

EDITORIAL

The flexibility enjoyed by the Social Fund for Development (SFD) has proved practical and applicable in helping adapt its activities to cope with the national changes. In this regard, the SFD developed an interim strategy in response to the aftermath of 2011 events to help people and contribute to alleviating the repercussion of those events. With the donor community confidence in its effectiveness, SFD has been able to secure financial resources to aid the most affected basic services and governorates. As such, SFD had been in the lead to contribute in the rehabilitation of schools affected by 2011 conflict in Abyan, Capital City, Taiz, Aden and Lahj in order to ensure the continuity of the education process around the country.

In the same context, SFD has increased its operations in Abyan and has contributed \$25 million for the implementation of about 117 diverse projects including water, sanitation, education, cash for work, training, health and agriculture. The largest share of this contribution has been allocated to the restoration of the water and sanitation infrastructure in Zinjibar, Ja'ar and Al-Koad areas in Abyan, which is serving more than 308 thousand people to bring back the water and sanitation facilities in these towns to their status prior to the confrontations. It is worth noting that this intervention was funded by the German Development Bank (KfW) with an estimated amount of €15 million. It is expected that SFD's projects in Abyan will benefit local small contractors and provide employment for the locals. The SFD also took the initiative to recapitalize the Abyan Credit and Savings Program which has been experiencing total loss during the incidents of 2011 to form a new program under the name of Al-Ittehad Islamic Microfinance. Al-Ittehad will resume providing financial services direly needed by micro- entrepreneurs.

SFD's ability to respond to the changing needs in the country demonstrates the effectiveness of its institutional model. As such, SFD is liable to earn to receive a permanent position in the institutional responses by the government to poverty reduction and to become an important element of the national system in social protection and service delivery.

BOD PRAISES SFD'S ROLE IN SUPPORTING THE GOVERNMENT IN POVERTY REDUCTION

The SFD Board of Directors (BoD) held two meetings chaired by HE Mohamed Salem Basendwah, the Prime Minister and Chairman of the BOD.

The first meeting, held on 3 February 2013, discussed the process of selection of a new SFD Managing Director in accordance with the Terms of Reference set in consultation with donors.

The second meeting, held on 10 March 2013, approved the SFD's 2013 Annual Work Plan, which aims to develop and implement 1,623 projects at an estimated cost of \$310 million. The projects are planned under SFD's four main programs: Community and Local Development (907 projects worth \$215.8 million), Labor Intensive Works (239 projects worth \$65.5 million), Capacity Building and Organizational Support (445 projects worth \$20.2 million, and Small and Micro Enterprise Development (32 projects worth \$8.5 million). The 2013 plan focuses on strengthening SFD's role as part of the national Social Safety Net and increasing projects' labor content to provide employment of unskilled laborers in LIWP projects as well as contributing to the national Basic and Secondary Education Development Strategy. In addition, the plan intends to further provide water projects and expand health and environment awareness campaigns as well as contribute to creating appropriate environment for the provision of financial and non-financial services for targeted groups. The meeting discussed SFD's 2012 progress report, which stated that in 2011 and 2012 SFD-supported projects provided 14.6 million temporary jobs, 2.6 million m³ of improved water, and 3 million m³ of water for agriculture as well as established and renovated 2,721 classrooms and built and rehabilitated 670-km-long rural roads.

The BOD praised SFD's overall success and its vital role in fighting poverty through providing a large scale of job opportunities, underspinning the efforts of SFD's management and staff in enhancing SFD development role towards improving the living conditions of the poor communities.

SFD RECEIVES YMN PLAQUE

The SFD received the Yemen Microfinance Network's (YMN) plaque in acknowledgement of its continued support for YMN and microfinance industry in Yemen. The activity was attended by the Minister of Planning and International Cooperatio, Dr. Mohamed Al-Sa'adi, Dutch Deputy Ambassador, Deputy Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor and representatives of MFIs.

In the event, Dr. Al-Sa'adi praised the SFD's contributions and expressed his admiration of the success stories he had heard in the event on small & microfinance and its contribution to the Yemen economic progress and support to the poor households. He deemed those stories repeatable and supportable for microfinance to become a key agent for change. He stressed that the reconciliation government would support the microfinance industry.

In her speech, Miss. Nagwa Faddil, YMN Vice Chairman of Board of Directors, reviewed the various activities of YMN that included 25 training courses for 547 participants in 2012 with full support of the SFD. The objectives are to increase the success of micro and small businesses.



SECTOR ACTIVITIES

EDUCATION

During the quarter, the SFD developed 56 projects at an estimated cost of approximately \$11.6 million, benefiting directly about 14 thousand people (51% of females). This brings the total cumulative number of projects to 5,083 projects at an estimated cost of over \$702.4 million, directly benefiting 2.8 million people (45% females).

Literacy and Adult Education (LAE)

A training-for-trainers course was carried out during the period 4–14 March 2013 on training methods and skills, targeting female consultants assigned to prepare vocational literacy curriculum for LAE teachers. Also, the LAE counselors' training manual was finalized.

Quality Educational (Gifted students)

Within the framework of the National Program for Gifted Students

Care, qualification of 147 talented high-school graduate students in the English language continued (in Sana'a, Taiz and Aden). The quarter witnessed the gifted students obtaining the third place in the sixth Arab Open Robot Championship (March 2013).

Institutional Support to the Ministry of Education (MoE)

A workshop was held on March 9, 2013 in the Capital City to discuss the terms of reference (ToR) of the educational and administrative staff of Abdel Nasser Exemplary Secondary School, with a number of participants from MoE's sectors and offices and other officials attending. The approved ToR were later announced for competitor application. Also, furnishing and equipping of the school were completed. On the other hand, civil works continued for establishing the Capital-City-based Early Childhood Development Center.



LITERACY CLASS - AMRAN

EDUCATION INDICATORS

INDICATOR	TARGETED IN PHASE IV (2011 – 2015)	COMPLETED IN 2011-2013
Number of classrooms constructed or rehabilitated	9,000	3, 113
Number of students benefiting from SFD supported basic schools		
Male	201,600	90,424
Female	158,400	78,988
Children with special needs	5,000	2,151
Number of teachers trained		
Male	100	180
Female	100	664
Number of educational professionals trained		
Male	782	520
Female	600	325

CULTURAL HERITAGE

During the quarter, 9 projects were approved at an estimated cost of approximately \$0.8 million, with temporary employment generated amounting to about 31 thousand workdays. This brings the total number of projects to 277 projects at an estimated cost exceeding \$58.3 million.

Restoration Project of Al-Ashrafiya Mosque & Madrasa, Taiz (Fifth & Sixth Phase)

The fifth phase has been completed regarding the conservation of the mural painting and gypsum decorations which will be resume in the sixth and final phase, some works belong to the Direct Implementation by On Site Management part are still going on. Works on Qadad restoration have been completed for the walls and domes and the basement as well as the mechanical cleaning of the colored decorations and ornaments at the open courtyard and shrines, and more than 70% of the chemical cleaning parallel to the continuing cleaning and consolidating works at the central dome and walls of the Prayer Hall reached 75% which been done by local team with assistance of the Italian experts. Moreover, the local team has been trained on manual documentation for mural paintings and decorations. The final trail for the covers of the lighting fixtures at the Prayer Hall and the shrines have been implemented , in parallel, restoration works on original wooden elements has been started by local team of 7 trainees whom been trained theoretically and practically by Italian experts.

