

### Yashbum School: A real community success story

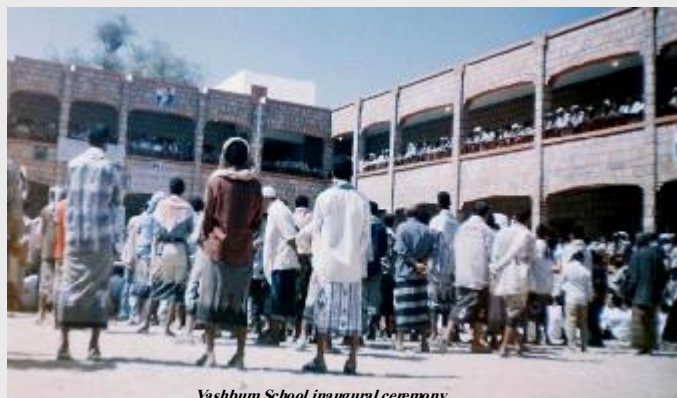
One of the SFD's successful experiences implementing projects using the community contracting approach is the Yashbum School (Yashbum village, Al-Sa'eed sub-district, Al-Sa'eed district, Shabwah governorate).

Thorough study of the village's needs indicated that education was the top priority, as there was only an old school built in 1973. The school had 24 classrooms and 19 sub-classrooms, with 653 basic-education students attending in two shifts and 279 secondary male and female students. A combination of rainwater, lack of maintenance and a fire that ravaged the school in 2000 led to erosion and cracking of the school's walls and roofs, threatening its collapse.

The SFD's intervention involved adding 12 classrooms along with all needed facilities (a store, administrative and teacher rooms, lab, library, activities room, six bathrooms, guard's compartment and cafeteria as well as a fence). Benefiting about 700 students, the project cost around \$150,000.

The community was involved from the very beginning of the project, starting with the school's design. Changes included realignment of the school's façade (to face the village, to impart additional beauty to the project) and gate (not to face the direction of floods and not to allow students to enter and exit by passing through the agricultural lands of villagers).

Reflecting the deep feeling of community ownership, one of the project's community-contracted contractors took the initiative to add a stage. In addition, during project implementation, villagers paid to transport students and rent houses temporarily leased for studies. After the project was completed, community members organized an opening ceremony and public celebration. During the feast, a photography exhibit was held, all the project's expenditures were displayed, appreciation certificates were distributed and speeches delivered.



Yashbum School inaugural ceremony

### Two workshops on project cycle development and Operational Guidelines update

The SFD held on 29–30 July 2008 a workshop on the development and updating of the project life cycle. During the workshop, the status of the steps and stages of the project life cycle was identified, relevant problems & gaps discussed and proposals for solutions explored. In addition, participants presented perspectives of the optimal project cycle stages.

The workshop was attended by unit heads, branch-office managers, sector officials and a number of projects officers in SFD's main office and branch offices.

On the other hand, the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit facilitated the work of the mission assigned to update SFD operation guidelines on 15–24 September 2008. The mission focused on integrating gender issues in SFD operations.

In addition, a workshop was organized at SFD main office on 22–23 September 2008, targeting unit heads and branch-office managers as well as sector officials and a number of project officers. During the workshop, the steps taken towards updating SFD operation guidelines and the Orientation Handbook were demonstrated. Moreover, the structural and technical changes and developments that have taken place within the SFD were presented in order to be taken into account and reflected in the guidelines and the handbook. Participants were also asked to develop ideas about how to introduce SFD units, activities and regulations to SFD new staff—for these ideas to be taken into consideration and reflected in the handbook to be issued.

### Food Crisis Response Grant

A ten-million-dollar grant agreement was signed on 01 July 2008 between the Republic of Yemen and the World Bank to face the foodstuff price increase. In the light of this agreement, the SFD formed an ad hoc team to develop intensive-labor projects that can contribute to generating income for the inhabitants of the areas most affected by food prices hike (an amount of \$9.1 million of the total grant value was allocated for this purpose).

In addition, part of this grant (\$0.9 million) would be used to support the Social Welfare Fund (SWF) through the SFD to help improve SWF targeting by completing the social survey and analyzing its results—consequently, identifying the neediest individuals and families.

The main objective of this program is to generate income by creating temporary jobs in areas providing some basic services contributing to community development to contribute to alleviate the effects of food prices increase. Projects proposed for intervention include the protection and rehabilitation of agricultural terraces in the mountainous areas, the protection of agricultural soil in valleys and improving rainwater harvesting projects, cisterns and house rooftop water harvesting. In addition, projects include improving rural roads and paving of pedestrian lanes and narrow streets in the cities, build retaining walls & draining water-runs and combating desertification & harmful weed trees.

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### Expressing contentment with SFD organized work mechanism HE the President commends SFD's efforts in development projects implementation

His Excellency President Ali Abdullah Saleh, President of the Republic, visited on 25 September 2008 the Social Fund for Development (SFD), where he was received by the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation and SFD Managing Director/ Abdulkarim Ismail Al-Arhabi, heads of units and staff. His Excellency the President was briefed on the projects implemented by the SFD in all the governorates of the country—with the project number mounting to 8,200 at an estimated cost of 155 billion Yemeni Riyals (YR).

His Excellency praised SFD's efforts in the implementation of projects needed by the development process nationwide, expressing contentment over the organized working mechanism applied by the SFD in following up implementation of these projects—in terms of commitment to both high quality and appropriate cost. *Continued in page 2*



### Editorial

The Social Fund for Development (SFD) organized the fourth annual event of Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs) Days in Taiz in early August 2008, intending to hold a similar activity in Aden the upcoming November.

Through organizing these events, the SFD continues to draw particular attention to microfinance industry in the country, as it creates a large number of job opportunities with relatively much less investment cost and is considered a solid basis to build bigger enterprises and an important component of the national Poverty Reduction Strategy.

The SFD—since establishment in 1997 and inception of its operations in 1998—has focused on building local capacities to provide financial and non-financial services (consultations and business development services) as well as contributing to the comprehending of the sector by official authorities and the public through carrying out studies and surveys. The SFD pursued such goals by applying the best internationally known practices in this field and implementing pilot projects to draw lessons and improve & enhance the quality & effectiveness of its interventions in this regard.

These events come to promote for the small and micro enterprises in the country—this time extending beyond the Capital City. They also aim to raise public awareness about the economic importance of small and micro-enterprises and encourage the poor to gain access to such services and, subsequently, improve their living conditions. In addition, such activities provide an opportunity to SME clients to demonstrate their products and directly sell them.

Objectives of the event also include introducing the microfinance services to the responsible local agencies and different organizations as well as the public, promoting small enterprises and entrepreneurs, encouraging competition among the microfinance programs and encouraging individual economic self-initiatives as well as fostering a labor-respecting culture, promoting the provision of financial services to such enterprises and marketing the clients' products.

### The 4th Small and Micro Enterprises Days held in Taiz

The SFD continues its efforts in promoting the financial and non-financial services provided by microfinance programs and institutions (MFIs) aiming to raise public and official awareness on microfinance role and importance in supporting economic development in Yemen.

In this respect, the SFD carried out several activities, the most notable of which was the organization of the fourth event of Small and Micro Enterprises Days on 6–8 August 2008 in Taiz governorate under the slogan *Dreams Come True*. The event was launched under the auspices of Hamoud Khaled Al-Soufi, Taiz Governor and Local Council Chairman.

Held for the first time outside the Capital City, the event aimed to publicize MFIs' services and provide an important opportunity for a large number of national and international, government and non-governmental organizations as well as to the people of Taiz governorate to recognize the role of MFIs in the development process nationwide. The occasion also represented an opportunity for MFIs clients to promote their products and share experiences and success stories.



