

Cumulative number of beneficiaries and job opportunities as of 30/06/2004, by sector

Sector	Beneficiaries		Temporary Job Opportunities
	Direct	Indirect	
Environment	1,301,440	84,535	386,999
Integrated Intervention	36,331	1,151	75,999
Training	15,787	101,459	44,656
Education	1,177,689	196,661	6,311,222
Organizational Support	185,707	394,771	143,454
Health	1,520,288	310,799	638,346
Rural Roads	1,069,206	1,088,445	1,072,631
Special Needs Groups	83,242	84,868	377,968
Micro Enterprises Dev.	50,993	273,429	12,653
Small Enterprise	1,230	17,015	13,927
Cultural Heritage	271,183	76,258	604,483
Water	1,768,240	123,086	1,891,057
Total	7,481,336	2,752,477	11,573,395

SFD cumulative commitments and contracted amounts as of 30/06/2004, by governorate

Governorates	No. of Projects	Commitments(\$)	Contracted amounts (\$)
Ibb	303	22,678,737	14,255,215
Abyan	86	6,043,398	5,487,177
Al-Baidha	105	8,937,916	7,155,644
Al-Jawf	73	5,214,396	2,560,163
Al-Hudaidah	355	28,910,393	21,287,091
Al-Dhale'	58	4,858,156	3,720,068
Al-Mahweet	132	11,039,715	9,428,171
Al-Maharah	40	2,380,811	2,308,088
Sana'a Capital	362	33,135,873	27,652,052
More than one	185	7,618,589	5,014,764
Taiz	407	28,728,599	19,676,237
Hajjah	255	18,519,682	14,009,277
Hadhramout	256	16,288,102	12,695,267
Dhamar	292	19,073,998	14,300,771
Shabwah	112	6,322,288	5,065,125
Sa'adah	100	7,117,087	5,451,808
Sana'a	303	19,225,314	14,597,479
Aden	118	10,804,237	9,891,930
Amran	249	17,473,039	14,542,980
Lahej	119	8,091,895	6,346,458
Mareb	59	5,541,064	2,021,554
Total	3,969	288,003,289	217,467,319

Cumulative number of beneficiaries as of 30/06/2004, by gender

	Beneficiaries	
	Direct	Indirect
Males	3,746,801	1,379,666
Females	3,734,535	1,372,811
Total	7,481,336	2,752,477

Completed projects as of 30/06/2004, by sector

Sector	No. of Projects	Investment (\$)
Environment	56	5,979,462
Integrated Intervention	12	672,413
Training	139	1,600,760
Education	1,216	81,715,952
Organizational Support	139	2,482,548
Health	231	12,782,958
Rural Roads	58	6,600,767
Special Needs Groups	95	5,794,424
Micro Enterprises Dev.	41	2,576,884
Small Enterprise	3	18,676
Cultural Heritage	18	1,411,766
Water	376	22,594,409
Total	2,384	144,231,019

Local Media Enthusiastically Involved in Covering SFD Int'l Participation

The Social Fund for Development would like to express its high appreciation and gratitude to the senior & junior officials, editors, writers, columnists, staff and all their colleagues in the different local media for the distinguished coverage of the SFD effective participation in the int'l Shanghai conference.

The SFD is particularly thankful to the "Al-Thawra" daily newspaper, Yemen Space Channel, Yemen News Agency "SABA" and the "26 September" weekly newspaper... for the continuous and strenuous efforts they have exerted in contributing to reflect the SFD's increasingly progressing profile and covering the event-related activities, during both the preparation and participation stages. We appreciate also the coverage of the two national radio stations: the First (Sana'a) and the Second (Aden) Programs as well as the English-published bi-weekly "Yemen Times".



A memorable picture showing the Chinese Prime Minister with the guests participating in the Int'l Poverty-Reduction Scaling-up Conference held in Shanghai (China)

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Editorial

Having effectively participated in the Int'l Shanghai Conference, the SFD attained another success and further achievement added to its track record in favor not only of the Fund itself, but also the country as a whole.

Presenting the Republic of Yemen's experience at such important international tribune obviously contributes to reflecting the country's ability to implement successful programs that can be learnt from, and enhancing the country's image abroad and—particularly—within the donor community in terms of increasingly improving institutional capacity, higher efficiency, applying the best traditional and international practices, better resource-utilization absorptive capability.

Moreover, the event concurrence with launching the SFD Phase III (2004–08) further adds to the significance of such success. The SFD is endeavoring to enhance efforts geared toward contributing to mitigating the sufferings of the neediest communities and most remote areas through implementing development projects planned to exceed the overall number of those executed in both the first and second phases. Furthermore, the SFD is devoting more attention to the "software" component (training and building the capacity of its local development partners) as well as to micro-finance programs and business development services.