On the other hand, an intensive training program on conservation and maintenance of archaeological wooden elements has been completed for 12 trainees from branches of the General Organization of Antiquities & Museums (GOAM) and University of Aden as well as some young technicians, which was held at al-Ashrafiya project in two phases: the first during the period 27 November - 13 March 2012, and the second in Jan. 15 - March 7, 2013. The course was followed by practical training on conservation of wooden elements belonging to al-Ashrafiya Project. The training has been done by Italian experts affiliated to the Italian Veneto Institute of Cultural Heritage (IVBC). As a benefit from the

training outputs, some of the best trainees have been engaged on the restoration of wooden elements of the Al-Ashrafiya Project.

Restoration Project of the Grand Mosque of Sana'a

Restoration works on the project continue at a good pace, where structural and archaeological soundings continue inside the mosque and on the roof, as well as new soundings near al- Mulamlama rock bringing the number of the archaeological soundings up to 70 soundings in and around the mosque since the start of the project and nearly 25 soundings at the roof. The documentation has been completed for some architectural elements inside the mosque, including the photogrammetry documentation to support the historical studies carried out alongside the video documentation of the various phases of works in the project. Moreover, the completion of the restoration of wooden ceilings of most of the aisles of the north wing and some of the aisles of the West Wing and completion of most of the necessary restoration work of the domes above the Mihrab, as well as the completion of the gypsum plastering, and installation of the basic electrical network and fire alarm systems in for the two southern libraries.

During the restoration work and the opening of roof the western wing of the mosque for maintenance purpose of the wood ceilings, a set of nearly 650 old parchments and paper documents have been discovered, mostly Quranic pages dating back to the early period of the Quranic written on early Kufic and Hijazi calligraphy and other early styles and non dotted calligraphy. This is regarded as treasure on acknowledgment of the features of the early and unique copies of the holy Quran, and unusual scientific discovery. Those copies have been deposited in the library of manuscripts (in the mosque) of the Ministry of Awqaf.

The new trainees who began their training courses have been involved on the dry cleaning works to be eventually added to the local team.



REPAIRING AL-ASHRAFIYAH MOSQUE - JIBLAH

CULTURAL HERITAGE INDICATORS

INDICATOR	TARGETED IN PHASE IV (2011 – 2015)	COMPLETED IN 2011-2013
Master builders trained \ have gained skills	510	355
Professionals trained & have gained skills (Architects\ Archaeologists\ Engineers)	190	96
Sites and monuments documented, rescued /conserved	50	21

As part of the training activities pursued by the project, and in line with the objectives of SFD's efforts for building capacity of local cadres in the fields of restoration and maintenance, training courses have been continued following earlier courses and are being conducted from January 15 till mid-May 2013, targeting 30 participants from different specialties in Archaeology, Architecture, and Fine Arts, with the best 15 participants to be selected to work in the restoration work of the wooden ceilings after passing the theoretical and practical/ applied aspects of the course; among the participants, there are cadres from the National Museum and the Military Museum, in collaboration with the Italian Veneto Institute of cultural heritage (IVBC).

Restoration project of the Grand Mosque of the City of Shibam Kawkaban

Documentation works of the existing condition of the wooden coffered is going on at a good pace, from structural and architectural sides with photographic documentation prior to any cleaning for the colors according to the recommendations of the restoration expert, who coordinate with project's management to form a specialized team for cleaning the colors. Preparation of all contracting documents with the company competent for the implementation of the seismic study has been completed, the structural reinforcement for the mosque will be determined according to this study. Also, a local environmental expert has been chosen in coordination with the expert to carry out monitoring of the environmental situation of the mosque and recording environmental changes that occur to it in different times and seasons. The women's mosque annexed to the grand mosque has been opened after completion of the construction, rehabilitation and furnishing and handed over to the Awqaf of the city. Also appropriate offices for the project's team have been equipped as well as stores, in Al-Thuluth caravanserai which is belonged to the grand mosque.

Restoration project of Dar Al-Ezz in the City of Jiblah/ Ibb (Palace of Al-Sayedah Bint Ahmed al-Sulayhi)

The local authority approved the re- functioning proposal of the palace as a touristic archaeological site in the coming period, taking in account the operational and safety measures. Accordingly, rehabilitation of the building and its annexes have been started to enable it to receive local and foreign visitors properly (in terms of removing the temporary structural supports, removing of all waste, with the implementation of some complementary works). Also began paving and improving the area adjacent to the palace from the eastern side.

Restoration Project of Al-Ash'aer Mosque in the City of Zabid/ Al-Hudaidah

Restoration and maintenance works are still going on in the project, where the old minaret of the mosque was discovered during archaeological excavations.

Preparation of conservation curricula for the Yemeni universities

Within the framework of the agreement signed between SFD and the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MoHESR) and the Ministry of Culture (MoC), and with SFD's efforts to support the development of conservation curricula for the architectural heritage in Yemeni universities with an international standards befitting with the rich and varied heritage of Yemen, upon the invitation of SFD ... a mission from ICCROM/ Athar program arrived at the end of March 2013, and a wide meeting was held with MoHESR and MoC, and Sana'a University and the Department of Architecture in the Faculty of Engineering at Sana'a University. A draft of Memorandum of Understanding has been developed the concerned Yemeni authorities and ICCROM/ Athar Program.

TRAINING & 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 etc. whose activities are linked to poverty reduction and local development.

In the Training Sector, 63 projects were approved worth about \$2.2 million, from which about 13 thousand people benefit (36% females). So, the accumulative total number of the sector's projects reached 1,023 at an estimated cost exceeding \$26.8 million and with direct beneficiaries reaching nearly 185 thousand people (40 % females). In Organizational Support, 14 projects were approved worth about \$355 thousand. Direct beneficiaries amount to one thousand people (28 % females). Accordingly, the cumulative total number of the sector's projects reached 642 with the estimate cost of \$28.3 million, and direct

beneficiaries exceeding 670 thousand people (46% females).

Empowerment for Local Development Program (ELD)

During the quarter the following activities were implemented by SFD branch offices in the governorates:

At the Community Level: Activities comprised of formation, training and onsite empowerment for development committees in various sub-districts in the two districts of Malhan (Al-Mahweet) and Jabal Al-Shark (Dhamar). This is beside training representatives (m, f) on analyzing the development situation for the sub-districts as well as field visits for the same purpose to the sub-districts of Manakha (Sana'a) and Same' (Taiz), and stimulation of self-help initiatives , training and formation of village councils in the villages of the districts of Al-Tial (Sana'a), Al-Maqatera (Lahj), Same' (Taiz) , Al-Qatn (Hadhramaut), Mukairas (Al-Baidha), Mazher (Raimah) and Al-Sawda (Amran).



EMPOWERMENT FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT - DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES - TAIZ

This is in addition to the plans related to some villages in the district of Dhulaima (Amran) as well as the implementation of training courses targeting community structures in some sub-districts of Same'. The total number of people targeted reached 5,603 (including 2,518 females).

At the Local Authority Level: Activities included training in the mechanism of ELD Program and participatory planning for districts' teams and local councils in various districts of 5 governorates. This is beside situation analysis and institutional assessment studies (field visits, monitoring, and training) in 8 districts of 4 governorates as well as the main office of Taiz governorate. Activities also included the stimulation of self-help initiatives (workshops, meetings, preparations) in the two districts of Al-Qatn(Hadhramaut) and Mukairas (Al-Baidha), the plan and the development report (training, preparation, and printing) in the districts of 4 governorates: Lahj, Amran, Taiz, Hajjah, besides organizing training courses in administrative skills, local contracting, preparation of the program plan in the two branches of Ibb and Amran, and providing equipment to the local authorities in Al-Misrakh, Al-Mawaset and Shara'ab Al-Rawna (Taiz) and Ghail Ba-Wazir (Hadhramaut). The total number of people targeted at this level reached 1,035 (69 females).

So in both levels the total of outputs in the ELD Program reached 6,638 (2,587 female).

