

EDITORIAL

Reading the sectoral distribution of SFD's 2013 investments (commitments), one finds that the annual share of each of the Cash-for-Work (CfW) Program and water has been steadily increasing since 2011. For instance, while the share of SFD's contribution to the CfW in 2011 was 8%, in 2013 it has reached 20.4%. As for water, there has been an increase from 13% to 18% for the same period.

This clearly emphasizes the increasing role of SFD in providing safety net to the most vulnerable Yemenis and responding to critical needs in the country.

SFD's operations and interventions are in line with the government's Transitional Program for Stability and Development and its Mutual Accountability Framework with Yemen donors. The government directives since 2011 has been counting on SFD as its important implementation arm in creating more job opportunities within the overall goal of providing social protection and access to basic infrastructure. In this context, it is worth mentioning that the outcomes document concluded by the National Dialogue Conference called to increase the SFD's resources to provide job opportunities, which implies recognition of SFD's role in the overall development process in the country.

SFD has been proving and will continue to demonstrate its responsiveness to the country priorities and development.

SFD's BoD Holds a Meeting

The Board of Directors (BoD) of the Social Fund for Development (SFD) held a meeting on November 25, 2013 headed by Mohammed Salem Basendwah, Prime Minister and BoD Chairman. The meeting discussed SFD's draft budget for 2014 financial year, which amounts to 36.6 billion Yemeni Riyals (equivalent to \$170.4 million)—increasing by 9% compared to 2013 budget.

The draft budget is expected to finance the implementation of 1,391 projects nationwide distributed among the sectors of education, water and environment, health, roads, training and institutional support, microfinance, special-need groups, labor-intensive works program, agriculture & the integrated interventions program.

The meeting praised the successes achieved by the SFD and its vital role in contributing to poverty alleviation through the provision of job opportunities as well as its active developmental role in improving the living conditions of poor communities by providing basic needs, facilitating access to social services and raising income through creating temporary and permanent employment.



In 2013 SFD approved 1,438 projects worth \$330 million, including beneficiaries' contribution (Page 14).

SFD Joint Donor Review

A Joint Donor Review for the Social Fund for Development took place from November 17-21, 2013 in Sana'a, Yemen.

The objectives of the review were to: (i) discuss SFD's initial proposal on the vision for SFD Phase V and discuss the timetable and process; (ii) review the progress since the Mid-term review in June 2013; (iii) support SFD in institutionalizing the Complaint Handling Mechanism and exploring additional opportunities for Citizen Engagement Initiative; (iv) finalize and agree on the M&E results framework and continue discussions on impact evaluation and targeting; and (v) discuss constraints and challenges, and identify actions to improve performance.

The review team noted overall good progress SFD has made over the last 6 months (June – November 2013). The team expressed appreciation, in particular, for the hard work of the SFD staff during the review and for their excellent preparation of and cooperation during the review. The participating donors included the World Bank (WB), the German Development Bank (KfW), UK Department for International Development (DFID), Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Saudi Fund for Development, Abu Dhabi Fund for Development and Islamic Development Bank.

SECTOR ACTIVITIES

Education

During the quarter, 23 projects were approved worth approximately \$3.5 million, benefiting directly more than 12,530 people (55% female) and generating temporary job opportunities amounting to 65 thousand workdays. This brings the total cumulative number of the sector's projects to 5,313 at an estimated cost exceeding \$765 million and the number of direct beneficiaries to more than 2.8 million people (45.6% female), with expected employment exceeding 25.1 million workdays.

In Educational Quality, a workshop was held to help set the Vision, Mission and Areas of this sub-sector, with experienced professionals and university professors attending. In Kindergartens and the national Gifted-Students Care Program, the quarter witnessed the preliminary delivery of 2 projects in the Capital City: The Early Childhood Development Center (in Ruslan Neighborhood, Al-Thawrah District)—which consists of three training halls, administrative offices and other facilities—and Al-Meethaq School equipping, which includes the provision of educational workshops.

In the Literacy and Adult Education (LAE) Program, the piloting of Vocational and Literacy Project “VoLiP” (detailed below) has been completed in 22 women training centers in 17 districts in 7 governorates (June–December 2013). The training—which benefited 993 female LAE-class attendants—included sewing & handicrafts, home economics, hairdressing & henna and photography. A training course in strategic planning was also carried out (on 7–12 December 2013) for 28 Directors of LAE Organization's headquarters and governorate offices.

Finally, within the Institutional Support provided by the SFD to the Ministry of Education and its governorate offices, the SFD is preparing a comprehensive study of school furniture, aiming to improve quality and relevant procedures.

Vocational and Literacy Project (VoLiP)

The SFD continued the implementation of VoLiP in Al-Hudaidah, Lahj and Sana'a Governorates. The project aims to alleviate poverty,



Aisha Girls School- Taiz

Education Indicators

Indicator	Phase IV Targets (2011 – 2015)	Completed in 2011-2013
Number of classrooms constructed or rehabilitated	9,000	5,260
Number of students benefiting from SFD supported basic schools		
Male	201,600	120,980
Female	158,400	115,720
Children with special needs	5,000	4,335
Number of teachers trained		
Male	100	201
Female	100	1,444
Number of educational professionals trained		
Male	782	620
Female	600	389

especially among women and rural population, through providing skills and appropriate funds necessary to enable them to achieve self-development. The project focuses on reading & writing and professional skills geared towards the needs of the labor market, and—subsequently—facilitating access to financial services in order to help streamline target groups in economic and social development at the local and national levels.

The project includes the education of out-of-school children, training of young people and rural women, microfinance, institutional support and audit services.

Cash-for-Work for Education Services

This program aims to create employment opportunities for educated

young women and men, while facilitating access to education services in poor communities. Through this program, the SFD will finance the selection, recruitment, training, salaries and supervision of 3,000 young people to provide them with temporary employment amounting to 750,000 workdays.

The SFD focuses on recruiting and training teachers, facilitators and community workers to support and scale up the established and successful Rural Girls' Program. In this context, suitably qualified youth would be recruited and trained to provide services such as community needs assessment, accelerated community classes for out-of-school children, literacy and life skills classes for women, awareness campaigns and social mobilization, and parent/community organizations.

Cultural Heritage

During the quarter one project was approved at an estimated cost \$352 thousand, generating temporary employment of 6,666 working days. This brings cumulative number of projects (1997-end of September 2013) to 284 projects with estimated cost more than \$62 million, and the number of direct beneficiaries from these projects more than 345,410 people, generating about 2.5 million working days.