### The Board of Directors approves SFD's 2009 budget

The Board of Directors (BoD) of the Social Fund for Development (SFD) held a meeting on 04 August 2008 headed by Dr. Ali Mohamed Mujawar, Prime Minister / BoD Chairman. The Board discussed and approved SFD's draft budget for the next fiscal year (2009), at a total amount of 25.392 billion Yemeni Riyals "YR" (about \$127.6 million), to be funded by the government and foreign sources (the budget is 20.5% higher than that of the current fiscal year "2008").

The total number of projects to be implemented in various governorates under the approved budget is 1,460. These include 297 education projects (at an estimated amount of approximately \$45.6 million) and 134 project under intensive-labor works program (about \$18.6 million) as well as 173 projects for rural roads (nearly \$13 million). In addition, the budget covers 166 water projects (approximately \$11 million) and 83 health projects (around \$6.7 million), with the rest distributed for the sectors of environment, groups with special needs, training, institutional support, cultural heritage, small and micro enterprises development, integrated interventions, agriculture and monitoring and evaluation.

The BoD was briefed by SFD's Managing Director on the process of preparing the budget, the criteria for projects' approval and project priorities at all sector levels as well as the mechanism of project distribution throughout the different governorates. The Managing Director explained that in actual need, poverty indicators and population density are among the key factors in the process of approving projects, with a focus given—at the same time—to the important intensive-labor projects as they contribute effectively to job creation and poverty reduction.

The Board commended the efforts made by SFD's management in the preparation of 2009 budget, pointing out to the notable and tangible positive effects of the SFD-implemented projects on social development and poverty reduction.

It is worth mentioning that the total projects implemented by the SFD since the beginning of its activities till mid-year 2008 reached approximately 7,800 projects, at a total estimated cost of about \$730.5 million.

**HE the President commends SFD's efforts in development projects implementation** *(Continues from page 1)*



The President highlighted the importance of promoting SFD achievements (service and development projects) in the media—thus, enhancing society interaction and contribution to the SFD efforts in the implementation of its projects and attaining greater integration between the official and popular efforts to achieve the national development goals.

The Managing Director (MD) pointed out that the SFD—which was founded in 1997, and began its operations in 1998—has been implementing its tasks and projects in three phases, of which the third is now underway. He noted that the SFD focuses on education, health and water, in addition to infrastructure rehabilitation and restoration and maintenance of historical cities and religious and archaeological monuments. The MD added that the latter includes projects such as the infrastructure restoration and rehabilitation in Shibam City (Hadhramaut) and the restoration of the mosques and historical monuments in the city, as well as in the city of Zabid, and the restoration of the Great Mosque in Sana'a and a number of historic castles and sites.

The MD added that the SFD—within its 2008 plan—is currently implementing 1,270 projects at an estimated cost of YR36.4 billion, focusing mostly on education. He emphasized the role played by the SFD in mobilizing the local communities to deeply involve in implementing their projects through active participation and local contribution.

**The SFD contributes to lessening flood impacts in Hadhramaut**

The SFD has responded to the floods that had recently overwhelmed a number of areas in the country, including Hadhramaut governorate.

In this regard, SFD Al-Mukalla branch office—in collaboration with the governorate's local authority—has conducted a rapid assessment for the damages in the public facilities in the most affected seven districts of Wadi Hadhramaut. These are Sah, Tarim, Al-Qatn, Shibam, Al-Soum, Seyoun, Hourah and Wadi Al-Ain in addition to the Al-Mukalla City and Socotra Island.

The results of the assessment found that the SFD could intervene to reconstruct 12 schools that were totally collapsed, 3–4 health facilities, two water projects and a cultural-heritage project.

In addition, the branch office will expand the implementation of the labor-intensive projects in the areas struck by the flood in order to secure cash for labor for families who were devastated by the flood.

**Cumulative number of beneficiaries and job opportunities as of 30/9/2008, by sector**

Sector	Beneficiaries		Temporary job opportunities
	Direct	Indirect	
Environment	2,209,239	380,242	2,361,074
Integrated Intervention	143,947	79,328	346,452
Training	81,395	278,015	135,088
Education	2,104,766	2,432,563	14,484,391
Organizational Support	578,385	530,752	566,216
Agriculture	25,415	200,500	15,639
Health	5,118,543	2,076,548	1,603,692
Rural Roads	3,529,091	1,710,226	5,301,448
Special Needs Groups	189,095	92,897	704,091
Micro Enterprises Dev.	135,601	589,161	39,359
Small Enterprises Dev.	35,855	76,915	17,629
Cultural Heritage	296,955	129,002	1,568,355
Water	2,370,019	188,996	3,079,266
Business development	37,555	90,274	1,509
Food crisis response program	128,326	0	496,177
<b>Total</b>			<b>30,720,386</b>

**SFD cumulative commitments and contracted amounts as of 30/9/2008, by sector**

Sector	Number of projects	Commitments (\$)	Contracted amounts (\$)
Environment	206	35,450,396	16,163,938
Integrated Intervention	136	9,352,896	7,586,266
Training	530	9,504,896	7,554,238
Education	3511	383,880,950	298,812,961
Organizational Support	426	19,503,875	16,085,140
Agriculture	27	1,626,302	800,966
Health	789	57,337,597	42,267,405
Rural Roads	516	87,989,589	67,543,458
Special Needs Groups	440	24,939,261	20,163,408
Micro Enterprises Dev.	120	12,274,492	9,461,405
Small Enterprises Dev.	27	4,812,031	3,648,512
Cultural Heritage	182	36,184,521	25,817,270
Water	1,087	79,210,141	63,579,696
Business development	28	2,379,162	2,194,093
Food crisis response program	103	9,397,452	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8128</b>	<b>773,843,561</b>	<b>581,678,756</b>

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**Education**

During the quarter, the number of education projects (approved, under implementation and completed) reached 76 projects, at an estimated cost of about \$10 million. These projects, directly benefiting 45,319 people (24,511 male and 20,808 female), include programs of quality education (14 projects), community participation and capacity building (11), basic education (34), supporting educational policies and trends (8), pre-school education (1) and finally literacy (8 projects). Cumulatively—since 1997 until the end of September 2008—the number of the sector's projects mount to 3,511 at an estimated cost of nearly \$384 million.

**Basic and secondary education development**

Thirty-four basic-education projects witnessed approval and further implementation at an estimated cost of around \$7.3 million. These included the construction and furnishing of 33 schools in various governorates in addition to the institutional support project of the Al-Rajm Women Center in Al-Rajm (Al-Mahweet). Moreover, the Abdul-Nasser secondary-school project site in the Capital City was handed over to the contractor to start implementing the project, which consists of 32 classrooms in addition to facilities. This is one of largest SFD-financed projects, with the civil works cost reaching \$2.4 million, and expected to benefit about 3,500 students.

**Rural girls' education and community participation**

This program has three components as follows:

*Capacity building*

- A training course was held on 9–23 July 2008 in Advocacy for Education Issues and attended by 31 development committees' members (of both sexes) in four sub-districts of four governorates where the program is being implemented, namely Bani Mawhab (Al-Soudah district /Amran governorate), Al-Maja'eshah (Maqbanah /Taiz), Al-Ramiyah Al-Ouliya (Al-Sukhnah /Al-Hudaidah) and Bilad Al-Mihrahi (Al-Azareq /Al-Dhale'). The course aimed to familiarize participants with the different types of communication and networking and make use of them in advocacy for education and was concluded by setting plans for carrying out relevant activities
- Another training course was conducted on 9–19 August 2008 for 20 schools' administrations in the four targeted sub-districts and attended by 28 headmasters and deputies. The course focused on enhancing school administrative skills.
- Two training courses on sewing were organized on 16–18 August 2008 for 79 women and girls working in Al-Sukhnah rural women atelier. In addition, seven training courses were held in Sculpture Techniques in a number of schools covered by the program in Taiz, Al-Hudaidah and Al-Dale' governorates. Held at the summer activity centers on 1–30 August 2008, the courses benefited 189 students and teachers (including 104 females).