Quite obviously, the SFD has been carrying out all its tasks, programs and policies in complete coordination and harmony with the overall government's efforts to realize the current economic five-year plan and attain the objectives of the national PRSP and the int'l MDGs.



The Chinese Prime Minister with Mr. Abdulkarim Ismail Al-Arhabi, Head of Yemen's delegation in Shanghai Conference



Mr. Abdulkarim I. Al-Arhabi, the SFD Managing Director, during the presentation on the Fund's experience

Yemen successfully participates in the Int'l Poverty-Reduction Scaling-up Conference

The Republic of Yemen actively participated in the International Conference for Scaling up Poverty Reduction Global Learning Process, which was organized by the World Bank and held in Shanghai, China, during 26–27 May 2004. Yemen's delegation was headed by Mr. Abdulkarim Ismail Al-Arhabi, Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and the Managing Director of the Social Fund for Development (SFD-Yemen), and it included officials from the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation and civil society organizations.

The conference was attended by about 1,200 representatives from more than 120 countries, international establishments, private sector companies and civil society organizations. The participants in the conference shared views and experiences in the efforts to reduce poverty.

The Managing Director indicated that the SFD was presented in the conference as a global successful model, to be learnt from, in exerting efforts to reduce poverty. He emphasized the importance of such event for Yemen, as it confirms the country's adequate capacities and efficient cadres capable of establishing and managing modern institutions, which can optimally utilize available resources. The MD added that this will encourage donors to continue providing, and even increasing, financial support to Yemen.

Mr. Al-Arhabi also said that the Yemen SFD's experience was assessed according to int'l evaluation criteria and standards applied by the major int'l donors, including the World Bank, and related to efficiency in implementing plans and executing community-driven development projects and programs characterized by both high quality and lowered operational cost, as well as targeting the most needy and impoverished areas and communities.

The Managing Director stressed that choosing the SFD as one of the int'l successful pioneer case studies to be discussed and evaluated in this significant world development event constitutes an evidence on the progress the country has achieved in capacity building, establishing bases for internationally-scaled management of development institutions. Mr. Al-Arhabi was also quoted to say that all these indicators would likely qualify Yemen to acquire admiration and confidence of the donor community and—consequently—enhance their contribution to financing development projects and poverty-reduction efforts in Yemen.



Part of the participating delegations' Heads during one of the conference sessions

The Second Meeting of the Board of Directors for 2004

The SFD's Board of Directors held its second meeting for 2004 on April 19th, 2004 under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Abdulkader Abdulrahman Ba-Jammal, Prime Minister and Chairman of the Board.

During the meeting, the Board of Directors discussed and approved the Audit Report of the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2003.

Support to Childhood and Youth Strategy

In cooperation with the World Bank, the SFD provides financial and technical support to the Higher Council for Motherhood and Childhood (HCMC) to prepare a national Childhood and Youth Strategy. UNICEF is also involved in contributing to supporting the fourth component of the strategy preparation, which comprises listening to the youth voices (aged 14–25). In this regard, SNGs projects' female officers at the SFD main office participated in the focus meetings and discussions conducted by the UNICEF expert on 01–12 June 2004 in some of the country's governorates, districts and villages, and aimed at listening to the voices of the youth in these areas.

Consequently, Mr. Abdulkarim Al-Arhabi, the Minister of Social Affairs & Labor and the SFD Managing Director, sponsored and headed a meeting to present and discuss the overall outputs of those activities. The meeting was also attended by the executive unit heads, UNICEF representatives and the HCMC Secretary-General & other officials.

Highlights

• **The MD Meets UN Senior Official.** Mr. Abdulkarim I. Al-Arhabi, Minister of Social Affairs & Labor and SFD Managing Director, met on 20 April 2004 with Mrs. Mirvat Al-Telawi, UN Deputy Secretary-General & Executive Secretary for Economic and Social Cooperation of West Asia (ESCWA). The two parties discussed cooperation aspects in development fields.

• **WB Vice Chairman Visits SFD.** Mr. Christian Portman, the World Bank Vice Chairman, paid a visit to the SFD main office on 09 May 2004. The SFD Managing Director and Unit Heads held a meeting with the WB senior official, during which they discussed and reviewed mutual development cooperation. The WB official earlier sponsored the NGOs' Forum and visited Women Training Center (in Nuqum) and Al-Aman Organization for Blind Women Care (Sana'a City)—both supported by the SFD. On the other hand, a World Bank task team headed by Mr. Yasser El-Jammal, SFD Task Manager at the WB, visited the SFD on 29 April and 03 May and held meetings with the Managing Director and Unit Heads, during which the physical progress in implementing projects supported by the World Bank was discussed.