Restoration of the Great Mosque (Sana'a)

The ongoing restoration work on the project continued at a good pace during this period, accomplished the following: Conservation works of the wood beams and coffered ceiling continue at an excellent pace in line with the planned schedule to a large extent. Completion the archaeological excavations and studies tasks inside and around the mosque

Restoration Project of Al-Ashrafiya Mosque and Madrasa (Taiz) - 6th and final phase:

The local conservation team continue work at a good pace with support of the Italian team on mechanical and chemical cleaning among the fine restoration of the mural paintings, gypsum decorations, archaeological wooden elements, and stones, and complete most of it as follows:

1) Completion of the mechanical cleaning for the colored decoration and inscriptions of the shrines and the open court yard, where 95% of the chemical cleaning and consolidation works had been done. 2) Completion of the re-touch works for most of the central dome in the Prayer Hall, parallel to re-joining parts of the archaeological wooden kiosks of the shrines, the western gate, and the southern door of the Prayer Hall, 3) Consolidation and conservation of the stone and decoration of the southern gate of the mosque.

Restoration of the Great Mosque (Shibam / Kawkaban)

- During the detecting works in the walls of the eastern open court for re-roofing, gypsum decorations have been discovered in the upper part of the wall (Altgawib) from the western and southern sides were they were covered by a number of lime wash layers, and they have been documented.

- An initial assessment report for seismic monitoring of the building has been received from ARUP Company which is under review by both structural expert and project consultant.

- Several samples from the colored areas which were selected from several sensors have been sent to a specialized laboratory in United States of America for the purpose of conducting analysis of the components of the colors.

Restoration of Al-Ash'aer Mosque (Zabid, Al-Hudaidah)/ Phase II

- Restoration work continues at a good pace and during this period, removal of the new distorted walls continue in various parts of the mosque which coincided with the continuing restoration work of some of the walls, foundations, and the buttresses of the mosque and repairing cracks along with constructing retaining where consolidation needed. During the archaeological detecting works, pieces of pottery and tile coated by thin green colored layer were found which is believed to date back to the Rasulid period; these have been documented and saved. Replacement the damaged wooden thresholds by new ones from the same type after chemically treated against termites.

Documentation and Rescue Project of Al-Shadeli Mosque :

-The mosque of Sheikh "Shadli" - deceased in 821 AH (1418 AD)- and his tomb is regarded as one of the most important monuments in Mocha City, the most famous Sufi shrines in the Arabian Peninsula, and has

Cultural Heritage Indicators

Indicator	Phase IV Targets (2011 – 2015)	Completed in 2011-2013
Master builders trained \ have gained skills	510	347
Professionals trained & have gained skills (Architects\ Archaeologists\ Engineers)	190	224
Sites and monuments documented, rescued /conserved	50	28

acquires an historical and architectural importance, but it is in great need for an intervention to rescue the minaret and the original part of the building.

- Architectural documentation of the building has been completed and the preparation and processing to start rescue works at the beginning of the next year 2014 in collaboration with governorate of Taiz and the local council of the District of Mocha.

SFD supports printing a book on spoken Soqatrian dialect

The Governorate of Socotra Archipelago is located in the Indian Ocean, with population approaching 80 thousand people. The Socotrians use their own spoken dialect, which was inherited from their ancestors and preserved since ancient time. The SFD is financing the printing of a book composed by a Socotrian researcher, aiming to introduce and publicize the Archipelago's rare and threatened dialect.

Training & Organizational Support

Interventions in the two sectors of Training and Organizational Support aim to providing services through training and building the human and institutional capacities of SFD partners, namely consultants, community committees (beneficiary committees), small contractors, technicians, NGOs ... etc. Whose activities are linked to SFD tasks related to the contribution in poverty reduction and realization of local development.

In the Training Sector 2 projects were approved with estimate cost of 27 thousand USD, and directly benefiting about 125 persons (63% females), with the accumulative total number of sector projects reaching 1,103, and cost estimate 30,3 Million USD benefiting directly about 205 thousand persons (40% females).

In the Organizational Support Sector 4 projects were approved costing about 63 thousand USD, directly benefiting more than 134 persons (40% females). This raises the accumulative total number of

sector projects to 665 with estimate cost reaching about 20,1 million USD, from which about 687 thousand persons directly benefit (46.6% females).

Empowerment for Local Development (ELD)

The following activities were implemented during the 4th quarter by SFD branches:

At the Community Level (villages/ sub-districts/ districts)

Activities comprised of formation of village cooperation councils, selection of villages' representatives, encouraging them to implement self-help initiatives, training them to analyze villages' conditions, and writing simple reports, in addition to the preparation of future annual plans. These activities took place in the districts of Al-Tawila (Al-Mahweet Governorate), Al-Luhayia (Al-Hudaidah), Thaibein & Kharef (Amran) and Al-Shammyateen (Taiz).



Training and Org. Support Indicators

Indicator	Phase IV Targets (2011 – 2015)	Completed in 2011-2013
Number of rural volunteers		
Male	2,500	475
Female	1,500	485
Number of villages councils trained and formed	1500	2,486
Local Authority members trained	-	3,125
Individuals/consultants/contractors/others trained	1,000	3,917
NGOs supported	90	36
Government Entities supported	40	9
Local authorities offices supported	90	20
Community-Based Organizations formed	2,500	1,059

Community development structures (representatives) were also trained in analyzing the development situation for sub-districts, selection of development committees in the sub-districts of Bani Sa'ad District (Al-Mahweet), and also training such frames on socio-development topics like conflicts' sensitive development in the districts of Al-Munira and Hais (Al-Hudaidah), Mutheikhera (Ibb) and Same' (Taiz). On the other hand local authority members participate in the field work. At the villages' level they take part in activities in order to gain the skills of communication and community participation methodology between them and their communities for activating their development roles, while the district team members participate in assessing the sub-districts' situation , as well as in the preparation of the district's report and development plan.

Self-Help Initiatives: Activities in this component were implemented by SFD's Branch Offices (BOs) of Sana'a, Amran, Al-Hudaidah and Taiz within the districts of Al-Mahweet, Al-Tawila, Kharef, Dhaibein, Al-Luhaiya, and Al-Shamayateen. Outputs comprised of 330 village cooperation councils , and 2970 council members (1,449 females).

Assessing the Sub-district's Development Situation: This component was implemented by Sana'a, Al-Hudaidah / Raimah, Taiz, Aden and Ibb BOs through 10 districts. Output included 89 sub-districts' development committees, while individuals targeted by training on situation assessment reached 1618 persons (751 females).