**Third phase indicators - Education Sector\***

Indicators	Target (2004-2008)	Actual					Total
		1 <sup>st</sup> Year (2004)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year (2005)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year (2006)	4 <sup>th</sup> Year (2007)	5 <sup>th</sup> Year (2008)	
Classrooms built & equipped	7,500	2,191	2,541	1,867	1,232	2,241	10,072
Classrooms rehabilitated	1,100	357	352	263	145	288	1,405
Completed classrooms (by approval year)	8,600	0	636	2,614	2,340	1,236	6,859
Children enrolled	300,000	170,524	246,685	225,810	110,194	161,227	914,440
Preschool teachers trained	600		542				542
Kindergartens established	34	4	10	9	2	2	27
Workshops in education, planning, programming and evaluation	16	8	12	16	58	27	121

\* Includes only under-implementation and completed projects as of 30/9/2008

**SFD cumulative commitments and contracted amounts as of 30/09/2008, by governorate**

Governorates	No. of projects	Commitments (\$)	Contracted amounts (\$)
Ibb	718	73,292,086	56,651,768
Abyan	166	17,637,543	12,919,915
Sana'a	527	67,039,385	51,158,809
Al-Baidha	187	17,604,509	16,004,604
Al-Jawf	108	9,469,709	7,392,576
Al-Hudaidah	685	74,233,257	58,933,030
Al-Dhale'	151	17,263,443	10,459,426
Al-Mahweet	220	23,682,886	18,172,692
Al-Maharah	70	3,922,203	3,324,920
Several Governorate	759	36,274,995	27,206,518
Taiz	975	100,911,286	72,649,627
Hajjah	506	51,182,049	38,549,934
Hadhramaut	463	39,660,776	27,886,006
Dhamar	559	49,906,554	37,958,041
Raimah	172	17,487,060	12,041,528
Shabwah	216	16,583,142	13,918,697
Sa'adah	200	22,892,058	16,471,182
Sana'a	316	25,210,858	19,322,398
Aden	211	27,723,984	19,932,061
Amran	487	43,406,550	33,675,927
Lahj	341	29,893,945	20,474,165
Mareb	91	8,565,282	6,574,933
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,128</b>	<b>773,843,561</b>	<b>581,678,756</b>

**Cumulative number of beneficiaries as of 30/09/2008, by gender**

	Beneficiaries	
	Direct	Indirect
Male	8,059,634	4,195,136
Female	8,924,553	4,660,283
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,984,187</b>	<b>8,855,419</b>

**Completed projects as of 30/06/2008, by sector**

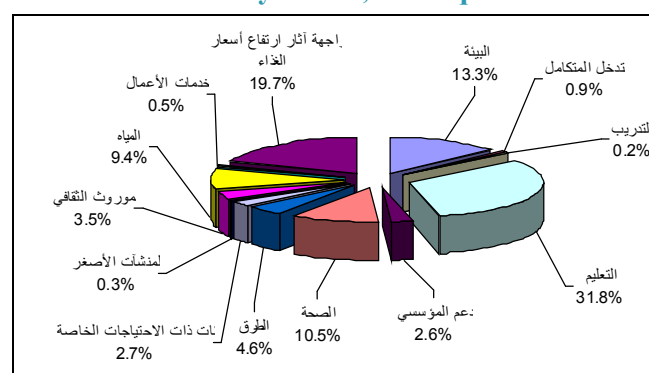
Sector	No. of projects	Investment (\$)
Environment	133	13,362,164
Integrated Intervention	45	2,343,016
Training	446	7,489,521
Education	2,779	251,342,239
Organizational Support	349	11,472,176
Agriculture	12	162,006
Health	465	31,311,090
Rural Roads	258	35,617,424
Special Needs Groups	311	17,696,668
Micro Enterprises Dev.	93	9,536,514
Small Enterprises Dev.	25	3,727,031
Cultural Heritage	103	13,661,988
Water	795	49,019,190
Business development	9	502,202
<b>Total</b>		

## Microfinance Programs Supported by SFD (on 30-09-2008)

Program	Active number of clients			Outstanding loan portfolio (Thousand YR)	PAR (%)	Cumulative numbers		Area of Operation
	Borrowers		Savers			Number of loans	Loan amounts (Million YR)	
	Total	Women (%)	Total					
1 National MF Foundation	10,758	97	12,874	223	2.5	46,558	1,448	Capital City, Taiz, Qa'edah and Yarim in Ibb and Dhamar
2 Aden MF Foundation	2,507	91	4,977	43	0	20,212	699	Dar Sa'ad, Al-Bureikah, Al-Ma'alla, Al-Tawwahi, Crater, Khormaksar, Sheikh Othman – Aden, Lahj
3 MF Development Program (Nama')	4,596	34	1,088	147	0.1	22,700	922	Sana'a, Taiz, Aden
4 Sana'a MF	3,162	87	2,736	76	1.2	17,297	607	Capital City
5 Abyan S & C	2,823	100	3,058	59	0	10,163	349	Abyan
6 Hais S & C	210	79	741	3	N.A	9,853	252	Hais, Khoukha, Jabal Ras, Zabid Al-Hudaidah governorate
7 Al-Hudaidah MC	2,390	78	0	25	19.5	29,971	708	Al-Hudaidah city and Bajil - Al-Hudaidah governorate
8 Wadi Hadhramaut	1,521	20	1,676	55	7.8	5,617	324	Seyoun – Hadhramaut governorate
9 Al-Awa'el MF Company	3,003	100	0	54	2.2	28,305	584	Taiz
10 Sana'a Microstart (SOFD)	442	74	0	5	18.5	9,134	187	Capital City
11 Other Activities & IGPs	0	0	0	0	0	8,909	311	Several areas
12 Small Enterprise Development Fund	2,142	8	0	1,012	2	7,793	5,211	Capital City, Taiz, Aden, Al-Mukalla,
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,554</b>		<b>27,150</b>	<b>1,702</b>		<b>216,512</b>	<b>11,602</b>	

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

## Commitments by sector, third quarter 2008



## Number of beneficiaries and job opportunities, third quarter 2008, by sector

Sector	Beneficiaries		Temporary job opportunities
	Direct	Indirect	
Environment	98,086	52,499	1,342,742
Training	21,527	12,632	12,342
Education	646	450	1,351
Organizational Support	45,319	163,821	408,799
Agriculture	37,336	1,355	5,881
Health	789,662	1,270,374	90,537
Rural Roads	31,098	0	89,635
Special Needs Groups	3,940	417	39,314
Micro-enterprises projects	0	0	58
Cultural Heritage	15	0	61
Water	57,676	5,136	108,258
Business Development Services	2,335	10,534	282
Food crisis response program	120,734	0	455,832
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,208,374</b>	<b>1,517,218</b>	<b>2,555,092</b>