• **Int'l Parliamentary Delegation Received by MD.** Mr. Abdulkarim I. Al-Arhabi, SFD Managing Director, received on 06 April in his office a multi-national parliamentary delegation. Activities carried out by the SFD to implement development projects and provide services were discussed. The parliamentarians praised the Fund's advanced community-driven development approaches.

On the other hand, the delegation conducted field visits to some of SFD-supported projects in Al-Mahweet governorate.

• **UNICEF-Supported Projects Discussed.** Mr. Abdulkarim Ismail Al-Arhabi, Minister of Social Affairs & Labor and SFD Managing Director, met on 20 May 2004 Mr. Toshi Niwa, Deputy Executive Director for UNICEF. They discussed social development programs in Yemen and UNICEF-supported projects—particularly the “Child Development Project”.

• **MD Receives Ambassadors.** Mr. Abdulkarim Al-Arhabi, SFD Managing Director, received separately H.E. Ms. Frances Guy and H.E. Mr. Bert Ronhaar, the U.K. and the Royal Netherlands Ambassadors, respectively, to Yemen, on the occasion of the end of their term in the country. The Managing Director highly appreciated the positive and prominent role both ambassadors played in providing all kinds of support and assistance to help the SFD successfully implement its plans, programs and policies. On the other hand, Mr. Al-Arhabi received also H.E. Deputy Ambassador of Japan to Sana'a. The two parties discussed the SFD-supported ongoing projects financed by the government of Japan.

• **EU Representative Visits SFD.** Dr. Michel LaLoge, the European Commission Social Sector Official, paid a visit on 30 June to the SFD main office, where he discussed with the SFD Managing Director and senior staff the EU-financed projects implemented by the SFD.

PRESS RELEASE ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN IN THE INT'L CONFERENCE FOR SCALING UP POVERTY REDUCTION GLOBAL LEARNING PROCESS

Organized by the World Bank, the International Conference for Scaling up Poverty Reduction Global Learning Process was held in Shanghai, China, during 26-27 May 2004 with the participation of the Social Fund for Development in Yemen (SFD-Yemen) along with 1,200 representatives from more than 120 countries, international establishments, private sector companies and civil society organizations.

Yemen's delegation, headed by Mr. Abdulkarim Ismail Al-Arhabi, the Minister of Social Affairs & Labor and the Managing Director of the SFD-Yemen, included officials from the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation and civil society organizations

The participants in the conference shared views and experiences in the efforts to reduce poverty.

The best international experiences in reducing poverty were chosen by the World Bank as pioneer models that received the admiration and attention of the participants and were presented and extensively discussed in the conference. The three experiments considered remarkably successful worldwide in applying community-driven development (CDD) approach were the SFD-Yemen and the Brazil & Indonesia CDD programs. They became case-study models to learn from, and are included in the documentations of the World Bank and on its website.

The Yemeni case received great attention and was discussed within the main themes of the conference, which concentrated on efforts to combat poverty and on the optimal policies and best strategies applied to implement developmental projects and reduce poverty levels.

The SFD-Yemen approach is based on involving the local communities and beneficiaries in identifying their priorities and

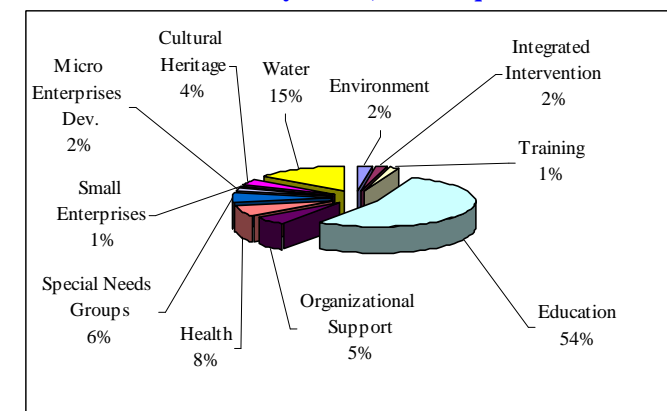
Portfolios of SMED Programs as of 30/06/2004*