Training Community Development Frames on Conflicts' Sensitive Development: In this component, Al-Hudaidah/Raimah, Taiz and Ibb BOs implemented activities in 5 districts, with the number of sub-districts' development committees reaching 44 , and the number of individuals targeted by training reaching 784 persons (328 females).

At the Local Authority Level

Activities at the district level included training on the ELD mechanism and methodology, as well as the participation of the district team(steering committee , local council members ,executive organs, civil society organizations) in field work at all levels (villages, sub-districts, districts) reaching to the phase of marketing the development plan, as well as building capacities in management skills, and monitoring mechanisms, and training in the mechanism of local contracting for the districts advanced in the implementation of the Program. This is the real investment for human capital.

The training programs for local authority members related to the Program mechanism and the preparation of the report and the development plan were implemented in 9 governorates through targeting 14 districts. The total number of persons targeted reached 919 individuals (54 females).

University Students (RAWFD Program)

Training was conducted targeting 88(45 females) university graduates from rural areas in Ibb & Taiz governorates. This is besides training some RAWFD outputs by the branches of Sana'a, Hajja, Aden , Ta'iz, Ibb , and Mukalla in the fields of community participation , and training trainers for NGOs. The total number of trainees targeted in both fields reached 157 including (95 females). A final revision for the trainer and trainee manuals (concerning RAWFD Program) was achieved. About 18 documents concerning youth self-help initiatives were received and revised . These initiatives were conducted in a number of districts in the governorates of Hajja, Dhamar, Hodeida, Dhale'e, Ta'iz and Al – Beidha'a. All that was achieved by RAWFD Program has been input in the Program's website (www.rawfd-sfd.com) as well as in the Program's page in Facebook (Forum of RAWFD Youth).

Health and Social Protection

Health

During the quarter, 12 projects were approved at an estimated cost of approximately \$2.3 million, expected to directly benefit approximately 115 thousand people (65% female) and generating about 46,400 workdays. This brings the total cumulative number for the sector's projects to 1,228 worth nearly \$101.7 million and the number of direct beneficiaries to about 8 million people (64% female), with nearly 2.3 million workdays created.

The Maternal and Newborn Health Voucher Program (MNHVP)

The SFD launched MNHVP, which aims primarily to ensure that women residing in SFD-target areas access quality healthcare services, both antenatally and postnatally, on a regular basis.

Integrated Nutrition Interventions (INI) and Conditional Cash Transfers (CCT)

The SFD also included nutrition in its menu of interventions within the overall response to the aftermath of 2011 events, taking into account the

indicators of national surveys and international organizations' reports showing that malnutrition rates among Yemeni children are of the highest in the world. In this regard, the SFD started the implementation of two projects. The first aims to raise parents' awareness on the ways of nourishing their children, while the second provides referral services for malnourished children to link them to the available services. One of these projects will also provide financial incentives for the poorer awareness-targeted families, with Al-Hudaidah Governorate initially targeted as its children malnutrition indicators are the highest in Yemen.

SFD's interventions in nutrition aim to provide a safety net— under the Cash-for-Work Program—for the targeted community health volunteers who carry out activities in local communities at the district and sub-district level.

In this context, the INI and CCT have been designed to provide screening, consultation and referral services through community health volunteers. These services target children under the age of five in Al-Hudaidah Governorate, who are suffering from malnutrition.

Health Indicators

Indicator	Phase IV Targets (2011 – 2015)	Completed in 2011-2013
Number of health personnel trained		
Male	1,450	1,067
Female	1,450	2,387
Number of health facilities constructed, renovated and/or equipped	800	108

Implementing these two programs, the SFD is keen on coordination and joint work with the Ministry of Public Health and Population—in geographic targeting and the programs' time frame as well as in supply and demand harmonization—based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the SFD and the Ministry.

The INI services include registration and initial screening of acute malnutrition cases, provision of transportation to medical facilities for treatment and monthly nutrition education of the targeted children's mothers as well as nutrition education for pregnant women, breastfeeding promotion and community nutrition education and health education.

Social Protection

During the quarter, 4 projects were approved at an estimated cost of \$252,500 generating nearly 12,700 workdays. This brings the total cumulative number of the sector's projects to 727 at an estimated cost exceeding \$38.2 million, the number of direct beneficiaries to 184,700 people (39% female) and job opportunities to nearly 868,230 workdays.

The quarter's activities focused on the Inclusive and Special Education and Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programs.

Inclusive and Special Education

One project was approved aiming to strengthen educational integration of children with disabilities in two schools in the Al-Ma'afar District (Taiz) targeting 69 children with visual, hearing and physical disabilities through the rehabilitation of the two schools structurally by adding

bathrooms and ramps and providing them with educational means as well as equipping and furnishing the schools with two sources rooms and training 31 teachers and specialists on the concepts of integration, rights, sign language, assessment and diagnosis for people with intellectual disabilities as well as methods of education, preparation of teaching aids, speech therapy, and conducting medical diagnostic tests for children with disabilities.

CBR

This program aims to reach a larger number of children with disabilities, enabling them to access services & opportunities and become active members in their community as well as to motivate the local community to help them.

Three projects were developed, of which two aimed to promote CBR services in Al-Aza'es Sub-District (Al-Shamayteen District, Taiz) and Abs City (Hajjah). The third project aimed to establish CBR in Al-Baidha through conducting surveys and medical diagnostic tests for children with disabilities, and rehabilitation of more than a thousand children with various disabilities and the qualification of 122 families as well as educating about 1,250 people from the community on disability & CBR as well as training of 11 CBR and community committees' workers on the concepts of disability and community-based rehabilitation, early detection of disability and early educational intervention in addition to physical therapy, family counseling and survey mechanisms. Also, the children were provided with cerebral palsy chairs and visual & audio aids, with CBR rooms furnished and provided with office equipment and tools necessary to provide physical therapy and rehabilitate children with disabilities.



Water and Sanitation

The Unit's activities include the sectors of water and sanitation.

Water

The sector aims to provide sufficient water for poor communities in accordance with the national definition of water coverage (the provision of 30 liters of improved water per day per capita, fetched in a time not exceeding half an hour, throughout the year).

During the quarter, 5 projects were developed at an estimated cost of \$666 thousand to serve about 3,000 beneficiaries (nearly half of them female), and generate temporary employment of up to 18 thousand working days. These projects include about 3 covered public rainwater harvesting tanks with capacity of approximately 1,920 cubic meters, and expansion of 4 Karifs with total additional capacity of 12,000 cubic meters... thus, bringing the cumulative number of projects (Since SFD

establishing 1997 until the end of December 2013) to the 2,324 projects at an estimated cost of about \$430.2 million, expected to benefit nearly 4.12 million people (nearly half of them female), and resulting in more than 9 million working day.