## Commitments by governorate, third quarter 2008

Governorate	No. of projects	Commitments (\$)	Distribution (%)
Ibb	29	3,578,028	8.3
Sana'a Capital	14	4,420,627	10.2
Al-Baidha	2	203,880	0.5
Al-Jawf	1	279,900	0.6
Al-Hudaidah	11	2,965,235	6.8
Al-Dhale'	16	1,054,867	2.4
Al-Mahweet	11	2,702,253	6.2
Al-Maharah	3	223,000	0.5
Several Govs.	62	2,343,945	5.4
Taiz	38	3,614,203	8.3
Hajjah	20	2,867,248	6.6
Hadhramaut	19	1,247,049	2.9
Dhamar	25	5,662,767	13.1
Raimah	8	1,195,546	2.8
Shabwah	15	1,507,775	3.5
Sa'adah	2	184,312	0.4
Sana'a	23	3,280,454	7.6
Aden	4	527,958	1.2
Amran	13	1,615,505	3.7
Lahj	39	3,410,954	7.9
Mareb	4	482,361	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>43,367,867</b>	<b>100</b>

## Community-based formations

Four community-development committees were formed, activated and empowered during August 2008 in the sub-districts of Al-Malahehah, Brashah, Okhdou' Asfal and Maja'eshah Gharbi (Maqbanah district / Taiz governorate). The activity aimed to advocate for education, women and local development as well as to ensure the program sustainability. In addition, four preliminary studies were conducted with community participation in four new sub-districts of Maqbanah to determine intervention priorities under the girls' education program.

## Awareness

Four awareness plans were developed by development committees in the relevant sub-districts and will be implemented by the committees' (male and female) members supervised by community-participation consultants. The plans aim to raise community awareness on the importance of education and increase girls' enrollment rates.

Moreover, the pamphlet "*Fadha'at Mulawwanah*" (Colored Spaces) was prepared and printed, containing drawings and literary comments created by male and female students of the schools covered by the girl-education and quality-education programs. The pamphlet aims to promote self-confidence among students and bring about positive change in school and learning environment.

## Quality education

Focus was given to providing training in the Capital City and Taiz governorate to different school categories (both sexes) and in several fields as follows:

- 37 librarians (on children's library, book-classification principles and types and library database);
- 118 instructors (on child growth characteristics, classroom problems, communication and networking as well as classroom management);
- 44 social workers (on child and adolescent growth characteristics as well as the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the same);
- 28 headmaster deputies, 25 social workers and 18 teachers (on how to set up student councils as well as the councils' election regulations, roles and duties);
- 36 extra-curriculum activity teachers and 36 students (on ceramic manufacture)

## Talented and creative students

During the first and second halves of the past academic year (2007/08), teachers and students' performance follow-up results were concluded, the program classroom workers evaluated and classroom works assessed. In addition, final examinations results were followed.

Moreover, nomination and selection of students wishing to enroll in the program's seventh and tenth grades (according to the set-forth specific conditions) were carried out. In addition, teachers wishing to work in the gifted-student classes were nominated (pursuant to the relevant stipulations) and a meeting with all the teachers was held.

Subsequently, a training course for the Robot teachers and another for gifted-student classes' teachers were held in the Capital City and Aden. Later on, academic tests were conducted for the second batch of students in the two mentioned governorates in addition to Taiz, with the total number of applicants for tests—which took place during August 2008—mounting to 709 male and female students.

## Pre-school education

The two Al-Ma'alla (Aden) and Al-Baidha (Al-Baidha) kindergarten projects were received, each comprising multi-purpose hall, eating place, kitchen, administrative offices and other facilities. The projects consist of 6 and 4 classrooms, with the construction cost approaching \$0.3 million and \$140,000—respectively.

## Third phase indicators – Cultural Heritage Sector\*

Indicators	Target (2004-2008)	Actual					Total
		1 <sup>st</sup> Year (2004)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year (2005)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year (2006)	4 <sup>th</sup> Year (2007)	5 <sup>th</sup> Year (2008)	
Projects financed	90	26	30	22	15	12	105
Consultants trained	95	52	60	41	78	216	447
Laborers trained	880	177	220	136	120	268	921

\* Includes only under-implementation and completed projects as of 30/9/2008

## Cultural Heritage

During the quarter, two projects were approved at an estimated cost of nearly \$1.5 million. This brings the total cumulative number of cultural heritage projects to 182 at an estimated cost of about \$36 million.

## Restoration of the Guest House in Zabid

Work is continuing on the guesthouse restoration project, with accomplishment reaching 60%. All the works have been completed on the roofs, which were reconstructed in full. All the construction works in the walls, which were partially rebuilt in some areas and almost totally in others, have also been finalized. It is expected that electricity and sanitation networks will be implemented and completed in the forthcoming period and the finishes will be commenced next year.

## Sana'ani Song Conservation Project

Collection of information on the social history of the Sana'ani song has been completed. In addition, old Sana'ani songs performed by some of the traditional singers known in this type of singing were recorded—particularly those in which the old Yemeni lute (*Al-Oud*), or the so-called *Tarabi* (*Al-Qunbuz*), is used. Valuable information has been collected on the history of the old Yemeni lute and (with the information collected earlier) the topics of the book to be issued on the project activities are nearing completion.

## Indexing manuscripts of some Zabid libraries

Documenting, indexing and photographing of more than 171 manuscripts have been implemented. The works also include documenting the distinctive water signs of these manuscripts, with their data now being unloaded in specified tables prepared for this particular purpose. A number of Yemeni cadres were trained by manuscripts expert seconded from the Louver Museum (on the sidelines of the existing cooperation between the SFD and the French Institute of Archeology and Social and Economic Sciences). A book containing what has been achieved in this regard was printed and issued.

## Partnership program to preserve Zabid City

Work is continuing on the implementation of the partnership program with the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) to contribute to preserving the historical city of Zabid and other historic cities. Restoration of a number of private houses in Zabid City continued in accordance with the mechanism established by the project, which provides that the project pay 40% of the renovation cost, while the house owner covers the remainder (60%). This encourages Zabid citizens to carry out restoration and preservation of the traditional historic houses and promotes others to invest in the production of traditional building materials such as bricks and lime.

## Paving the historic city of Zabid

The SFD, in partnership with other donors, finances the paving project of the historic city of Zabid—one of the important projects necessary for the city as imparts positive impact on the city infrastructure protection, preservation of the city and improvement of its environment. Implementation began in the city pilot-section pavement and quotations of the main electric-cables suppliers are being analyzed.

### A study on the National Museum storage furnishing

Work is continuing to prepare studies on designing the furniture of the underground storage of the National Museum in Sana'a. The project consultant is completing the furniture designs and selection of the furniture materials in conformity with the storage nature and size as well as the types, sizes and weights of the artifacts that will be put in the store. The study also includes the ventilation system as well as humidity and temperature that must be kept in the museum underground storage to ensure the proper preservation of the different stored artifacts.

## Training and Organizational Support

Interventions in the two sectors of Training and Organizational Support aim at providing services through training and building the human and institutional capacities of SFD staff and project officers, consultants, community committees, small contractors, technicians, local authorities, NGOs and governmental organs. This is in addition to building the institutional capacities of SFD partners, who contribute to productive services, community development, illiteracy eradication, culture dissemination and the educational process. These partners also acquire training in some fields. Support also includes some necessary equipment, databases and management systems.

