program.

- February 5, the SFD Managing Director Mr. Abdulkarim I. Al-Arhabi and the Sana'a city mayor Mr. Ahmed Al-Kuhlani accompanied H.E. Bert J. Ronhaar, the Ambassador of Netherlands to Yemen, and the Embassy's Education Officer on a visit to al-Hassan Ben Ali School in one of the poorer neighborhoods in Sana'a. The SFD will rebuild 36 classrooms of this facility to replace the existing structure which is in a deteriorated condition. Afterwards the visitors attended student activities in Fatima Al-Zahra school where SFD funds have supported construction of 10 classrooms, one activity room and other educational facilities. Both schools were financed through the special program to reduce overcrowding in schools financed by a grant to SFD from the Dutch Government.

- February 20, H.E. Edmund J. Hull, the Ambassador of the United States to Yemen, conducted a field visit to a number of SFD projects in Marib Governorate that had been funded by the U.S. Government.

- March 11, Mr. Robert Hindle, the newly appointed Manager of the World Bank office in Yemen, paid an introductory visit to the Social Fund. During this inaugural visit, the Managing Director briefed him on the status of project implementation.

- March 20, H.E. Pierre Boillot, Ambassador of France to Yemen along with a delegation from the French Foreign Ministry visited SFD. The Managing Director presented information about SFD programs and activities, with particular focus on the area of culture heritage.

- March 25, a mission from the Islamic Bank visited the SFD to discuss the Islamic Bank's loan procedures provided to the SFD.

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Units News

Infrastructure Unit

During the first quarter, the findings of the fieldwork of the preparation stage of the community contracting projects were presented. Eight districts were visited in the governorates of Taiz, al-Hodeidah, Mahweet and Hadhramout to study the possibility of applying community-contracting approach in implementing educational projects. These districts were selected using criteria to measure a number of factors believed to have a direct impact on successful project implementation.

- From 23rd to 27th of March a number of completed educational projects were visited jointly by the Unit head with SFD's Sana'a branch manager. The visits were designed to assess the operation and maintenance status of each project and to enhance performance where possible.

- The Unit participated in a meeting to coordinate donor support to the education sector. The meeting was arranged by the GTZ office in Sana'a and focused on the Basic Education Development Strategy (BEDS), a program currently under development by the Ministry of Education.

- An urgent project to continue the restoration of Zabid's Historic Citadel was approved to be implemented by the Canadian Archaeological Mission of the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM). ROM has been conducting archaeological survey and restoration work in the citadel since 1982.

Training Unit

During the 1st Quarter 9 projects were contracted, the nine projects are:

- Three projects (12 training courses) to promote the capacities of 300 specialists and technicians in Agricultural and Irrigation Offices in 7 governorates: Training Veterinary and Animal Husbandry specialists & technicians; Training Agricultural Extensionists; Training of Trainers in agricultural fields.

- One Training Project (Environmental Effect on agricultural projects) for promoting the capacities of 23 specialists in Al-Mahweet Governorate in this field.

- One organizational Support project for the General Department of Associations & Federations in the Ministry of Social Affairs & Labor. Support includes training the staff of the General Department to run and maintain the Database, designed through SFD support, and for which equipment and networking is also provided within the same project. This over-

- One Organizational Support Project for One NGO: Through this project, support for the Women Sector of the Ithar Charitable Association in Sana'a City includes promoting the capacities of the Association trainers according to need, in addition to providing necessary equipment and furniture to help expanding services to targeted groups.

- On project: Documentary Film about SFD Interventions: The project aims at publicizing the various interventions and activities to attract more awareness and support among donors, government organs and the public.

- Support was provided for the Preparatory Committee for Celebrating the Arab Family Day. Two workshops were organized. They discussed matters related to this topic.

Water and Environment Unit

Water:

*During this quarter the number of projects under implementation was 20 small dam and rainwater harvesting cisterns. The total amount disbursed during this quarter was \$1.4 million and the SFD commitments totaled US\$ 1.4 million.

*January 7-10, a training course in the operation and maintenance of slow sand filters was conducted. 24 trainees attended the course from 12 projects which were provided with slow sand filters.

Environment:

* During the first quarter of 2002, the total number of projects that reached the implementation stage was 9, two of which are wastewater management projects, three solid waste management and the remaining projects were training and awareness raising.

* A training of trainers course in hygiene and environmental awareness for water harvesting projects was conducted. Twenty trainers (10 men and 10 women) attended the course in addition to seven project officers. The trainers will later work as teams consisting of one female and one male trainer working with health workers selected from the local communities.