Water Scarcity Addressing Program: Since the beginning of 2011 until the end of the Fourth quarter of this year (2013) , approved projects have reached 374 projects at an estimated cost amounted to \$ 118 million, serving 425 thousand people, 75% of them fall in category 4 of the poverty index -i.e. the poorest--and 25% in category 3. . Implementation of 322 projects has already started, with 43 projects completed. The program's projects include about 33 thousand rooftop rainwater harvesting cisterns, 155 covered public rainwater

harvesting cisterns with total storage capacity for improved water approaching 1.6 million cubic meters, 16 karifs with a total capacity exceeding 95 thousand m³, 9 groundwater-source water projects containing pipes with a total length of 39 thousand meters. As well as 60 tanks, 78 communal taps, 3,300 house connections, and two pumping units.

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 38 projects in the water sector at an estimated cost of \$13.1 million to serve nearly 221 thousand people, and 5 projects in sanitation sector at an estimated cost of \$2.5 million to serve about 88.5 thousand people.

All projects have been approved for funding by this grant as of the end of September 2013. It should be noted that all laborers

hired to execute the work are from the residents of the project areas, and until the end of December 50 thousand working days have been achieved, which will help the residents in their livelihood

Sanitation

This sector aims to provide basic sanitation services for the poorest and neediest communities to these services, as well as to integrate with the Water Sector and other SFD's sectors in order to augment the impacts of SFD's interventions in improving health, economic and environmental statuses of the target communities.

During the quarter—which witnessed the completion of 179 hygiene awareness campaigns, with 12 villages declared free of open defecation—one project was approved worth nearly \$7 thousand, directly benefiting about 4 thousand people (nearly half of them female). Cumulatively, the number of the sector's projects is up to 393 projects at an estimated cost of approximately \$44.8 million, expected to benefit more than 3.5 million people (nearly half of them female) and creating about 1.4 million working days.

In Shibam City/Hadhramaut infrastructure project, which includes provision of new services, all underground, the cumulative achievement amounts to 69.7%.



Rainwater Harvesting Tank - Hubabah, Amran

Water and Sanitation Indicators

Indicator	Phase IV Targets (2011 – 2015)	Completed in 2011-2013
Number of households benefiting from improved water sources	60,000	68,097
volume of improved water stored (m ³)	1,100,000	1,445,302
volume of unimproved water stored (m ³)	260,000	1,333,627
Number of households using improved sanitation facilities	43,000	23,134
Number of Open-Defecation-Free project communities	261	148
Villages targeted by CLTS	-	622

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The unit's activities include the Agriculture Sector (Rainfed Agriculture and Livestock Project) and the Integrated Interventions Program.

During the quarter, 15 projects have been approved at an estimated cost of about \$2.4 million, benefiting directly more than 14 thousand people (45% female) and generating temporary employment amounting to more than 79 thousand workdays. Thus, the total cumulative number of the sector's projects reached 506 worth more than \$61.1 million, benefiting directly 845 thousand people (47% female) and generating more than 1.6 million workdays.

Rainfed Agriculture and Livestock Project (RALP)

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Rural Producing Groups (PGs)

In Hajjah Governorate, the SFD continued financing and building the capacity of 11 PGs (of both sexes) and supervising the implementation of 13 rainwater harvesting tanks for animal watering as well as training PGs in plant production and implementing 6 projects to protect land from erosion.

In Al-Hudaidah's RALP districts, supporting of 15 seeds PGs and emergency veterinary immunization (2) has been completed, while financing of other intercommunity groups is being finalized.

In seeds and veterinary components, the SFD has provided 38 veterinarian bags to be distributed among graduates of the Agricultural Veterinary Technical Institute and continued coordination with and follow-up of the institute on the qualification of 23 (female & male) students from the

RALP-targeted areas. Similarly, 42 seeds associations' member were trained on the development, management and maintenance of local grain—with the assistance of regional expertise of the International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA).

On-site training was also provided for 80 olive growers (of both sexes) in Al-Mahaweet and Al-Rujum Districts and the community committee in Tahamah (Sana'a) was elected and trained, with the community contribution provided and funding contract signed to kickoff the project of agricultural lands protection. In addition, experience exchange activities were carried out between the PGs in the districts of Hamdan and Arhab (Sana'a) and Al-Rujum and Bani Sa'ad (Al-Mahweet) and 65% of agricultural terraces reclamation and irrigation tanks were completed in Al-Tara'ef and Shansab Villages (Bani Al-Masa'sb, Al-Rujum, Al-Mahaweet).

On the other hand, within SFD's efforts to build the capacity of consultants, 44 newly graduated consultants were trained in participatory work methodology so as these trainees could assist in implementing the project of introducing and spreading modern agricultural techniques.

Water for Agricultural Development

The quarter witnessed the completion of four agricultural small dams in Ibb, Al-Jawf, Mareb and Sana'a Governorates at an estimated cost of nearly one million USD, with a total storage capacity of 265,634 cubic meters and a total irrigated area of 170 hectares. Also, an experience-exchange workshop was held for 20 participants in designing and maintaining dams groundwork and sediment disposal.

Soil & Water Conservation and Watersheds

In Hajjah Governorate, 7 supplementary irrigation tanks were completed for khairan Al-Muharraq with storage capacity of 3,900 cubic meters as well as works in 3 watersheds in the valleys of Habel and Al-Ghail (Al-Masane') and Bani Amer (Aslam Al-Sham). Also, the watershed in the valleys of Al-Dane'i (Khairan Al-Muharraq) and Al-Maghrebah District were finalized as well as the rehabilitation of Wadi Ghurab converting channel in Hijlah (Al-Atn, Bakeel Al-Meer), with the irrigated lands reaching 50 hectares.

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					2,190	Total				1,840

Water for Agricultural Development

Indicator	Phase IV Targets (2011 – 2015)	Completed in 2011-2013
Storage capacity of dams (Cubic meters)	3,000,000	1,373,280
Areas covered by irrigation (Hectare)	2,000	584,8

Integrated Intervention Program

Indicator	Completed in 2011-2013
Targeted villages	364
Number of Community members structures formed and trained	
Male	317
Female	196

In Al-Mahweet Governorate community contributions have been completed, with the implementation of 5 complementary-irrigation public tanks and 3 animal-watering cisterns ongoing under the project of Wadi Al-Qa'amees watershed rehabilitation (Bani Zaid A'la, Bani Sa'ad).