Governmental Organizations

Ibb branch implemented a course in administrative skills for 12 trainees from the Social Affairs & Labor Ministry office (the two departments of Woman & Associations and Unions), and the Martyrs' Families Authority office. The branch also supervised the provision of equipment for the afore-mentioned two offices. Amran branch followed up the completion of the Training and Information Center project in Sa'adah governorate, as well as the arrangements related to the equipment procurement tender for the same project.

NGOs

Training targeting 5 associations in Sa'adah governorate and 7 associations in Amran governorate was implemented. Also training was implemented in basics of development work and management, simplified accounts system, project management, sewing, strategic planning, management skills, fund raising, filing and indexing for libraries. This is in addition to training a new group of newly graduated engineers from the General Trade-Union of Engineers (Sana'a city) to qualify them for the labor market. Some associations, centers, and foundations also benefited from organizational support, comprising of equipment, implementation of assessment studies for specifying their capacities and levels, besides evaluating NGOs' trainers. Accordingly

the total number of associations, centers, foundations and unions benefiting from training and organizational support activities reached 57 organizations active in Sana'a City, and the governorates of Sana'a, Al-Mahweet, Mareb, Ibb, Lahj, Al-Dhale', Abyan, and Hadhramaut (including Socotra).

Local Communities

Amran branch achieved 14 preliminary studies related to delayed projects from the year 2012. In SFD's Hajjah branch office, 15 beneficiary committees were formed. The total number of committees' members reached 45 individuals including 15 females. This is beside needs identification for 43 villages within the districts of Hajjah governorate. In Aden branch formation and training of community committees was achieved in the mechanism of community contracting for the projects of roads and water (270 males and 90 females).

Private Sector (individuals)

Consultants and trainers attended training related to the methodology and basics of community research P.R.A, formation of community committees, training consultants on the form of identifying the institutional capacities of NGOs, training trainers in the assessment of institutional and organizational capacities of NGOs and CBOs, training trainers and engineers on community contracting, as well as training trainers in advocacy and the techniques and methods of training. The total number of targeted people reached 631 individuals (165 females).

University Students (RAWFD) Program

Most activities included training 100 youths from Hodeida governorate (including 55 females), and training 93 youths from Dhamar governorate (including 46 females). So the total number targeted reached 193 persons (101 females).

Other activities were also implemented including amending the topics related to (gender integration in development, special needs groups, sensitive development of disputes, local authority), as well as completing the preparation of the trainer manual concerning RAWFD topics, communication with 438 youths from among the Program's output in 9 governorate to be acquainted with the extent of benefit they gained from the training courses of the Program as concerns securing job opportunities in different sectors, what courses they had attended, and what are the voluntary activities and the self help initiatives they implemented in their areas. This is besides providing information about 10 persons from RAWFD outputs to enable them to work as facilitators in the National Dialogue Conference. Also follow-up was carried out for 25 youth self-help initiatives implemented in Socotra Island and several districts in 6 governorates. as well as updating revision and correction of the RAWFD brochure.

TRAINING AND ORG. SUPPORT INDICATORS

INDICATOR	TARGETED IN PHASE IV (2011 – 2015)	COMPLETED IN 2011-2013
Number of rural volunteers		
Male	2500	464
Female	1500	402
Number of villages councils trained and formed	-	1,361
Community-Based Organizations formed	2,500	1,117
Local Authority members trained	1000	3,031
Local Authorities offices supported	90	21
Government entities supported	40	15
NGOs supported	90	39

HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

HEALTH

During the quarter, the SFD developed 27 projects at an estimated cost of approximately \$0.8 million, benefiting directly about 4 thousand people (52% female); thus, bringing the cumulative total number of projects to 1,170 projects worth \$94.5 million, with the number of direct beneficiaries exceeding 7.5 million people (64% of females).

Strengthening partnership

Within its efforts to strengthen partnership with the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MoPHP) and other partners to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, a workshop was held to launch the SFD-financed community midwives curriculum. The SFD also participated in launching a workshop on teaching the Dutch-government-funded EmOC specialized diploma programs.

On the other hand, SFD branch offices health officers discussed with the governorates' health offices SFD 2013 projects plans.

A meeting was also held with two MoPHP relevant senior officials to discuss the possibility of setting up an information program for the ministry's Population Sector. Finally, a consultative meeting was convened with the German Quality Program to discuss potential partnership in quality programs.

Institutional building

A project was developed to train 11 SFD male and female consultants on health-staff assessment methodology and mechanism approved by MoPHP; the trainees will be distributed to midlevel health workers qualification projects to assess the academic aspects of the educational

process. Moreover, the health-management training package, targeting health-office managers in districts and governorates, was completed.

Increasing access to PHC facilities

This component aims to increase the coverage of primary healthcare (PHC) services through rehabilitating existing health centers and units and building, equipping and furnishing permanent facilities, in addition to the formation and training of health committees.

The quarter witnessed the completion of two health units in Waset (Harf Sufian District, Amran Governorate) and Al-Safeh (Al-Khabt, Al-Mahawet). Civil works have been completed also for two other health units in Bait Al-Qairi (Khawlan, Sana'a) and Al-Madwarah (Ibb). Civil works and medical-equipment supply contracts were signed for two health units in Hajjah and Sana'a. finally, 6 projects were developed for 4 health centers and two health units.

Reducing maternal and neonatal mortality

This component is designed to expand and improve reproductive health services by building and equipping EmOCs and maternal and child centers, and equipping premature and newborns sections.

In this regard, two EmOC building and equipping projects were completed in Damt (Al-Dhale') and Gibleh (Ibb). Two projects were also developed to build 2 maternity and childhood centers in Taiz and Hadhramaut Governorates.

Increasing the number of PHC providers and improving the services The Higher Institute of Health Sciences was awarded to implement the project of qualifying female high-school graduate students to nurses (Amran), with the contract signed and implementation initiated.



TRAINING OF HEALTH WORKERS - AMRAN

HEALTH INDICATORS

INDICATOR	TARGETED IN PHASE IV (2011 – 2015)	COMPLETED IN 2011- 2013
Number of health personnel trained		
Male	1,450	722
Female	1,450	1,642
Number of health facilities constructed, renovated and/or equipped	800	76

Similarly, competition between 7 private health institutes to qualify 20 students to nurses (Hajjah). Also, the health-staff training on Integrated Medication for Child Illness (IMCI) was completed in departments Haifan and Al-Shamaiteen (Taiz) and 9 other similar courses have been carried, targeting 192 health workers in 6 governorates as well as 11 projects were developed to provide training in the same field for 210 health staff in 8 other governorates.

Increasing deliveries under medical supervision

This component focuses on providing pre- and on-job training to community midwives (CMWs), and aims to improve primary healthcare of mothers and newborns.

During the quarter, 13 training courses in community-based healthcare for mothers and newborns were held for 229 CMWs from different districts in 8 governorates. Also, 12 projects have been developed to train 282 CMWs in addition to an ToT project in the same in several districts of most governorates.

Mental Health (MH)

MH training of health staff in Dhamar was completed, and 8 MH courses were held in 7 governorates. A project was also developed to build and equip the psychological and educational counseling center at the University of Ibb as well as two other projects to provide MH training for health staff in Taiz, in addition to a training project for 20 school social workers in Hajjah.

SOCIAL PROTECTION

The quarter witnessed the approval of 18 projects at an estimated cost of \$0.8 million, bringing the total cumulative number of projects to 676 worth approximately \$35.6 million.

Inclusive and Special Education

The SFD developed 7 projects in this program, aiming to establish low-vision services in Sa'adah City public schools by training 30 teachers and specialists in screening low-vision children, methods of family counseling, and other fields, in addition to equipping and furnishing 7 educational resource rooms in seven schools and providing specialized teaching aids for the low-vision children.