Cistern made of Kadhadh, a traditional construction material.

- Graduation of 12 blind trainees in writing with Braille from Rehabilitation and Education Club for the Blind supported by SFD.

- SFD supported establishing a transparent financial system in the school for Special Needs Groups in Sana'a.

- SFD is working with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor to establish a framework for involving the private sector and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) in the social welfare sector. It is expected that a partnership between all three sectors – government, private and NGO - will have a positive impact on the quality of services and care.

- SFD has signed a project with al-Aman NGO (working with blind girls and women) for US\$70,000 project aiming at providing preschool education for blind children. It is the first project of this nature in Yemen.

Integrated Intervention Program:

- The newly established Local Development Committees (LDCs) participated in two training work shops on "Community Participation Concepts and Issues" and "Organizational Issues."

- LDCs of the program received on-the-job training in record keeping, correspondence and financial management.

Small and Micro Enterprise Development Unit

Sana'a Microfinance Program:

A training course on "Sustainable Micro-finance" was held for the sponsoring agency and program staff. The program office was selected and equipped and the by-laws were developed. The program received several loan applications which are being appraised. The program is expected to disburse the first loans in April.

Pilot Programs in Dhamar, Ibb, and Taiz:

As per the cooperation agreement between SFD and ASA of Bangladesh, Mr. Fayzer Rahman paid a visit to the SFD. He visited several micro-finance programs and potential areas for micro-finance. He recommended that SFD should work with several local NGOs to introduce micro-finance services in Dhamar, Ibb, and Ta'iz. SFD has negotiated agreements with select NGOs and conducted a training course for them.

Training Activities:

- March 24-29 a training course on "NGO Management and Their Role in Micro-finance" was held. 21 trainees participated in the course (of which 20 were female).

- December 22, 2001, to January 1, 2002, a training course on "The Role of Partner Organizations in Managing Micro-finance" was held. Five partner organizations participated in the course.

- A consultant from the Unit completed development of training curricula on "Loan Portfolio Management" and "Group Formation Strategies." The consultant paid visits to the programs in Abyan, Aden, Hais, Bait Alfakieh, and Marawe'ah

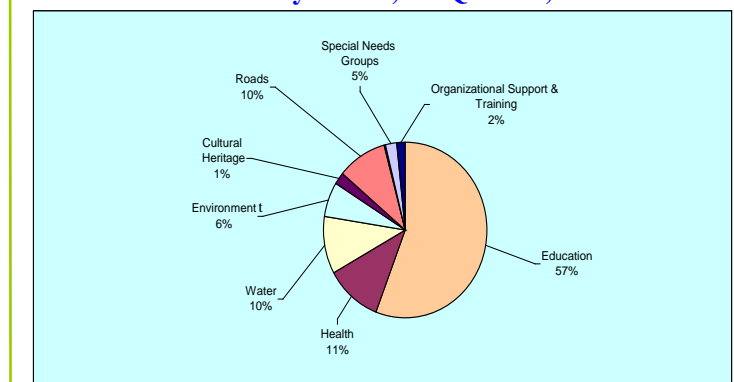
The following table shows portfolios of SMED programs as of March 31st, 2002(cumulative)

Program	No. of Borrowers	No. of Savers	Loan Amounts (cumulative in YR)
Micro Credit- Hodeidah	5,045	0	317,268,176
Women Literacy – Hais	1,345	1500	31,844,000
Al-Seih Lending Program	476	0	22,457,600
Income Generating Maraweah	3,306	00	148,810,947
Income Generating -Abyan	454	0	19,731,398
Income Generating - Odain	268	0	14,252,295
Income Generating-Wadi More	2,027	0	36,273,050
Wadi Hadhramout	113	0	8,032,671
Income Generating-Dar Sad	145	224	3,990,000
Credit and Saving-Muala	70	107	1,990,000
Total	13,249	1,831	608,740,137

Achievements of the First Quarter of 2002

The SFD has contracted 129 Projects during the first quarter of 2002, with a total investments of about US\$ 13.9 million

Investment by Sector, 1st Quarter, 2002



Investment by Governorate 1st Quarter, 2002

Governorates	No. of Projects	Commitment(\$)	Percentage
Sanaa Capital	20	2,158,979	10
Sanaa	6	538,764	4
Aden	9	1,464,125	11
Taiz	12	1,406,665	10
Hodiedah	14	1,412,854	10
Ibb	6	655,490	7