In Al-Hudidah Governorate, the quotations of the competing local contractors were analyzed for the implementation of 3 (out of 6) animal-watering cisterns (in Wadi Al-Kuhl Watershed of Gabal Ras). Similarly, quotations for implementing 7 public water tanks in Wadi Aireem Watershed (Al-Qabbaitah, Lahj) were submitted, with contracts signed with the awarded contractors.

Finally, in Community Contracting, the SFD implemented 5 training courses to build the capacity of community committees in projects technical and organizational aspects as well as in coffee, pastures and flood irrigation, with 129 participants from Al-Hudaidah and Al-Mahweet attending.

Integrated Intervention Program

During the quarter, 5 projects were approved at an estimated cost of \$975 thousand, directly benefiting about 15 thousand people (52%

female) and generating more than 46 thousand workdays. This brings the total cumulative number of the program's projects to 354 at an estimated cost exceeding \$32.3 million, the number of beneficiaries to 325 thousand people (51% female) and job opportunities to nearly 455 thousand workdays.

Agricultural and Economic Activities: Training was provided to 60 animal health workers (of both sexes) in the sub-districts covered by the program in Amran, Al-Hudaidah, Hadhramaut and Al-Mahawet Governorates, to enable the trainees to provide veterinary services for animals in their areas. Also, a study of the natural and economic resources was conducted in 9 areas of nine governorates.

Interventions in Education: Five education awareness teams were formed and awareness activities and campaigns carried out in Bani Sa'ad Sub-district (Ibb) as well as capacity building provided to 15 Parents' Councils in a number of relevant areas.

Interventions in Health: Five training courses were conducted within the Schools Health Promoting Program in 5 sub-districts (Phase II), with 86 trainees attending.

Projects Officers Capacity Building: A workshop was held for the program's project officers to discuss 2014 plan draft and assess 2013 achievement.



Labor Intensive Works Program (LIWP)

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

Cash for Work Program

During the quarter, five projects were approved at an estimated cost of approximately \$1.34 million. These projects are distributed over

diverse interventions, environment, agricultural lands protection and reclamation as well as agricultural terraces construction and rehabilitation.

The number of benefiting households approaches 3,430 (or nearly 10,430 individual beneficiaries) and the temporary job opportunities created reach 115,423 workdays (nearly 62 thousand for females).

Cash-for-Work Program Indicators

Indicator	Phase IV Targets (2011 – 2015)	Completed in 2011-2013
People directly benefiting from multi-year workfare assistance	300,000	422,550
Working days employment created under workfare assistance program	24,000,000	7,215,612
Total area of agricultural rehabilitated land and terraces (m ²)	4,980	2,878
Indirect beneficiaries from community livelihood assets	-	507,060

Rural Roads Indicators

Indicator	Phase IV Targets (2011 – 2015)	Completed in 2011-2013
Total length of roads improved / built (km)	1,825	619

Implementation is underway in 375 projects benefiting about 75,464 households (89% of the total 85,194 targeted).

Cumulatively, the total number of the projects amounts to 748 worth over \$152.8 million, targeting more than 188 thousand households and directly benefiting nearly 1.5 million people (60% female), while the total temporary job opportunities generated approach 12.64 million workdays (of which some 2.33 million for women).

Workshops and Training Courses: Nine training courses were held in the areas covered by SFD's Taiz, Hajjah, Amran and Al-Hudaidah branch offices (BOs), targeting nearly 216 male and female accountants and community consultants. The training focused on the mechanism of implementing & overseeing the program's projects, targeting mechanism, community follow-up and accounting models.

Roads

Six projects were approval worth about \$1.6 million, benefiting directly more than 9,530 people (51% female) and creating temporary

job opportunities approaching 68,700 workdays. The projects are distributed over Rural Roads "RRs" (45-km-long projects) and city streets pavement (with an area of 18,110 square meter).

Thus, the cumulative number of the sector's projects reached 861 at an estimated cost of about \$197.2 million, benefiting directly about 4.5 million people (nearly half of them female) and generating around 9.64 million workdays. These projects are distributed over RRs (550 projects with a total length of 3,620 km), city streets pavement (254 projects, with a total area of more than 3 million m²), and training and bridges (54 and 3 projects respectively).

Training Courses: Two training courses were held by SFD's Sana'a and Dhamar BOs, aiming to introduce the sector's policies and projects' overseeing mechanism to 40 consultants.

Field Follow-Up: Seven under-implementation projects were visited to assess project implementation quality and targeting, which brings the total cumulative projects visited to 375.



Gibons for Soil Conservation - Lahj

Small and Micro Enterprises Development (SMED)

The activity of the sector focused on completing the development of the unit 2014 work plan for and its strategy for 2014-2018 as well as approving on two projects to finance Hadhramaut program and Aden foundation for Microfinance. The total of those fund reach nearly Riyal 415 million (equivalent to \$1.9 million) as a result of the expansion achieved by Hadhramaut program in Al-Maharah and Hadhramaut governorates, as well as for institution of Aden to meet the growing demand for financial services and non-financial entrepreneurs of small and micro enterprises. Also continued to provide support and funding for the Al-Ittehad MF Program of microfinance (Abyan) and Yemen microfinance (MF) Network and Labor Force Survey projects (Implementation of the Central Statistics Organization) and the graduation of the beneficiaries of Social Welfare Fund of poverty and linking them with programs and microfinance institutions. In this regard, the SFD held a graduation ceremony for 454 beneficiaries from Aden, Taiz and Lahj Governorates; now they have a variety of projects and income-generating qualification enabling them to take advantage of financial services.

Also, field audits were carried out on a sample of Al-Ittehad Islamic MF

Program clients in its Al-Mukalla and Al-Sheher branches as well as a sample of Hadhramaut's program clients in Al-Wadi districts (Tarim, Shibam, Al-Soam and Al-Hoata) in addition to the verification of safety procedures for issuing loans and collecting installments, as well as the physical presence of customers and income-generating activities that they own also the validity and safety of loans and saving balances.

The Small and Micro Enterprise Promotion Services (SMEPS) Agency

SMEPS carried out a number of activities, including:

Capacity building of fishermen in Shabwah coast: The agency implemented several training sessions targeting 208 fish from fishermen associations in Bir Ali, Gelah, Ein Bamabd and Arqah in using the GPS device during jacking operations, and maintenance and repair boat engines marine crashes and fishery guidance.

Launch of Wathba project: the Agency has launched Wathba project to stimulate the private sector and employment in the cities of Sana'a and Aden after the completion of the promotional campaign for the project,

which will be targeting in the pilot phase the governorate of Sana'a and Aden in order to employ 400 graduate students from technical and vocational universities and provide grants for 400 facilities.