The SFD also supported pre-school education for Noor Association for Low Vision Children (Aden) through providing training to 15 teachers on individual education plans, family counseling and teaching aids preparation as well as furnishing and equipping the association and classrooms.

Training was also provided to 15 female teachers working with autistic

children in the behavior analysis test and treatment, in addition to supplying 5 classrooms of the Aden Autistic Children Association with furniture, equipment, games and specialized educational means.

The SFD also trained 30 administrative staff, teachers and school specialists at Aisha School in Amran City on the concepts of integration, speech therapy, use of Braille and sign language. A source room was also equipped and furnished, with 60 administrative staff, teachers and specialists trained about the integration concept and mechanisms and speech therapy.

In addition, a resource room was built and two others equipped, 4 bathrooms built for people with disabilities (PwDs), and "Ramps" set in 3 schools in Al-Mahabeshah District (Hajjah) as well as 65 educational counselors trained in 3 other districts on integration concepts, and methods of teaching PwDs.

Early Childhood Development

This program aims to support early childhood development programs and national policies and strategies targeting the age group (0-9 years). Eight projects have been approved, aiming at qualifying 30 persons working in early childhood to become national trainers in the field. Institutional and technical support was also provided for "Al-Tahaddi Center for Physical Therapy", and early detection and intervention services established in Amran. Moreover, training was provided to 38 employees of Al-Tomouh Association for People with Mental Disabilities in Ibb City on early detection, Portage, individual plans and life skills. And 8 female workers and volunteers of the Capital-City-based "Khod Bi Yadi" (Help me) Foundation were trained in Portage as well as the Institution of The Right to Life for Cerebral Palsy (Capital City) furnished and equipped with educational means, with the workers trained on the early detection of disability and methods of prophylaxis.

Institutional support

The program aims to provide institutional support to government institutions and NGOs to enable them to implement effective and sustainable development programs for PwDs.

Three projects were developed: the first aimed to raise awareness of 30 relevant local councils' members and government institutions' employees in Dhamar Governorate on PwDs' issues and rights, while the two other projects trained 61 SFD consultants in all the governorates to become national trainers in CBR, inclusive education, integration and training techniques.

Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR)

Within applying the CBR Strategy, the SFD approved a project aiming to establish such services in Qa'atabah (Al-Dhale').

WATER AND SANITATION

The number of approved projects in Water and Sanitation Sectors during the quarter reached 191 projects at an estimated cost of approximately \$30.1 million, expected to benefit about 513 thousand people; thus, bringing the total cumulative number of projects (1997 – 31 March 2013) to 2,623 projects at an estimated cost of about \$401.1 million, expected to benefit more than 7.3 million people.

WATER

The sector aims to provide improved and sufficient water for poor communities in accordance with the national definition of water coverage.

During the quarter, 159 projects were approved at an estimated cost of \$29.3 million to serve 310 thousand people. These projects include

about 18 thousand rooftop rainwater harvesting tanks with total capacity of approximately 732 thousand m³, 32 covered rainwater harvesting public tanks of capacity of 28 thousand m³, and 29 projects of groundwater sources including 15 tanks and about 289-thousand-meter long pipes, 294 communal taps, 4,204 household connections, 4 chlorine-purification units (chlorination), and 8 pumping units.

Water Scarcity Addressing Program: Since the beginning of 2011 until the end of the first quarter of 2013, funding was approved for 334 projects at an estimated cost of \$41 million, serving 382 thousand people (75% of them fall within the poverty-indicator fourth category—i.e. the poorest—and 25% in the third. Implementation of 236 projects has already started, with 19 projects completed.

The program's projects include about 31 thousand rooftop rainwater

harvesting tanks, 130 covered cisterns with a total capacity of improved water approaching 1.5 million m³, 16 karifs (manmade or natural depression in the ground used for rainwater collection) with a total capacity of water exceeding 94,500 m³, and four groundwater-source water projects containing pipes with a total length of 37,300 meters as well as 2 tanks, 20 communal taps, 3,300 household connections and one pumping unit.

Emergency interventions in Abyan Governorate: on December 19, 2012 the SFD signed €12-million (\$15.6 million) agreement with the German Development Bank (KfW) to finance the rehabilitation of water and sanitation facilities in Abyan Governorate, which were damaged during the armed clashes. The number of projects to be funded by this grant is 26 projects in water at an estimated cost of \$12.4 million to serve nearly 220 thousand people, and 5 projects in sanitation at an estimated cost of \$2.5 million to serve about 88.5 thousand people.

It should be noted that the main objective of the grant is to rebound the damaged water and sanitation facilities to their status prior to the confrontations. For this purpose, bilateral agreements have been prepared and signed by the SFD and the local authority in the governorate specify the obligations of each party and pinpoint the projects to be rehabilitated from the grant.

Implementation of projects began on 2 February 2013, with sewage

networks cleaned up in Zinjibar, Ja'ar and Al-Koad Districts. During this quarter, 23 projects were approved in water sector worth \$7.8 million to serve 96 thousand beneficiaries.

SANITATION

This sector aims to provide basic sanitation services such as solid waste management for the poorest and neediest of these services as well as to integrate with the water sector and other SFD's sectors in order to maximize the impact of SFD's interventions in improving the health, economic, and environmental status of the target communities.

During the quarter, 32 training and awareness projects were approved worth \$0.8 million, targeting 212 thousand people.

Also, to meet the requirements of expanding the implementation of hygienic and environmental awareness campaigns, 3 projects were approved to train 180 male and female consultants (in SFD's Branch Offices in Hajjah, Amran and Ibb) on conducting awareness campaigns in community led total sanitation approach (CLTS). The quarter also witnessed the completion of 80 awareness campaigns, with 7 villages declared free of open defecation.

In Shibam City/Hadhramaut infrastructure project, cumulative achievement amounts to 61.5%.



SMALL WATER DAM - MARFAD - LAHJ

WATER AND SANITATION INDICATORS

INDICATOR	TARGETED IN PHASE IV (2011 – 2015)	COMPLETED IN 2011-2013
Number of households benefiting from improved water sources	43,774	60,000
volume of improved water stored (m3)	981,429	1,100,000
volume of unimproved water stored (m3)	1,272,907	260,000
Number of households using improved sanitation facilities	11,143	43,000
Number of Open-Defecation-Free project communities	73	261
Villages targeted by CTLS	514	-

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

AGRICULTURE

During the quarter, 34 projects were approved at an estimated cost of approximately \$2.7 million, benefiting directly about 210 thousand people (of whom 43% female), and generating temporary employment exceeding 56 thousand workdays. This brings the cumulative total number of projects to 440 worth approximately \$44.5 million, directly benefiting more than 773 thousand people (47% female), creating more than one million temporary jobs.

Within the 3rd component of the Rainfed Agriculture and Livestock Project (RALP)—implemented by SFD—sub-projects financing continued for rural producer groups (PGs) of both sexes. In Hajjah, 149 PGs were financed in Al-Maghrebah and Khairan Al-Muharraq, and project-funding approval notices delivered to 27 groups in Mastaba, Aslam and Bakeel Al-Meir. and and the safest and everlasting Meer (Hajjah). Also funded 13 groups of animal production in Al-Luhaiyah (Al-Hudaidah). Also, 13 livestock PGs and 13 new groups were funded in Al-Luhaiyah (Al-Hudaidah) and Bani Sa'ad (Al-Mahweet) respectively—thus, the total number of groups cumulatively funded in the latter reached 128. Funding has been completed for 15 groups in Al-Mahawet District and 13 in Jahana and Bani Matar (Sana'a).