During the 3rd quarter, the number of projects in both sectors reached 28, at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million (8 approved and 20 under implementation), targeting the following:

#### Government organizations

Interventions comprise of four projects, of which one training project targeting the National Water Resources Authority in PRA methodology and three organizational-support projects targeting the Social Welfare Fund and its branch in Shabwah governorate and the Ministry of Local Administration. In addition to providing necessary equipment and systems, interventions also include consultancy services, training and need-assessment studies as follows:

- **The Social Welfare Fund (SWF) Headquarters and Shabwah branch:** Financing for building SWF capacities was allocated from the World Bank Additional Financing Grant intended to reduce the negative impact of high food prices on the lives of the poor. The project includes designing programs for the conditional cash transfer, designing a targeting system, drafting M&E terms of reference, data analysis for the social field (household) survey, assessment of the survey fieldwork phase and monitoring the processing and documentation of the survey data and results. In addition, training was provided to SWF branch in Shabwah governorate in management, planning, computer applications, needs assessment, prioritization, communication techniques and managing beneficiary development services.
- **Ministry of Local Administration:** A project was approved to train an institutional development team from among the ministry (headquarters and branches) staff as well as to implement a participatory assessment study of the ministry's Institutional Development Sector at the ministry headquarters institutional status in addition to identifying gaps.

#### Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

Eleven projects were developed targeting raising the capacities of a number of NGOs in various governorates and the female sector of Al-Takaful Charitable Association in Al-Dhahhar and the Najd Al-Jumai Association /Ibb governorate. The projects comprise training packages on development

principles, management basics, financial management, strategic planning, assessment studies, marketing, fund raising, advocacy and networking as well as sewing, sewing-machine maintenance, embroidery and equipment provision and strategic planning and management in addition to training (volunteer) teachers on literacy methods and techniques.

The other eight projects provided organizational support to a number of NGOs in the Capital City and some other governorates. In addition, interventions include assessment and market studies, resources mobilization and fund raising, bookkeeping, coiffeur, sewing and embroidery and maintenance of sewing machines as well as providing various kinds of necessary equipment.

#### Local communities

An organizational-support project, targeting A'al Salem families displaced from Sa'adah governorate and residing in Sana'a, includes equipping sewing and silver-works producing ateliers and training a trainer in sewing.

#### Local Authority

Three projects were developed: One is concerned with developing a training manual in development-needs-based approaches comprising two parts relating to mobilization and awareness on rights and responsibilities as well as empowerment of local communities, committees and local authority leaderships to conduct field surveys in addition to steps and phases of an advocacy-strategy development. The intervention also includes providing training to trainers and project officers as well as development committees and local authority leaderships in one of the districts targeted by Empowerment for Sustainable Local Development Program.

The two other projects provided organizational support to the main offices of Amran and Ibb governorates (2<sup>nd</sup> phase) and are concerned with preparing an implementation plan for strategic institutional development and conducting training and workshops in relevant fields. Moreover, the projects provided training in computer applications and other fields besides providing necessary computer-lab equipment.

On the other hand, a meeting was held at SFD main office in Sana'a on 18 September 2008 to present the draft national Local Authority Strategy. During the meeting, headed by Abdulkarim Ismail Al-Arhabi, SFD's Managing Director (MD) and attended by unit heads, the Unit Head provided a detailed presentation on the draft strategy prepared by the Ministry of Local Administration over 5 years, in collaboration with 52 civil-society organizations and 27 government agencies—including the Social Fund for Development. Focus was given to strategy contents related to enhancing community participation to achieve sustainable local development as well as to SFD's role in dealing with this important trend in the future, as the SFD will play an active role in transferring its expertise to the local councils to involve communities in local development.

#### Private Sector (Individuals)

Nine projects targeted engineers, technicians, contractors, accountants, consultants and project officers in SFD branch offices. These include providing training to engineers, technicians and contractors in contracting and implementation methods and to accountants in community contracting as well as project officers and consultants on training techniques and skills, community participation and needs assessment.

**Al-Awael Microfinance company in Taiz.** The Company was granted a total of YR15 million (about \$75,000) as a second installment from the total outstanding amount of YR30 million of the loan agreement to cover the financial needs of the company and help the company proliferate and expand.

**Al-Amal Microfinance Bank.** The SFD funded the bank with YR980,000 (about \$4,900) to cover the promotional campaigns expenses in particular. These campaigns were carried out by the bank in an attempt to promote its services. The bank is considered the first of its kind to specializing in microfinance in Yemen and is expected to play a major role in the economical development of the country. The bank is expected to expand in the future and cover different governorates in Yemen.

**Graduating 1,000 SWF beneficiaries and linking them to MF institutions.** The SFD agreed to finance the pilot project of graduating 1,000 beneficiaries of the Social Welfare Fund (SWF) from the poverty cycle and linking them to microfinance (MF) institutions with a total amount of more than YR29 million (about \$146,750) in collaboration with Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP) and the Social Welfare Fund. The aim of the project (which extends for a period of up to 30 months) is to graduate 1,000 beneficiaries of the Social Welfare Fund and enable them—through training and rehabilitation—to become owners of income-generating projects. After this, the target group is to be linked with Microfinance programs and institutions.

#### Business Development Services (Non-financial services)

The SFD funded the agency of small and Micro enterprise promotional service (SMEPS) with a total amount of YR34 million (about \$170,000). The money is used to finance interventions in the (non-financial) development projects in the Head Office and each of its branches in Al-Mukalla and Aden. The agency aims to overcome many obstacles impeding the development of small and micro business owners by developing their skills and finding means to increase their income. The agency is also working to fill in the shortage in skills (substantive and technical) particularly in Marketing and product development. The agency is also working to facilitate access to domestic and foreign markets.

#### The Small and Micro Enterprise Development Agency (SMEPS)

**Business Edge program.** The summer promotional campaign for the "Business Edge" helped in raising the awareness about the program particularly for the small and Micro entrepreneurs. As a result of the campaign, 2000 workers and entrepreneurs phoned for information. In addition, 600 individuals attended a seminar meant to promote the programs.

**Technical Advisory Services (TAS).** The establishment of the TAS Center is considered one of the most important projects for the agency. The Agency has completed furnishing the center in Al-Mukalla and is currently training the appointed advisor who will be running the center. The launching of the Center is expected to take place by the end of November 2008 under the sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce and the Agency's branch in Al-Mukalla.

**"Know About Business" (KAB) Program.** As a result of the successful KAB training of trainers of 50 instructors from the Ministry of Technical Education and Vocational Training, three teachers from the private sector and others from NGOs and the ministry adopted the program at the vocational level as an alternative to another curriculum. The program is also optional for students at the technical level (taught as short courses). The agency aims to reach more than 6,000 students for the academic year 2009/10.

**New production line.** One of the most important goals set by the agency was opening new production lines. The agency has just completed a market study on developing new types of products such as canning and packaging of grape vines and raisins.

**International Handicrafts Exhibition.** The Agency participated in July 2008 in the "Messi international exhibition for Handicrafts in Frankfurt (Germany). As a result of participating in the exhibition, two groups of European importers toured Yemen and found many opportunities to export new products. These included silver jewelry, incense and other handicraft products.

**Yemeni coffee.** SMEPS continues to support the Yemeni coffee exporting project. The Agency was able to identify a new set of coffee farmers in Yafe' who are owners of more than 450,000 coffee trees and are ready to join the exporting program. The Group has agreed to send samples to European importers interested in the Yemeni coffee. The Agency had also nominated a group of Yemeni workers and businessmen to attend the "Biofach" fair scheduled to take place at the begging of next year.

#### Capacity building, training and promotion

In the third quarter, the unit conducted six training courses for local trainers in microfinance, the number of trainees have exceeded 94 women. The topics of these sessions focused on the following:

**Training of trainers.** In Cooperation with the Microfinance Network of the Arab countries (Sanabel), the unit completed training for trainers courses in two areas, namely Operational risk management and Human Resources Management. The sessions were aimed to build qualified trainers who can train workers from various programs and microfinance institutions in those two specific areas. Each session lasted for 5 days, and 23 trainers were trained.

**Human Resources Management course.** This training course was conducted in Nama' microfinance Institution for 5 days and was attended by 15 employees from Nama' and other institutes. The course aimed to increase the efficiency of Human Resource management.