Development of Baskets Craft Export: The Agency has continued following up with the trainees who received training in the field of crafts to prepare the requests of baskets crafts, from 5 districts in Al-Hudaidah governorate, according to quality and design specifications that are required for foreign markets in order to be presented at the annual exhibition (February 2014, Frankfurt, Germany). One of the companies operating in Sana'a and specialized in marketing handicrafts to foreign markets was selected to continue exporting these products following the completion of the project, with 133 women benefiting.

Agricultural Inputs for Vegetable Cultivation Development: A training of trainers' course has been prepared for 15 agricultural engineers from Al-Hudaidah Governorate. The agency also made needed arrangements for purchasing modern agricultural techniques for training. The Agency also carried out field visits to 12 fields for farmers in twelve different areas in the Tuban district to pinpoint problems and set solutions. Visits were also conducted to other fields that had been cultivated in traditional manner, and for the same purpose. Al-Mansoura Market in Aden City was also visited and a meeting held with some exporters and market administration to discuss the possibility of participation in an international exhibition to be held next February in Germany.

KAB training curriculum: SMEPS carried out in Aden and Lahj Governorates 3 training courses on pioneering culture and project management skills, with 187 students targeted.

Study the Needs of the Reconstruction and Development Labor Market: The project aims to train and qualify the graduates of Architecture Department in the field of architectural design software

(AutoCAD) and program output architecture. In this context, the agency carried out in Aden—in collaboration with a specialized institute—A training course for 23 trainees. Training was also provided in Aden to 40 people and 36 Civil Engineering and Architecture Department graduates in project management in order to qualify them for the labor market, internally and externally.

Moreover, two courses were held for 35 trainees in the structural analysis and design of multi-storey facilities as well as another course was organized for 17 similar graduates in structural design (Stadium Pro).

Yemen Microfinance Network (YMN)

The network during the quarter focused on developing of 2014 plan and assess their training needs, and to attract new members to the network, and the preparation of a code of conduct for its members.

Success of Microfinance (MF) Course: the network organized—in cooperation with the Sanabel—a MF training course under the title Management to Improve Performance. The course, attended by 20 people representing MFIs from Yemen and other Arab countries, aimed to enable the participants to practice several tools and strategies in management to improve the efficiency of MF operations they carry out, in addition to raising productivity and efficiency.

Training Material for Loan Officers: A training material was prepared for loan officers in collaboration with the U.S. Agency for International development. During 17–25 November 2013, a ToT course was held to prepare local trainers in this field, with the participation of seven trainers (three of whom were selected as trainers and one assistant trainer).

Protection of MF Clients: YMN carried out during 24–27 November training courses for its members in Aden City, attended by 21 trainees in order to introduce the principles of the protection of customers.



Development of Craft Baskets Export

Workshop on MF Housing: The network organized - in collaboration with the International Finance Corporation - on November 24 in Sana'a a workshop in the field of housing MF, attended by 15 people, with international consultant in product housing MF conducting the workshop, and presenting important information and successful experiences about housing MF in a number of countries.

Seep Conference: The Network participated in the World Conference for "Seep", which was held in Washington in November 2013, and serves as the largest gathering of MF networks in the world.

YMN performance Evaluation: The network carried out a

questionnaire for its members to assess performance; it has been developed from the questionnaire tool "Seep" which is designed to assess the performance of MF networks in the world with the aim of prioritizing activities and its future directions in order to satisfy the members of these networks.

MF Code of Conduct: YMN, seeking to promote MF culture among all players in the sector, prepared a Code of Conduct for MF industry, with the Code adopted by all YMN members.

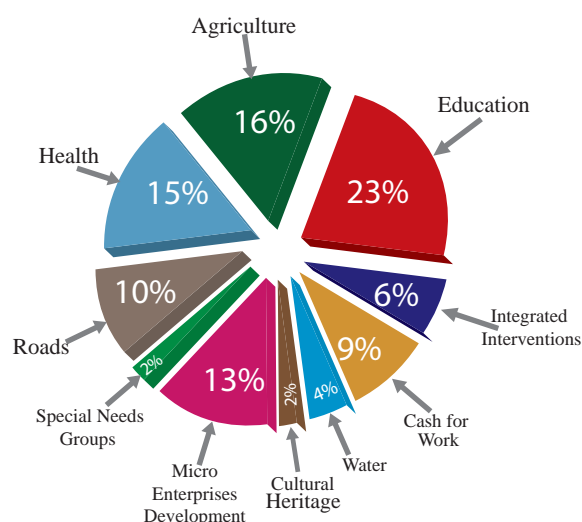
Program	Active Number of Clients			Outstanding loan portfolio (YR Million)	Portfolio at Risk (%)	Cumulative numbers		Number of Personnel	Number of Loan Officers	Area of Operation
	Borrowers		Savers			Number of loans	Loan amounts (YR Million)			
	Total	Women (%)	Total							
1 Al-Amal Microfinance Bank	34,374	51	57,894	1,904	0.53	84,216	5,457	218	109	Capital City, Taiz, Ibb, Hajjah, Dhamar, Aden, and Al-Hudaidah, Almokala
2 National MF Foundation	14,986	93	24,354	594	4.81	116,414	5,463	138	70	Capital City, Taiz, Ibb, Alqaida, Thamar, Yarim, Hajjah, Lahj, Al-Hudaidah, Aldali, Aden, Altawah
3 Aden MF Foundation	10,043	90	12,531	593	0	54,892	2,787	70	36	Dar sad, Al-Buraikah , Al-Mu'alla, Altawahe, Khoo Maksar, Kerater, Aden, Lahj, Aldali
4 MF Development Program (Nama')	8,805	45	1,872	539	5.69	64,830	5,298	101	64	Capital City, Taiz, Ibb, Aden, and Al-Hudaidah
5 Altadhamon Bank	8,787	37	0	1,433	1.10	31,549	6,658	57	46	Capital City, Taiz, Al-Hudaidah, Aden, Ibb, Hadhramaut , Amran
6 Sana'a MF – Azal	5,847	3	148,619	1,854	0.4	9,226	4,119	52	43	Capital City
7 Small Enterprise Development Fund (SEDF)	4,672	58	2,688	341	5.79	41,538	1,868	53	22	Capital City, Taiz, Aden, Al-Mukalla, Al-Hudaidah, Ibb, Dhamar, Yareem, AlBeda, Radaa, Lahj, Abyan, Aldali, Amran, and Haja
8 Alkuraimi Islamic Microfinance Bank	3,739	19	0	1,481	5	18,919	14,735	114	18	Capital City, Taiz, Ibb, Aden, Thamar , Al-Hudaidah, Almokala, Seyun
9 Al-Awa'el MF Company	2,720	39	3,534	261	6.98	14,492	1,134	36	16	Taiz (Al-Camb, Hawdh Al-Ashraf, Al-Rahedah, (Sainah, Al-Qada'edah
10 Hadhramaut Microfinance Program	2,487	90	1,800	360	0	44,592	1,800	79	30	Hadhramaut (Seyun – Tarim, Al-Suom), Alkton, Shebam
11 Aletehad Microfinance Program	1,820	81	0	50	19.78	58,799	2,018	32	16	Almokala, Alshehr
12 Social Institution for Sustainable Development (SFSD)	1,446	66	0	180	2.71	17,529	1,723	24	12	Capital City
13 Other Activities & IGPs						67,495	1,690			Several areas
Total	99,726	-	253,292	9,590		624,491	54,750	974	482	