Moreover, funding—alongside with training—was provided to 105 groups in various districts and to 10 groups in 2 districts in Hajjah, with PGs' steering committees in these areas trained on management basic principles and 4 groups trained in Bura' and Al-Luhaiyah (Al-Hudaidah). Training was also provided to 25 women on fertilizer

processing and to several PGs on cheese processing (Al-Qabbaitah and Al-Maqaterah, Lahj). Similarly, training and technical support was provided to almond growers in 11 communities and 425 farmers (within 70 groups) in 20 districts.

Also, 2 awareness campaigns were carried out in Bura' and Al-Hujailah (Al-Hudaidah), benefitting more than 900 PGs' households, and 140 male and female consultants were assigned to carry out field tasks in the five RALP-targeted governorates (Al-Mahawet, Lahj, Hajjah, Al-Hudaidah and Sana'a), viz. implementation, financing, training and following up with PGs' projects at both levels: intra-community and inter-communities.

In integrated management to rehabilitate Wadi Majber Watershed (Al-Rajm District, Al-Mahawet Governorate), 45% (3,735 m²) of the total terraces and 40% (1,367 m²) of flood barriers have been implemented, with the reforestation with different seedlings initiated in the district and seeds planted in the watershed as well as Al-Shariyah site (Bait Al-Asmi) fenced in an area of 6.5 hectares. Also, nearly 80% of water tanks restoration completed (48 tanks with average capacity of 5,780 m³) and 8 tanks set/expanded with average capacity of 6,870 m³.

In integrated management to rehabilitate Wadi Sharim Watershed (Rahbat, Bura', Al-Hudaidah), the quarter witnessed the completion of all terraces works (8,900 m²) in addition to the implementation of 12,600 m² of additional works. Also, reforestation was initiated in more than three sites with 9,500 seedlings. Additionally, nearly 75 tanks were completed (80% out of 93 tanks with a total capacity of approximately 3,290 m³) for supplementary irrigation of the valley.

WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS

INDICATOR	COMPLETED CUMULATIVELY	COMPLETED IN 2011-2013
NO. OF DAMS	82	10
STORAGE CAPACITY (CUBIC METERS)	7,799,060	1,120,907

RAIN-FED AGRICULTURE INDICATORS

COMMUNITY LEVEL	NUMBER OF GROUPS FORMED, TRAINED AND ORGANIZED					NUMBER OF GROUPS / PROJECTS FINANCED				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
COMMUNITY	653	1,485	-	-	-	229	633	249	409	274
INTER COMMUNITY	-	-	-	52	-	-	-	-	34	12
TOTAL	653	1,485	-	52	2,190	229	633	249	520	1,935

INTEGRATED INTERVENTIONS PROGRAM (IIP) INDICATORS

INDICATOR	ACHIEVED / TARGETED
TARGET SUB-DISTRICTS	17
TARGET VILLAGES	246
NUMBER OF COMMUNITY STRUCTURES FORMED AND TRAINED (DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES - COMMUNITY FORMATIONS)	91
NUMBER OF TRAINED PERSONS IN TECHNICAL, AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND CRAFTS FIELDS	
MALE	508
FEMALE	415

In integrated management for agricultural terraces maintenance - more than one governorate (Phase II), terraces works were completed (1,221 m³) as well as flood barriers. Also, 4 supplementary-irrigation tanks with a total capacity of nearly 360 m³ were completed in Jurn (Bura', Al-Hudaidah) and Al-Rama (Al-Qabbaitah, Lahj).

In soil and palm trees protection (Al-Maqaterah, Lahj), the construction of 788-meter-long flood protection walls was completed in Wadi Al-Zarraqah (approximately 3,076 m³) as well as works at Wadi Hajeer (almost 8,400 m³).

In irrigation techniques applications (more than one governorate), 3 modern irrigation channels have been implemented in Bilad Al-Rous (Sana'a), and Wadi Door (Al-Qabbaitah, Lahj) and Al-Hujailah (Al-Hudaidah). Terraces were also reclaimed and irrigation tanks set in Al-Tara'ef and Shansab villages (Bani Al-Masa'ab, Al-Rajm, Al-Mahweet), in addition to completing 4 supplementary-irrigation tanks for plant PGs in Al-Magarebah and Al-Muharraq Districts and overseeing the implementation of 7 other tanks in the two districts. Finally, preparations started to implement 7 projects aiming to construct 9 tanks in Al-Maghrebah and 4 training courses were carried out in Mastaba (Hajjah).

INTEGRATED INTERVENTION

16 projects were approved at an estimated cost of approximately \$3.3 million, benefiting directly about 13 thousand people (of whom 51% female), and generating temporary employment of approximately 85 thousand workdays. This brings the cumulative total number of projects to 309 projects at an estimated cost exceeding \$26.5 million, directly benefiting approximately 306 thousand people (44% female), resulting in more than 687 thousand temporary jobs.



AGRICULTURAL TERRACES - BURA' - AL-HUDAIDAH

LABOR INTENSIVE WORKS PROGRAM (LIWP)

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

CASH FOR WORK

During the quarter, 117 projects were approved at an estimated cost of approximately \$30.6 million. These projects are distributed over several sub-sectors including diverse interventions, preliminary studies and rainwater harvesting. The number of benefiting households exceeded 27,770 (nearly 194,440 individual beneficiaries) and the temporary job opportunities created about 2.4 million workdays (nearly 51,700 of them for females).

Implementation is underway in 162 projects benefiting about 34,000 households (75% of the total 41,460 targeted).

This brings the total cumulative number of the projects to 630 projects

In interventions in agricultural and economic activities, ToT was held in crafts for 12 trainees from SFD's Al-Hudaidah and Hajjah branch offices.

A natural and economic resources study was conducted in the program's areas within 5 sub-districts in five of the nine targeted governorates. Also, 14 plant-and-animal-productivity PGs were formed in Bani Asa'ad, and 133 beekeepers were trained in Karesh (Lahj) and Al-Athlouth (Dhamar) on basic knowledge and skills in beekeeping and honey production as well as 320 community participants (of both sexes) were trained in Wade'ah Hashid (Amran) and Bani Nashr (Hajjah) on animal health.

In interventions in education and literacy, several training courses were held in a number of governorates on literacy and awareness on girls' education importance. Also, 12 parents' councils were formed and trained in some of the program-targeted areas, and 14 community-education classrooms have been opened for 250 women in Wade'ah Hashid.

In health, 29 traditional birth attendants were trained in skills of appropriate delivery and mother health education in 2 sub-districts. Also, teams of 96 male and female participants were formed for 8 health-promoting schools.

In interventions in water and sanitation, 103 rooftop rainwater harvesting tanks "RRHT" have been set in several villages of Wade'ah Hashid sub-district, and the establishment of 600 RRHTs was approved in a number of areas in 4 governorates. Finally, the quarter witnessed the completion of the implementation of the community led total sanitation approach in 83 villages.

worth about \$116 million, targeting 137 thousand households and directly benefiting nearly 959 thousand people, while the total temporary employment generated exceeds 9.9 million workdays (of which about 1.8 million for women).

Workshops and Training Courses: During the quarter, several training courses were held targeting consultants, engineers, and technicians and accountants and focusing on conducting an economic study of the program areas, the program action mechanism and targeting as well as watershed management and awareness on hazards of malnutrition and qat.

A number of workshops were also held targeting engineers, community consultants and accountants to introduce the program and its mechanism as well as the program's officers in SFD's branch offices to present the lessons learned from the Indian experience in similar projects and

Two similar workshops targeted 2012 and 2013 projects engineers (for performance assessment and further work advancement) and supervising engineers and technicians (to review wages and how to ensure their fair distribution within cash-for-work projects).