No	Program	Active number of clients				Outstanding loan portfolio (000, YR)	Cumulative numbers		Areas of operation
		Borrowers		Savers			Number of loans	Loan amounts (Million YR)	
		Total	Women (%)	Total	Women (%)				
1	Al-Hudaidah MC	0	0	84	553	4,257	329	5,685	Al-Hudaidah, Bajil
2	LSED- Hais	87	1,730	88	734	25,227	77	2,886	Hais, Khoukha, Jabal Ras, Zabid
3	Wadi Hadhramout	0	0	16	391	28,457	56	686	Hadhramout Valley
4	Dar-Sa'ad S&C	91	2,057	95	1,043	25,548	61	1,797	Dar Sa'ad, Al-Bureikah
5	Al-Mu'alla S&C	100	1,074	100	686	14,679	44	1,318	Al-Mu'alla, Tawahi, Crater, Khor-Maksar
6	Sana'a MF	100	815	56	1,094	30,828	88	2,181	Sana'a Capital
7	Sheikh Othman S&C	82	1,210	81	717	13,545	29	1,072	Sheikh Othman
8	National MF Foundation	100	6,476	100	2,373	44,907	112	4,153	Sana'a Capital, Taiz, Qaedah, Ibb, Yarim, Dhamar
9	Bait Al-Faqih S&C	62	459	56	295	4,029	7	418	Bait Al-Faqih, Mansouriyah
10	Sana'a Microstart (SOFD)	0	0	100	2,009	22,920	40	1,543	Sana'a Capital
11	Taiz Microstart Project	0	0	100	1,298	20,119	72	2,387	Taiz
12	Abyan S&C	100	728	100	342	3,844	6	447	Abyan
13	Other activities & IGPs	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	260	6,895	Several areas
14	Small Enterprise. Dev. Fund	0	0	3	825	393,022	NA	NA	Sana'a Capital, Taiz, Aden, Al-Mukalla, Al-Hudaidah
Total		14,549		12,360		631,383	1,181	31,468	

NA= Not available/applicable

* Cumulative number since SFD started to support the program

Commitments by sector, second quarter 2004



Expected number of beneficiaries and job opportunities, second quarter 2004, by sector

Sector	Beneficiaries		Temporary job opportunities
	Direct	Indirect	
Environment	57,664	780	9,151
Integrated Intervention	1,970	0	17,665
Training	1,273	396	2,508
Education	46,799	863	439,401
Organizational Support	4,955	1,069	17,236
Health	73,990	848	32,322
Special Needs groups	3,093	1,867	23,673
Micro Enterprises Dev.	20,430	100,000	313
Small Enterprise	500	0	1,670
Cultural Heritage	32,339	0	50,883
Water	104,319	8,936	105,083
Total	347,332	114,759	699,905

Beneficiaries, second quarter 2004, by gender

Gender	Beneficiaries	
	Direct	Indirect
Males	146,693	58,367
Females	200,639	56,392
Total	347,332	114,759

Commitments by governorate, second quarter 2004

Governorate	No. of projects	Commitments (\$)	Distribution (%)
Ibb	37	3,388,575	16.87
Abyan	4	410,855	2.05
Al-Baidha	3	115,650	0.58
Al-Jawf	3	9,500	0.05
Al-Hudaidah	19	1,498,881	7.46
Al-Dhale'	1	100,000	0.50
Al-Mahweet	25	2,265,298	11.28
Sana'a City	24	1,539,936	7.67
Several governorates	40	3,597,471	17.91
Taiz	15	1,195,160	5.95
Hajjah	14	744,694	3.71
Hadhramout	21	990,925	4.93
Dhamar	12	741,874	3.69
Shabwah	3	403,660	2.01
Sa'adah	5	239,797	1.19
Sana'a	7	545,050	2.71
Aden	14	1,176,790	5.86
Amran	11	1,119,560	5.57
Total	258	20,083,676	100%

SFD cumulative commitments and contracted amounts as of 30/06/2004, by sector

Sector	No of Projects	Commitments (\$)	Contracted amounts (\$)
Environment	92	12,175,626	8,392,625
Integrated Intervention	36	1,888,896	1,910,397
Training	181	2,732,363	1,901,350
Education	1,965	155,201,927	116,614,091
Organizational Support	233	6,862,225	4,389,638
Health	324	20,938,487	17,602,402
Rural Roads	133	14,217,398	11,337,867
Special Needs Groups	194	13,191,248	9,737,008
Micro Enterprises Dev.	61	5,381,714	4,292,471
Small Enterprise	9	899,518	817,970
Cultural Heritage	81	12,158,555	7,191,800
Water	660	42,355,333	33,279,699
Total	3,969	288,003,290	217,467,318