Achievements During Fourth Quarter 2013

Number of Projects and Estimated Cost by Governorate

Governorate	No. of Projects	Estimated Cost (\$)	Distribution (%)
Ibb	3	456,833	3.0
Abyan	5	854,500	5.6
Several Governorates	10	2,798,046	18.3
Capital City	5	1,433,937	9.4
Al-Baidha	1	73,700	0.5
Al-Jawf	3	315,740	2.1
Al-Hudaidah	9	1,521,981	9.9
Al-Dhale	1	37,600	0.2
Al-Mahweet	3	875,887	5.7
Taiz	11	1,438,809	9.4
Hajjah	8	1,738,600	11.4
Hadhramaut	3	143,448	0.9
Dhamar	2	829,372	5.4
Raimah	1	305,990	2.0
Sana'a	4	1,175,330	7.7
Aden	1	535,000	3.5
Lahj	11	396,400	2.6
Mareb	4	385,800	2.5
Total	85	15,316,973	100.0

Percentage of Commitments by Sector



Number of Projects, Beneficiaries, Estimated Cost & Job Opportunities , by Sector

Sector	No. Of Projects	Estimated Cost (\$)	Direct Beneficiaries		Temporary Job Opportunities
			Total	Female (%)	
Environment	1	6,980	3,714	50	91
Integrated Intervention	5	974,897	14,863	52	46,079
Training	2	27,337	125	63	452
Education	23	3,472,745	12,532	55	64,929
Organizational Support	4	63,438	134	27	670
Agriculture	15	2,395,777	14,048	45	79,048
Health	12	2,259,681	114,932	65	46,385
Roads	6	1,573,100	9,534	51	68,693
Special Needs Groups	4	252,498	0	0	12,690
Micro Enterprises Development	2	1,930,882	18,157	85	25,769
Cultural Heritage	1	352,000	0	0	6,666
Water	5	666,000	2,976	51	17,500
Cash for Work	5	1,341,638	10,430	50	115,423
Total	85	15,316,973		62	484,395

Achievements Summary in 2013

The SFD's total investment in 2013 reached about \$330 million distributed over the different sectors. Projects approved during the year amount to 1,438 projects.

Completed Projects in 2013

Sector	No. of projects	Cost (\$)
Environment	45	1,191,743
Integrated Intervention	28	1,496,088
Training	94	2,617,876
Education	337	58,723,893
Organizational Support	55	2,983,402
Agriculture	64	5,486,466
Health	110	5,229,346
Roads	64	16,847,188
Special Needs Groups	67	1,815,417
Micro Enterprises Development	5	3,770,072
Small Enterprises Development	1	37,235
Cultural Heritage	14	3,975,688
Water	133	15,122,281
Cash for Work	136	25,009,492
Business Development Services	21	3,687,066
Total	1,174	147,993,254

Number of Projects & Commitments in 2013 by Sector

Sector	No. Of Projects	Estimated Cost (\$)	Est. SFD contribution (\$)
Environment	49	1,153,164	1,153,164
Integrated Intervention	62	9,003,241	6,928,340
Training	144	5,741,045	5,741,045
Education	309	70,747,392	69,446,948
Organizational Support	37	1,241,353	1,159,699
Agriculture	105	19,318,386	16,857,404
Health	93	8,846,144	7,934,919
Roads	49	18,865,510	18,650,360
Special Needs Groups	47	1,751,235	1,751,235
Micro Enterprises Development	21	11,360,315	11,360,315
Cultural Heritage	20	5,752,300	5,752,300
Water	259	105,697,419	47,951,448
Cash for Work	234	66,937,927	66,407,927
Business Development Services	9	3,682,845	3,682,845
Total	1,438	330,098,276	264,777,949

Number of Beneficiaries & Job Opportunities in 2013 by Sector

Sector	No. of projects	Beneficiaries		Temporary Job Opportunities
		total Beneficiaries	Female (%)	
Environment	49	349,456	50	15,583
Integrated Intervention	62	73,384	51	207,852
Training	144	32,801	42	77,734
Education	309	91,798	56	1,652,835
Organizational Support	37	17,428	49	21,620
Agriculture	105	297,821	44	656,490
Health	93	500,611	74	135,371
Roads	49	138,224	50	770,190
Special Needs Groups	47	1,661	48	40,219
Micro Enterprises Development	21	70,771	83	93,672
Cultural Heritage	20	5,168	56	275,158
Water	259	504,982	50	1,585,087
Cash for Work	234	398,764	50	5,105,452
Business Development Services	9	16,675	23	371
Total	1,438	2,499,544	55	10,637,634

Number of projects & Commitments in 2013 by Governorate

Governorate	No. of projects	Estimated Cost (\$)	Est. SFD Contribution (\$)
Ibb	113	31,624,163	23,393,268
Abyan	72	23,298,507	15,615,367
Capital City	34	8,519,160	7,598,960
Al-Baidha	31	5,863,586	5,836,085
Al-Jawf	11	1,981,095	1,959,445
Al-Hudaidah	139	30,473,733	29,768,663
Al-Dhale	39	7,591,344	6,785,923
Al-Mahweet	49	11,794,510	8,597,859
Al-Maharah	6	1,660,362	1,660,250
Taiz	158	44,180,346	26,063,859
Hajjah	161	27,723,217	24,074,935
Hadhramaut	63	11,001,480	10,728,605
Dhamar	112	28,493,496	19,738,312
Raimah	16	1,526,914	1,526,914
Shabwah	21	3,752,152	3,614,302
Sa'adah	34	8,218,011	8,218,009
Sana'a	37	8,720,811	8,147,777
Aden	18	5,803,560	5,803,560
Amran	111	26,252,431	21,959,098
Lahj	75	20,896,127	13,021,538
Mareb	10	1,183,573	1,151,098
Several Governorates	128	19,539,698	19,514,123
Total	1,438	330,098,276	264,777,949