**Product development course.** The course was conducted in Azal Microfinance Institution and was attended by 21 trainees from both Azal and other programs. The session lasted 5 days with an aim to raise the efficiency of trainees in developing products tailored to serve the needs of the target group and help reach a large number of small and micro entrepreneurs

**Financial Analysis course.** The financial analysis course took place in Al-Amal bank and lasted for 5 days. 21 trainees from various programs attended the course including accountants, financial managers, operations managers, program managers and some project officers from the Small and Micro enterprise development unit

**Training on Ma'een Information System (Lending system).** The course was conducted in cooperation with "Technology Stars" company. Fifteen information-system specialists were trained on the system. The focus was given to the different tasks performed on the system and some of the obstacles faced using the credit management systems.

#### "Bedaya" competition project

The unit organized a competition among different programs and microfinance institutions in Yemen to prepare training material for new employees. This training material is to be used in the orientation and training of the new employees of Microfinance programs and Institutions. The unit will appoint a consultant to evaluate and select the best material prepared and use it for training.

#### Meeting of the National Microfinance Strategy steering committee

The SFD organized the second meeting of the National microfinance strategy steering Committee at the SFD's headquarters in July 31, 2008. In the meeting, there was a revision of a number of work papers submitted by the representatives of the steering committee. Those papers included details of the accomplishments related to the strategy. The meeting concluded with an emphasis of the importance of cooperation, coordination and commitment to the implementation of strategy's action plan.

### Third phase indicators – Training and Organizational Support Sectors\*

Indicators	Target (2004-2008)	Actual					Total
		1 <sup>st</sup> Year (2004)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year (2005)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year (2006)	4 <sup>th</sup> Year (2007)	5 <sup>th</sup> Year (2008)	
Workshops for NGOs	125	51	139	109	55	42	396
Support to NGOs and cooperatives	200	41	28	29	30	39	167
Support to user groups, communities and CBOs (in various forms)	700	65	232	266	353	407	1,323
Organizational support to local councils and authority	50	0	10	15	13	22	60
Councilors and local authority members trained **	-	1,875	5,845	260	737	505	

\* Includes only under-implementation and completed projects as of 30/9/2008

\*\* Includes almost all local councils (330) in the country

lasting for 10–15 days, created a database and provided economic/social indicators of more than 36,700 families; this facilitates focusing on target segments and ensures the formation of (male and female) rural producers' groups from among small and poor farmers.

- **The project evaluation and follow-up plan.** In coordination with the M&E Unit, the preparations and arrangements to set up the project evaluation and follow-up plan witnessed several activities aiming to put the final touches on the plan and final evaluation indicators.

#### Other activities

A field awareness campaign was implemented on 20–31 August 2008 at selected sites in 10 districts of the five governorates. The campaign, attended by a 26-consultant team, aimed at raising the awareness of male and female farmers, providing them with modern knowledge and recommendations in agricultural fields (both plant and animal) and other relevant topics—thus, benefiting more than 600 farm families.

#### Integrated Intervention Program

Ten projects were approved during the quarter, at an estimated cost of nearly \$0.4 million. This brings the cumulative number of projects under the program to 136, at an estimated cost of about \$9.4 million.

Focus during the quarter was given to the implementation of training courses as follows:

Three training courses (each lasting for 5 days) in agricultural awareness. The courses targeted members of agricultural committees in Al-Outnah sub-district/ Haradh district, Hajjah governorate (with 16 male trainees participating), Al-Bo'jiyyah/ Al-Luhaiyyah, Al-Hudaidah (12 trainees) and Al-Mashareej/ Tour Al-Baha, Lahj (11 trainees).

In addition, three training courses were held in animal health and livestock production. The courses targeted men and women involved in animal raising in the two sub-districts of Al-Outnah (nine female trainees) and Al-Khedham/ Al-Gabeen, Raimah (13 female trainees) in addition to a course for 18 male trainees in Al-Bo'jiyyah.

Two other training courses focused on treeing, targeting the agricultural committees' members in Al-Outnah (nine trainees) and Al-Bo'jiyyah (12 trainees) as well as a two-month course in weaving in Al-Outnah (15 female trainees) and another eight-day course in palm-tree handicraft works in the same sub-district (20 female trainees).

On the other hand, as a complement to the coordination workshops with the local authority, a workshop was implemented and attended by twenty members of the local council and executive offices in Tour Al-Baha and local-development committees' members in Al-Mashareej.

Moreover, in the framework of the implementation of community-education activities, two training courses were conducted for facilitators (both sexes) of the program target areas (15 participants from Al-Luhaiyyah, 15 from Al-Gabeen, 32 from each of Maoyah/ Taiz, Al-Qafir/ Ibb, Tour Al-Baha/ Lahj and Wesab Al-Safel/ Dhamar). The courses aimed to impart basic skills to participants, particularly in community-education class management.

Finally, in capacity building, six training courses were carried out in effective communication skills, targeting 67 local authorities' members and 76 development committees' members of the targeted districts.

#### Community Contracting Program

A training course was implemented on 20–23 July 2008 in which 17 project officers from various sectors participated, in addition to another training course carried out on 24–26 July 2008 in Ibb branch office to build the community-contracting capacity of consultants specializing in water. Also two training courses were carried out on 10–14 and 26–30 August 2008, with the participation of the partial-work implementers from the different districts, where community-contracting projects are implemented under SFD Taiz and Al-Hudaidah branch offices (respectively).

#### Rural Roads Sector

Eleven projects were approved during the quarter, at an estimated of about \$2 million. Direct beneficiaries of these projects are expected to reach about 31,000 people and temporary employment nearly 90,000 person / day.

The cumulative number of the sector's projects (1997–end of September 2008) mount to 516 projects, with the total estimated cost of approaching \$88 million.

## Small and Micro Enterprises Development

Within its efforts to develop small and micro enterprises, the SFD continues to provide support to secure financial and non-financial services to these enterprises. Activities, in the third quarter, focused on the following:

#### Establishment of the National Microfinance Network

The documents for establishing the National Microfinance Network was signed on 8/7/2008 between the United Nations Development programs (UNDP) and the social fund for development. The Network will be equally financed by both parties but the establishment and development of the network will be the responsibility of the social fund. The network is considered the first of its kind in Yemen since it will specialize in providing technical support for Microfinance Institutions and Programs. The network is set to provide a number of services such as staff training, market studies, impact assessment etc. The network will directly and continuously help in allocating human resources necessary for growing the industry and improving the quality of the financial services provided to the Microfinance Clients.

#### Financial services

**National Microfinance Foundation.** The foundation have been granted 33,333,000 Yemeni Riyals "YR" (equivalent to approximately \$167,000) as the second installment from the total amount of the outstanding loan agreement signed at YR100 million. The installment is used to cover the needs of the nine branches of the institution and provide financial services for the owners of income-generating activities, particularly women, since they constitute more than 97% of the total number of active customers in the program.

**Aden Microfinance Foundation.** The foundation was funded with YR35 million (about \$175,000) as a second and third installment from the total outstanding amount of YR60 million of the loan agreement signed between the SFD and Aden Microfinance Foundation. The Installment was paid to help the foundation increase its outreach to small and Micro entrepreneurs in Aden and Lahj especially women who constitutes more than 90 % of the total number of active clients.

## Health and Social Protection

The unit includes the two sectors of Health and Social Protection.

#### Health sector

The number of approved projects in the sector during the third quarter reached 50 at an estimated cost of nearly \$4.6 million; thus, the number of health projects cumulatively (since the SFD was established until the end of September 2008) is 789 projects, with the estimated cost mounting nearly to \$57 million.