Other workshops aimed to coordinate interventions with the Governor of Abyan, the Yemeni Red Crescent (in Al-Maseel, Fara' Al-Oudain, Ibb), officials of 3 districts in Al-Hudaidah Governorate (for urban projects implementation) and the German Project (regarding the execution of projects in Zabid).

ROADS

The quarter witnessed the approval of 16 projects worth nearly \$6.4 million, distributed over rural roads (ten 48-km-long projects, benefiting about 19,260 people and creating more than 149,270 temporary job opportunities "TJOs"), city streets pavement (6 projects, with an area

of nearly 118,107 m², benefiting around 20,220 people and creating 126,770 TJOs).

Thus, the cumulative number of the sector's projects reached 832 at an estimated cost exceeding \$183.6 million, benefiting directly more than 4.4 million people and generating temporary employment reaching around 9.2 million workdays. These projects are distributed over rural roads (530 projects with a total length of 3,489 km), city streets paving (245 projects, with a total area of more than 27.7 million m²), and training and bridges (54 and 3 projects respectively).

During the quarter, 55 projects were visited to assess quality of implementation and targeting. Thus, 337 projects were cumulatively visited.

In capacity building, 4 training courses were held in Sana'a, Hajjah and Taiz targeting 71 engineers to familiarize them with the sector's new trends and projects implementation by community-contracting mechanism.

CASH-FOR-WORK PROGRAM INDICATORS

INDICATOR	TARGETED IN PHASE IV (2011 – 2015)	COMPLETED IN 2011-2013
People directly benefiting from multi-year workfare assistance	300,000	245,345
Working days employment created under workfare assistance program	24,000,000	3,130,194
Total area of agricultural rehabilitated land and terraces (m ²)	4,980	1,171
Indirect beneficiaries from community livelihood assets	-	294,414

RURAL ROADS INDICATORS

INDICATOR	TARGETED IN PHASE IV (2011 – 2015)	COMPLETED IN 2011-2013
Total length of roads improved / built (km)	1,825	403



QA'EDAT BANI MASOUD ROAD - DHAMAR

SMALL AND MICRO ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT (SMED)

Six projects were approved worth about \$2million, and YR139.4 million (\$650,000) were disbursed to finance Aden MFI, the National MF Foundation, the Yemen Microfinance Network, the Social Welfare Fund's (SWF) Graduation from Poverty Project (GPP), and the Small Enterprises Development Fund. Also, 9 MFIs' staff members were trained in financial analysis and on the use of SEEP Financial Analysis Framework (FAF).

SFD also conducted field audits in the branches of NMF located in Hajjah, Al-Hudaidah, Bajil, Taiz, and Al-Qa'edah cities, and in Al-Awael MF Company branches in Taiz and Ibb Governorates. And, in cooperation with BRAC (Bangladesh), SFD carried out an initial evaluation study of the GPP carried out in partnership with the SWF. Also, SFD provided technical assistance to MFIs in maintaining and updating their Loan Tracking MIS to suit Islamic lending, and held an annual meeting with Al-Nahda Social NGO in February 2013, which

focused on Wadi Hadhramaut MF Program and its future directions in expanding and diversifying its loan products.

The Small and Micro Enterprises Promotion Services (SMEPS) Agency

Business Edge Project: SMEPS implemented (in January 2013) in cooperation with its partnering training institutes in Ibb and Taiz two promotional seminars under the title (How You Can Become More Effective) for the Business Edge Program and the Small Enterprise Management Diploma, with 230 participants targeted (71 females).

The Yemeni Businesswomen Sector Project: The Agency implemented in January an awareness workshop on the chambers of commerce, targeting 150 businesswomen as well as an awareness seminar in Sana'a on the importance of tax procedures and laws, targeting Yemeni businesswomen in agriculture, healthcare, services and education.

Agriculture Inputs Development and Improvement Projects:

SMEPS implemented a field survey in Al-Dhale' and Lahj Governorates, targeting 106 farmers, agricultural inputs traders, agricultural extension specialists, members of agricultural cooperatives, and staff from the Academy of Agriculture. The survey aimed to determine the problems in the agricultural sector in the two governorates and the main intervention needs in the targeted areas.

SMEPS also implemented in January-March two field surveys to determine the agricultural and intervention needs, and a workshop for farmers in Jahran District (Dhamar) to determine the interventions to be carried out, as well as a training-of-trainers (ToT) course in modern agricultural inputs, in addition to a third survey on stores for agricultural inputs. SMEPS also implemented a training course on the use of modern techniques for agricultural inputs in the area of Bani Hareth (Sana'a) that targeted 50 farmers.

On February 25th, the Agency held an awareness workshop on the Agricultural Inputs Project for the students of the Academy of Agriculture of the University of Sana'a, with 400 students and faculty members attending. The course focused on the modern agricultural techniques applied by the Agency in Hadhramaut and Al-Hudaidah Governorates. Similarly, the Agency carried out (on January 6–27, 2013 a number of training courses on the use of modern agricultural techniques for the crops of corn and watermelon that targeted 120 farmers in order to enable them to increase crop production, quantitatively and qualitatively, reduce costs, reduce loss rates before and after the harvest, and to know what foreign markets require. Also, in Wadi Hadhramaut and Maifa'a, Wadi Al-Ein, Howra, Al-Qatn, Seyoun, and Tarim Districts, the Agency implemented several activities targeting 590 farmers: Two training courses were held for agricultural engineer trainers in Seyoun and Al-Mukalla to select agricultural trainers for tomatoes, watermelons, and corn and two other courses for survey technicians. Irrigation systems in Seyoun and Al-Mukalla were also installed, with three workshops for initial evaluation of corn. Similarly, 6 training courses for 140 farmers on the cultivation of corn and watermelon in Maifa'a, Al-Qatn, Wadi Al-Ain, and 4 training courses for 100 farmers on the cultivation of tomatoes in the district of Seyoun. In addition, 24 fields (1 acre each) were provided with irrigation equipment, seedlings, and cultivation gauges, and fertilization. Also, an agricultural plantation for tomatoes, watermelons, and corn was established.

Training program for Al-Maharah, Socotra, and Mukalla fishermen: SMEPS implemented on 22 January–13 March three ToTs targeting 30 members of fishermen's cooperatives to prepare trainers on the use of fish detection instruments as well as three awareness workshops on the same. The workshops, targeting 80 fishermen, aimed at raising awareness among fishermen so that they could increase fish

production and lessen production costs.

The Know About Business Program (KAB): SMEPS conducted 13 training courses and 13 seminars targeting Lahj, Aden, Taiz, and Abyan Governorates, with 446 male and female students participating. The aim was to cultivate the culture of pioneering among universities and technical & vocational training institutes' (TVTIs) graduates, training youths on establishing and managing small projects and conducting feasibility studies. The Agency also held 4 ToTs in the same area, attended by 103 teachers from TVTIs of various governorates. The courses aimed at preparing trainers on KAB.

The Istishary (Consultant) Project: SMEPS implemented (in cooperation with the American University in Egypt) during January 7th – March 31st two training courses in which 48 consultants from Aden, Sana'a, and Al-Hudaidah Governorates participated. The courses aimed at training and preparing local consultants specialized in small and medium projects and training local trainers on the Program.

The "Greening of Hotels" Project: SMEPS conducted 2 workshops in Sana'a and Aden, attended by 38 participants who represented private hotel owners, and aiming at illustrating the results of a study that indicated the effectiveness of using alternative energy resources, and aid methods to conserve power consumption to decrease investment allocations and operational costs for the tourism sector.