Cumulative Achievements

Completed Projects as of 31.12.2013

Sector	No. of projects	Cost (\$)
Environment	277	22,056,930
Integrated Intervention	199	11,040,817
Training	826	12,742,489
Education	4,325	501,454,719
Organizational Support	577	20,795,495
Agriculture	213	11,400,361
Health	1,024	66,974,864
Roads	627	121,382,954
Special Needs Groups	613	26,800,618
Micro Enterprises Development	159	22,828,101
Small Enterprise Developmen	32	7,749,086
Cultural Heritage	214	35,262,899
Water	1,611	113,635,570
Cash for Work	370	53,202,698
Business Development Services	49	5,784,285
Total	11,116	1,033,111,884

Cumulative Commitments as of 31.12. 2013 by Governorate

Governorate	No. of projects	Estimated Cost (\$)	Distribution (%)
Ibb	1,403	200,754,986	10.0
Abyan	332	60,634,159	3.0
Several Governorates	1,369	100,883,926	5.0
Capital City	713	106,827,848	5.3
Al-Baidha	315	38,757,331	1.9
Al-Jawf	164	20,228,958	1.0
Al-Hudaidah	1,252	179,430,506	9.0
Al-Dhale	299	49,900,808	2.5
Al-Mahweet	454	65,802,409	3.3
Al-Maharah	109	8,389,325	0.4
Taiz	1,797	273,769,247	13.7
Hajjah	1,180	165,458,712	8.3
Hadhramaut	736	83,702,410	4.2
Dhamar	984	130,450,385	6.5
Raimah	363	56,754,850	2.8
Shabwah	307	33,292,636	1.7
Sa'adah	350	54,633,074	2.7
Sana'a	548	68,069,215	3.4
Aden	336	54,685,151	2.7
Amran	925	123,283,760	6.2
Lahj	726	116,011,412	5.8
Mareb	132	12,078,997	0.6
Total	14,794	2,003,800,107	100.0

Cumulative Number of Projects, Commitment, Beneficiaries and Temporary Employment as of 31.12.2013

SECTOR	NO. OF PROJECTS	ESTIMATED COST (\$)	CONTRACTED AMOUNT (\$)	DIRECT BENEFICIARIES		INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES		TEMPORARY JOB OPPORTUNITIES
				MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	
Environment	393	44,768,937	35,030,855	1,741,478	1,738,394	210,455	207,706	1,393,075
Integrated Intervention	354	32,303,846	18,410,136	158,070	166,545	112,493	116,692	810,404
Training	1,104	30,323,811	20,029,530	122,879	82,145	418,454	450,733	447,440
Education	5,313	765,056,053	605,742,520	1,533,808	1,287,187	1,954,400	1,687,141	25,108,932
Organizational Support	665	29,661,118	24,393,259	366,903	319,802	318,906	283,076	707,699
Agriculture	506	61,107,730	39,186,238	447,695	397,083	460,774	372,084	1,611,498
Health	1,228	101,671,158	79,715,881	2,861,349	5,109,607	858,949	1,495,130	2,271,042
Roads	861	197,168,039	167,476,931	2,257,924	2,230,605	844,275	834,700	9,638,937
Special Needs Groups	727	38,224,608	31,361,465	112,120	72,579	68,482	52,431	868,237
Micro Enterprises Development	186	38,082,943	29,833,079	76,254	345,809	454,614	1,391,046	158,768
Small Enterprise Developmen	32	8,852,031	7,749,086	18,334	22,071	59,529	44,686	17,816
Cultural Heritage	284	62,570,600	53,872,596	177,970	167,441	60,466	69,333	2,480,055
Water	2,324	430,185,630	175,575,005	2,045,529	2,062,293	157,079	137,653	8,972,700
Cash for Work	748	152,817,747	141,592,640	589,671	574,338	891,712	942,394	12,637,501
Business Development Services	69	11,005,855	10,132,128	61,932	25,817	81,117	62,599	2,937
Total	14,794	2,003,800,107	1,440,101,349	-	-	-	-	67,127,041

Wrong Thought ..!

((I thought that my participation, with some media colleagues, in a training course for the SFD would be just like other courses I'd participated in. However, this thought gradually vanished. By the last day of the course I was fully convinced of the importance of that course, which was about "media advocacy for child trafficking" and was conducted by the SFD (Al-hudaidah Branch Office). During the course, I got to be acquainted to many new facts about this dangerous phenomenon. I was shocked by those numbers and reports about child trafficking in Yemen, which was introduced by the coordinators and the conductors of the course. In fact I was shocked by the fact that this problem is escalating and spreading around us while we do nothing about it, unaware of its dangerous ramifications. Had I not been introduced to such facts and reports by official authorities and responsible people I wouldn't have believed that this truly happens.

The course was an opportunity for me to be acquainted with the real problems and reasons behind the expansion of this dangerous phenomenon. Consequently, I was prompted, along with my colleagues, to recognize the importance of advocating for the efforts made by other sectors to fight this phenomenon. Indeed, we decided on an initiative to take practical steps to embody this advocacy and make it tangible. Some of these steps are establishing a network for media workers aiming to adopt this phenomenon, raising awareness toward children's rights through a variety of media agencies, establishing media units specialized in children's issues and launching a website for children's issues and people working with them. We thought also of initiatives for media agencies to pay field visits to places where this phenomenon exists to learn more about its reasons and search for solutions.))

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Improving income through Traditional Cuisine Pilot Project

Funded by the Social Fund for Development, the All Girls Foundation lunched in 9 December 2013 a pilot project to generate income through traditional cuisine in order to protect cultural heritage. The project targets housewives and females of poor communities in Sana'a with a target of generating income via Yemeni traditional kitchen in a sustainable way to protect cultural heritage.

Large number of women from different age groups attended to apply for the project, of whom only 60 women will be chosen based on specific criteria and conditions. The selected women will be trained by specialists in the following areas: traditional food preparation / hygiene & packing / project management/ loans mechanism / marketing skills. These women will be qualified to open or develop their own businesses or to be employed in such field.

Part of SFD's vision is to finance and support important projects that preserve the cultural heritage; as such, SFD studied the proposal submitted by the All Girls Foundation and agreed to finance it. SFD considers traditional food as an important part of the cultural heritage that helps to generate income and improve the living conditions of poor households.



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