The quarter's projects are distributed over several programs as follows:

#### Expanding and improving access to primary health care services

This program includes increasing coverage of primary health care services, increasing the number of service providers and improving the services provided by health staff.

##### A - Increase primary health care services

Four projects have been developed in the construction, furnishing and equipping of health units and centers in the governorates of Amran, Dhamar and Lahj.

##### B - Increase the number of primary health-care services providers

Five projects were developed for the training and qualification of health staff to contribute to enhancing maternal and child health services, targeting 110 girls in community midwifery in Hajjah, Lahj and Amran as well as 30 mid-health staff in the island of Socotra .

##### C - Improving health services staff

10 projects have been developed for the qualification of 40 health workers to become community midwives in Sa'adah, Hajjah and Amran as well as the qualification of 80 students for upgrading them to assistant doctors in the first two mentioned governorates in addition to training 48 health staff members in integrated management of childhood diseases in Al-Baidha' and Dhamar. Moreover, a project was developed to strengthen the capacity and skills of 15 midwives in emergency obstetric departments in hospitals of Taiz City. Finally, a refreshing-course project has been developed in prenatal/antenatal care and contraceptives for 30 midwives in Hajjah, Amran and Sa'adah.

#### Expanding and improving reproductive health services

Under the maternal and newborn health program, 28 projects have been developed to equip and furnish emergency obstetric departments for 25 hospitals in the governorates of Ibb, Lahj, Aden, Taiz, Al-Dhale' and Amran in addition to the Family Health Center in Amran City, Childhood and Motherhood Center in the Al-Hoatah district/Lahj. Another project was also developed for repairing seven newborn incubators in several governorates.

Moreover, a health-education project was developed for secondary-school female students (in Al-Qaherah district/ Taiz) on tetanus and the importance of being vaccinated against this fatal disease.

#### Providing mental health services

A project was approved for the training of the Capital-City school social workers in student psychological counseling.

#### Social protection

A number of programs are included as follows:

#### Inclusive education and special-need children integration in public education

Three projects were agreed with inclusive-education directorates, distributed in Taiz and Al-Mahweet governorates and the Capital City. The projects aim at the integration of 167 boys and 214 girls in 8 public schools, equipping and furnishing 6 education-resources rooms, addition of two bathrooms, rehabilitation of 6 other toilets and 7 engineering facilities and furnishing two classrooms as well as training 66 awareness

teachers (of both sexes) and raising the awareness of seven local communities on inclusive education.

In addition, the SFD has implemented a project aiming to print the Yemeni unified signs dictionary, which will be distributed to special education centers, inclusive-education schools and associations working in hearing disabilities.

Also, within the framework of its support for (school and pre-school) integrating education, the SFD has implemented 4 projects: the first aims to support the disabled training and care center in the implementation of a comprehensive education integration program for children with physical disabilities in Yarim district through construction rehabilitation of 3 schools and training their teachers.

The second project aims to carry out a comprehensive and place integration program for the disabled with hearing difficulties in Al-A'abuos (Haifan district / Taiz governorate) through furnishing, equipping, providing educational means and teacher training of two classrooms for the deaf in the Al-Khair School.

The third project aims to build and equip six classrooms in the Al-Qadesiyah schools (Aden) as kindergarten and basic classes. Finally, the fourth project aims to support the Al-Ma'abar Marginalized-Groups Association in implementing its education program integrating marginalized children in public schools. This is done through providing training of trainers for a number of the association's teachers and teachers of 7 public schools in the area on presentation skills, methods of handling children problems (in education, behavior and human-rights) and implementation of awareness activities for schools and community-based organizations.

#### Education Rural Outreach

Under the new guidelines to work with groups with special needs aiming to encourage the relevant associations to extend their educational services to rural areas, two projects were carried out. The first aims to support "From Child to Child" Society in Taiz in its efforts to extend the services it provides for the visually impaired and those with low vision to the Al-Mawaset district. This is done through the addition and equipping of classrooms for the deaf in a public school, provide them with educational means (specified for the deaf and low-vision individuals), teacher training on low-vision scanning and screening and education of this category of the disabled.

The second project aims to support the Deaf Association in the Capital City to extend its educational services to the suburban Bani Matar district.

#### Early intervention

Specified to care for children with disabilities as well as those at risk of having disability, early intervention programs represent the latest services provided to children with disabilities. In this regard, and within SFD's adoption of this program, 4 projects have been implemented as follows:

The first aims to develop a training manual for health workers in early disability detection and intervention. The second project aims to train female teachers of the Seyoun Physical Disability Association as well as mothers of children with cerebral palsy on how to educate such children. The third project aims to train 35 female teachers in integrating kindergartens in Taiz in active learning package. Finally, the fourth project aims to equip and furnish the Al-Majd integrating kindergarten in Amran as well as training its staff.

The four projects targeted 107 children and the training of 39 workers in these institutions.

In addition, the SFD has focused in the recent years on the aspects of educational and physical rehabilitation in early intervention by supporting the establishment of a number of kindergartens and physical therapy centers. Therefore, through the results of its experience in this field and under the new trends of work with the disabled, the SFD has developed an early (therapeutic, preventive and rehabilitative) intervention program with the participation of stakeholders (government and non-governmental). Implementation of the program will be kicked off next year in the Capital City, Taiz and Aden.

#### Third phase indicators – Feeder Roads Sector\*

Indicators	Target (2004-2008)	Actual					Total
		1 <sup>st</sup> Year (2004)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year (2005)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year (2006)	4 <sup>th</sup> Year (2007)	5 <sup>th</sup> Year (2008)	
Projects financed**	125	21	33	46	63	52	215
Beneficiaries	800,000	105,378	219,342	285,386	278,278	172,629	1,061,013

\*Includes only under-implementation and completed projects as of 30/9/2008

### Supporting national policies and strategies

The SFD continues providing support to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor for the development of the National Disability Strategy and a strategy for the Disabled Care and Rehabilitation Fund (as a tool for implementing the national strategy). Within this context, two projects were implemented aiming to support the second phase of the development of the two strategies (preparing the final document and implementation plan of each).

### Community-based Rehabilitation

Community-based rehabilitation (CBR) of individuals with disabilities is a program for the development and rehabilitation of such individuals within the community, offering equal opportunities for them as well as social integration and inclusion of all persons with disabilities in the society. In this regard, the SFD approved two projects aimed to establish the program in the two districts of Al-Haiham Al-Dakheliyyah and Al-Marawe'ah (of Al-Hudaidah) and provide training for 372 persons with disabilities. This is done through the formation and training of community committees institutionally as well as on CBR concepts and mechanisms in addition to equipping and furnishing CBR rooms in the two mentioned areas.

### Improving marginalized-groups' health and educational environment

A project was approved to prepare 20 marginalized-group individuals in Ibb governorate as social communicators through training them in communication and awareness skills and then conducting awareness courses for these groups.

### Preparing national trainers

To implement its various programs in supporting groups with special needs, the SFD needs qualified staff capable of providing specialized technical training for individuals working with these people. In this respect, a project is being implemented to train 15 consultants as national trainers in mental disability.

### Access of orphans, street children and juveniles to services and safe environment

As part of its support to enable orphans, street children and juvenile delinquents to access secure environment and health and education services, the SFD supports the institutions working with these groups by implementing projects aiming to improve the services provided by these institutions to such children and activating the principle of alternative and subsequent care.