The Yemen Microfinance Network (YMN)

YMN conducted a workshop titled (Rural and Agricultural Finance "RAF") on January 30th 2013, with 24 participants from various MFIs in Sana'a and the World bank, European Union, GIZ and Islamic Relief attending. During the workshop, the RAF status in Yemen and the obstacles hurdling potential RAF expansion were discussed. YMN also conducted in February 2013 a training course on Effective Communication Skills and Dealing with Customers attended by 23 participants from various MFIs as well as another course on Promotion Methods and Sale Skills in a Competitive Environment attended by 22 participants (8 females) from YMN's member MFIs. Similarly, YMN conducted a workshop on Corporate Governance in cooperation with the International Finance Corporation (IFC). The workshop, attended by 24 trainees (10 female), targeted MFIs' Boards of Directors to ensure more effective and influencing role of the latter. In March, YMN held (in cooperation with Sanabel) a training course on Financial Analysis using the SEEP FAF, with 24 participants from various organizations including from Jordanian MFIs attending, as well as another course on The Art of Effective Negotiation, which was attended by 24 male and 9 female participants. The course, targeting various MFIs, focused on the theoretical and practical aspects of negotiation art skills.



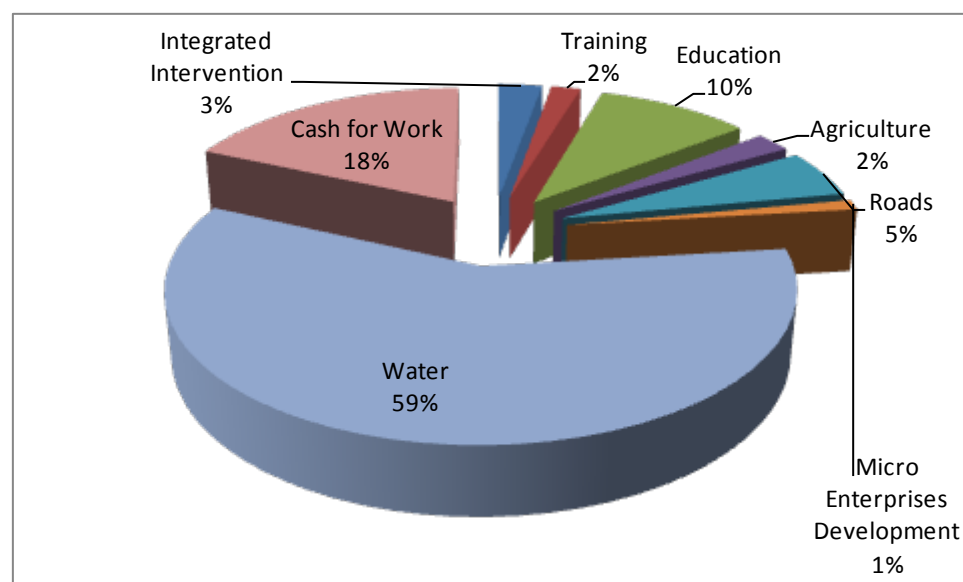
TRAINING OF FISHERMEN IN TARIM HADHRAUT

SFD-SUPPORTED SMALL & MICROFINANCE PROGRAMS UNTIL END OF MARCH 2013

PROGRAM	ACTIVE NUMBER OF CLIENTS			OUTSTANDING LOAN PORTFOLIO (YR MILLION)	PORTFOLIO AT RISK (%)	CUMULATIVE NUMBERS		NUMBER OF PERSONNEL	NUMBER OF LOAN OFFICERS	AREA OF OPERATION
	BORROWERS		SAVERS			NUMBER OF LOANS	LOAN AMOUNTS (YR MILLION)			
	TOTAL	WOMEN (%)	TOTAL							
1 Al-Amal MF Bank	26,954	52	47,398	1,290	0.72	65,606	3,662	190	90	Capital City , Taiz, Ibb, Dhamar, Al-Hudaidah, Al-Mu'alla, Aden
2 National MF Foundation	13,610	93	21,611	521	1.69	105,319	4,631	124	62	Capital City, Taiz, Ibb, Al- Qa'edah, Yarim, Hajjah, Lahej, Dhamar, and Al-Hudaidah, Aldali
3 Abyan S & C	6,935	96	7,330	228	N.A	42,221	1,467	54	18	Zingibar, Ahwar (Abyan), Al-Mukalla, Al-Shihr
4 MF Development Program (Nama')	6,802	42	1,474	367	7.11	57,028	3,363	95	60	Capital City, Taiz, Aden, Hajjah, Al-Hudaidah
5 Aden MF Foundation	7,105	94	10,016	360	0	47,717	2,097	54	25	Dar Sa'ad, Al-Buraikah, Al-Mu'alla, Al-Tawwahi, Crater, Khormaksar, Sheikh Othman, Aden, Lahej
6 Altadhamon Bank	6,517	41	0	935	1.3	24,348	4,857	51	46	Capital City, Taiz, Al-Hudaidah, Aden, Ibb, Al-Mukalla, Seyun, Bajel, Amran
7 Sana'a MF – Azal	4,914	49	2,430	324	3.2	37,716	1,395	48	21	Capital City
8 Al-Awa'el MF Company	2,907	83	0	89	8.78	57,588	1,917	47	24	Taiz (Al-Camb, Hawdh Al-Ashraf, Al-Rahedah, (Sainah, Al-Qada'edah
9 Small Enterprise Development Fund (SEDF)	3,318	17	0	1,644	24	17,353	13,778	114	19	Capital City, Taiz, Aden, Al-Mukalla, Al-Hudaidah, Ibb, Dhamar
10 Alkuraimi Islamic Microfinance Bank	2,626	2	57,987	822	0.9	4,160	1,805	48	40	Capital City, Aden, Taiz, Al-Hudaidah, Dhamar, Ibb, Seyun
11 Wadi Hadhramaut	1,698	49	3,219	98	13.13	12,239	842	25	15	Hadhramaut (Seyun – Tarim, Al-Suom), Alkton, Shibam
12 Social Institution for Sustainable Development (SFSD)	1,374	95	0	167	3.15	17,123	1,671	25	13	Capital City
13 Other Activities & IGPs						67,495	1,690			Several areas
Total	84,760		151,465	6,845		555,913	43,175	875	433	

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

COMMITMENTS, FIRST QUARTER 2013



CUMULATIVE COMMITMENTS & CONTRACTED AMOUNTS AS OF 31.03.2013

SECTOR	NO. OF PROJECTS	EST. COST	CONTRACTED AMOUNT (\$)
Ibb	1,331	178,708,873	123,104,695
Abyan	307	56,729,697	24,401,329
Capital City	691	98,606,412	84,237,047
Al-Baidha	295	34,333,534	27,096,511
Al-Jawf	155	18,216,618	13,743,588
Al-Hudaidah	1,165	161,329,482	123,670,194
Al-Dhale	281	45,794,666	26,929,007
Al-Mahweet	424	58,156,892	39,858,249
Al-Maharah	106	7,396,613	5,310,221
Taiz	1,712	251,429,850	160,855,667
Hajjah	1,091	148,416,581	95,104,953
Hadhramaut	696	75,871,827	56,069,201
Dhamar	925	115,512,675	73,569,378
Raimah	353	55,804,175	29,017,695
Shabwah	291	29,075,952	22,751,652
Sa'adah	328	48,120,995	35,497,650
Sana'a	517	59,074,508	45,313,207
Aden	326	45,982,655	30,831,711
Amran	860	107,096,520	78,495,261
Lahj	679	103,232,702	58,871,559
Mareb	124	10,964,851	9,092,569
Several Governorates	1,302	86,053,963	67,804,522
Total	13,959	1,795,910,042	1,231,625,867

COMPLETED PROJECTS AS OF 31.03.2013

SECTOR	NO. OF PROJECTS	INVESTMENT (\$)
Environment	240	20,895,093
Integrated Intervention	177	9,843,517
Training	757	12,236,130
Education	4,057	450,782,518
Organizational Support	536	19,989,874
Agriculture	165	8,334,234
Health	943	63,692,592
Roads	579	108,019,678
Special Needs Groups	566	25,403,869
Micro Enterprises Development	155	20,131,473
Small Enterprise Developmen	32	7,760,706
Cultural Heritage	203	31,541,879
Water	1,512	101,756,595
Cash for Work	267	32,776,821
Business Development Services	28	2,132,453
Total	10,217	915,297,432

CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF PROJECTS, COMMITMENT, CONTRACTED AMOUNTS, BENEFICIARIES AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AS OF 31.03.2013

SECTOR	NO. OF	COMMITMENTS (\$)	CONTRACTED AMOUNT (\$)	DIRECT BENEFICIARIES		INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES		TEMPORARY JOB OPPORTUNITIES
				MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	
Environment	380	45,494,437	30,575,607	1,784,346	1,782,554	210,455	207,706	1,409,344
Integrated Intervention	309	26,539,623	15,742,241	172,418	133,483	93,300	98,953	687,299
Training	1,023	26,795,530	18,143,269	111,640	72,924	418,454	450,733	397,535
Education	5,083	702,419,417	540,459,866	1,508,665	1,247,387	1,953,468	1,684,472	23,832,472
Technical Support	1	49,000	0	0	0	0	0	700
Organizational Support	642	28,338,818	23,542,927	358,706	311,472	318,906	283,076	692,064
Agriculture	440	44,465,856	25,186,972	407,211	366,107	401,478	361,025	1,036,567
Health	1,170	94,466,136	74,532,125	2,734,519	4,782,733	2,055,631	2,691,009	2,174,465
Roads	832	183,559,610	151,494,198	2,215,524	2,188,064	844,275	834,700	9,176,358
Special Needs Groups	693	36,723,483	29,593,839	112,103	72,573	68,449	52,389	835,404
Micro Enterprises Development	171	28,638,149	22,934,581	131,131	334,395	785,448	1,325,052	78,189
Small Enterprise Developmen	32	8,852,031	7,760,706	18,334	22,071	59,529	44,686	17,816
Cultural Heritage	277	58,322,830	48,854,201	173,327	161,667	60,266	68,743	2,245,837
Water	2,242	396,495,869	143,795,571	1,953,452	1,970,475	157,687	138,260	8,198,115
Cash for Work	602	107,003,324	91,383,877	459,704	447,988	805,842	853,059	9,188,680
Business Development Services	62	7,745,928	7,625,887	49,134	21,940	75,717	53,069	2,575
Total	13,959	1,795,910,042	1,231,625,867					59,973,420

COMMITMENTS, IN 1ST QUARTER, 2013

GOVERNORATE	NO. OF PROJECTS	COMMITMENTS (\$)	DISTRIBUTION (%)
Ibb	31	8,194,397	6.7
Abyan	45	19,118,588	15.6
Capital City	9	311,252	0.3
Al-Baidha	8	1,579,142	1.3
Al-Jawf	2	80,755	0.1
Al-Hudaidah	48	11,409,672	9.3
Al-Dhale	19	3,483,002	2.8
Al-Mahweet	18	4,253,689	3.5
Al-Maharah	2	586,000	0.5
Taiz	69	20,536,596	16.7
Hajjah	67	11,315,829	9.2
Hadhramaut	18	1,907,654	1.6
Dhamar	48	13,661,325	11.1
Raimah	4	243,160	0.2
Shabwah	4	358,195	0.3
Sa'adah	10	1,414,147	1.2
Sana'a	7	433,030	0.4
Aden	7	1,809,093	1.5
Amran	45	10,114,737	8.2
Lahj	23	7,804,786	6.4
Mareb	2	69,427	.1
Several Governorates	53	4,099,096	3.3
Total	539	122,783,572	100.0

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES & JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN 1ST QUARTER, 2013

SECTOR	NO. OF PROJECTS	DIRECT BENEFICIARIES		TEMPORARY JOB OPPORTUNITIES
		TOTAL	FEMALE (%)	
Environment	32	211,642	50	11,644
Integrated Intervention	16	12,708	51	84,527
Training	63	12,599	36	31,793
Education	56	13,697	51	249,082
Technical Support	1	0	0	0
Organizational Support	14	901	28	6,063
Agriculture	34	209,642	43	56,261
Health	27	3,775	52	9,955
Roads	16	39,477	50	276,049
Special Needs Groups	18	1,661	48	8,761
Micro Enterprises Development	5	14,234	87	12,933
Cultural Heritage	9	36	17	30,922
Water	158	309,468	50	988,602
Cash for Work	89	143,240	51	1,665,245
Business Development Services	1	0	0	7
Total	539	973,080	49	3,432,544

Training Provided in Taiz for Enhancing Self-help Voluntary Collaborative Work

The SFD's Taiz Branch Office held in mid-January 2013 a training course in the participatory empowerment of the local authority (LA) in development in Same' District, Taiz, with 20 LA members participating. The eight-day event aimed at building the capacities of the local authority in how to plan and implement development projects in consultation with the beneficiary communities at the level of district's villages and sub-districts. The training also aims to build capacity and stimulate voluntary collaborative work of the district and community participation based on scientific reference extracting flexible concepts from fieldwork for the Empowerment for Local Development (ELD) Program, which has been implemented by the SFD over the past four years in a number of the Taiz rural districts. Another course was also carried out in Haifan (Taiz) focusing on five-year development plan preparation and targeting 34 LA leaders, Executive Offices directors and sub-districts development committees' male and female representatives. The course, which was carried out by SFD's LA Participatory Empowerment Program aimed to impart modern scientific methodologies in development plans preparation based on communities' priority needs so that the trainees can by the end of the course – set a five-year development plan for the governorate according to the preliminary reports and sub-districts analyses prepared by the village cooperation councils and development committees.



Disability And Challenge Weaves Willingness And Change

((Al-Irshad School in Amran City has been assigned to integrate children with hearing impairment. However, there was not a single student with such disability who had been actually integrated until the Social Fund for Development (SFD) took over the training of the school's teachers on integration—both as a concept and mechanism—as well as on methods of education of the deaf and sign language. I happened to be one of the participants in the training courses organized and overseen by the SFD. The training was so advantageous and fruitful that I gained a lot of information and acquired many skills in educating people with hearing impairment. I got to know some of the teachers affiliated with Amran Governorate's Hearing Impairment Association.

The SFD extended those benefits to include also practical application of the training topics by conducting field visits Al-Irshad School, during which we communicated with children with different degrees of hearing impairment. During such visits, a strong desire to help these children used to overwhelm me.

One day, we visited the association and I immediately knew it needs help to stand firmly on its feet and improve the services it provides to the target children. So, some of the school's teachers and I didn't hesitate to volunteer to work in the association. In fact, I did so for two-fold goal: assist both the association and the children, and apply what I had gained from training. Later, I was appointed Executive Director of the association and the school. This step enabled me to further enhance my skills in helping and dealing with hearing-impaired children. Actually, this position gave me a chance to reflect what I had gained from SFD-supported capacity building and translate such information into tangible action. As such, I commenced supervising a team work to re-arrange the association's institutional organization in accordance with what SFD taught me, and at this point I sought—with some colleagues—to mainstream the disabled children in the public schools of the governorate.

We started with Al-Irshad School where I've been working, with 39 male and female students integrated, and trained the rest of teachers on sign language and preparation of individual educational plans. We also revived the resource room equipped by SFD, and trained other teachers on its use.

The school became now fully prepared to teach students with disabilities, with efforts currently being exerted by all of us to develop the educational services provided by the school and the association.

Honestly speaking, we could have done nothing should SFD have not supported us by all means)).

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