## Third phase indicators – Health and Special Need Groups Sectors

Indicators	Target 2004-2008	Actual					Total
		1 <sup>st</sup> Year (2004)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year (2005)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year (2006)	4 <sup>th</sup> Year (2007)	5 <sup>th</sup> Year (2008)	
<b>Health Sector</b>							
Projects to support health facilities providing quality services	150	17	34	21	153	73	298
Number of trained health service providers *	1,500	823	520	345	40	134	1,862
Health institutes (HIs) supported to enhance quality of health education	20	2	7	3	12	6	30
Staff trained from HIs	400	120					120
Health education curriculum upgraded for the HIs	5				25		25
Libraries equipped and supplied with books for HIs	8		2		10		12
Teaching laboratories equipped with learning materials	8	1					1
Psychiatric hospitals and care centers staff trained	25	20					20
Districts which received support in applying the DHS	4		3				3
<b>Special Need Groups</b>							
Public schools supported with inclusive education	110	57	7	4	32	35	135
Disadvantaged children in SFD-supported schools	15,000	3,633	1,304	5,744	1,414	2,963	15,058
NGOs supported by technical training to serve special needs groups	30	24	33	60	36	64	217
Communities made aware of inclusive-education importance & accessibility	150	4	33	33	11	20	101
Faculty of Special Education	2				2		2
Staff members qualified in the field of disability	100	20	46	8	62		136
Pre-school rehabilitation and education centers for preschoolers with disability	25	5	1	1			7
Street children centers	5	2	1	1	0	0	4
Juvenile delinquent centers	5	2	0	3	0	1	6

\*Includes only under-implementation and completed projects as of 30/9/2008

In this regard, two projects were approved to support the Dar Al-Wafa' and Dar Al-Hubaishi care homes (in Taiz, Ibb governorates) targeting 455 children through training 21 officials of the two homes and rehabilitating some of their facilities.

### Improving services in prisons and the elderly institutions

The program aims to improve services in prisons, provide appropriate care for incarcerated women and their children and for the imprisoned mentally ill as well as the institutionalized elderly. In this course, a project was approved targeting 115 prison inmates through rehabilitating the sanitation network in the Capital-City-based Central Prison. Another project was also approved to rebuild some sections and facilities of the Al-Hudaidah elderly home.

## Water and Environment

Projects under the unit cover the two sectors of water and environment, with the number of projects approved in both sectors during the quarter reaching 49 at an estimated cost approaching \$9.9 million. Cumulatively (since SFD inception in 1997 until 30 September 2008), the total number of projects in these sectors mount to 1,239 projects at an estimated amount totaling \$114.7 million.

### Water Sector

The number of the projects approved in the quarter is 33 (with the estimated cost reaching about \$4.1 million) and accumulated projects mount to 1,087 (\$79.2 million). Activities of the sector focused on the following:

- The unit participated in several workshops related to updating the national water sector strategy and investment program, including the third participatory annual evaluation workshop held on 9 July 2008 to demonstrate the results of the strategy update and the investment program. The workshop was concluded by adopting a unified vision on rural water supply, whereby rainwater harvesting was recognized as an alternative to provide water for needy rural areas that can be hardly provided by water from other sources—therefore, contributing to increasing water coverage.
- A workshop was held on 13–14 August 2008 for all water and environment project officers to discuss causes of delayed implementation of some projects, variation orders and remedy proposals to avoid these problems. During the workshop, participants also discussed policies of water and environment sectors and the experience of SFD branch offices in Taiz and Ibb regarding the household rooftop rainwater harvesting and covering cisterns using the Ferro-cement technique (respectively).

- Training courses were held for qualifying consultants in rainwater harvesting and, then, including them in the MIS system as qualified professionals in this sub-sector (by branch office). Training was provided on 26–29 July 2008 to 32 male consultants in SFD Ibb branch office and 27 male and female consultants in Aden branch office (with 27 and 25 qualified, respectively).
- Field visits were conducted on 06–18 September 2008 to check the status of some completed water projects. The visits revealed that a number of projects provide services partially. Consequently, the unit contacted SFD branch offices and urged them to prepare and implement a program to turn back to all the accomplished projects for checking, setting up remedies and making them fully operational to provide the planned service completely.
- Given the recent SFD intervention in rooftop rainwater harvesting, many communities are still unaware of this type of intervention—neither the agency supporting it. Therefore, it was necessary to work with the participatory rural appraisal (PRA) teams and inform them of this experience. These teams, in turn, will introduce to the local communities the various water-intervention options in the event these communities identify water as priority. In this regard, on 23–24 August 2008, a training course was held at SFD Taiz branch office for training officers in addition to a male and female consultant from each branch. The course aimed to familiarize participants with the different water sub-sectors and requisites for intervention as well as with the Community-Led Total Sanitation approach (*see below*).

### Environment Sector

The number of approved projects in the sector during this quarter is 16 projects at an estimated cost of about \$5.8 million; thus, 206 projects have been approved cumulatively at a total estimated cost of nearly \$35.5 million. During the quarter, focus was given to the following activities:

- For qualifying local consultants in wastewater management, a contract was signed on 21 September 2008 with the Water and Environment Center of Sana'a University for the preparation of training material in addition to the training and qualification of consultants working at SFD headquarters and branch offices. The contract also includes the implementation of seven training courses in the Center for qualifying consultants in this sub-sector. The consultants (meeting qualification requirements) will be included in the database to assist in the study and implementation of relevant projects.
- The SFD continues the implementation of the Community-Led Total Sanitation approach in the governorates of Amran, Lahj, Dhamar and Al-Mahweet. The approach aims to eliminate the phenomenon of open defecation, a major cause of several health problems diarrhea and the main origin for spread of intestinal diseases. Local communities have interacted enthusiastically with this approach—with follow-up revealing many positive results, the

most important of which was the complete disappearance of open defecation in six villages in the mentioned governorates (these villages will be formally announced next November as open-defecation-free).

All this was done by self-efforts of villagers themselves, without providing any support from any agency. In addition, ten villages got rid of this adverse phenomenon by more than 70% and the villagers are determined to complete the balance percentage (less than 30%) over the next few months. In addition, this process has helped to get rid of the problem often created by old car-tires, where are now being used in building cesspits' walls—particularly in the targeted villages of Al-Hudaidah and Lahj governorates.

- Achievement in the pilot section of the Shibam City (Hadhrmaut) infrastructure project reached about 80%, with the main and branch sanitation lines, house connections and electricity and telephone cables completed. It is expected to complete all the works in the section by the end of this year—whereas the section is supposed to appear free of air cables and distortions in the buildings and give a clear picture of how the city will appear after completing the whole infrastructure project. It is worth indicating that the project components have not experienced any damages due to the floods that have recently overwhelmed some areas in the country, including Hadhrmaut.

## Agriculture and Rural Development

The third quarter witnessed the implementation and completion of a number of activities and projects, with focus given to the following:

### Rain-Fed Agriculture and Livestock Project

Focus was given to the implementation and completion of a number of activities related to project development in 11 districts of the five target governorates (Hajjah, Sana'a, Al-Mahweet, Al-Hudaidah and Lahj) as follows:

- Preparation and training of the consultative team.** For the field implementation of this stage and with the assistance of a regional trainer, a consultative team was formed, composing of 116 men and women (who were chosen carefully). The team members were provided with the relevant knowledge and skills through their participation in five training courses in the above-mentioned field.
- Farm household field listing.** To ensure community targeting and outreaching the poor and destitute people, a field listing of the targeted communities was carried out in the 11 districts of the five target governorates. In this regard, in coordination and cooperation with the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Unit, 110 male and female consultants with relevant experience were selected and prepared. Moreover, three workshops were implemented to provide consultants with fieldwork mechanism and requirements. The consultants were also distributed in 22 work teams in 125 local communities. The field-listing process,

## Third phase indicators – Water and Environment Sectors\*

Indicators	Target (2004-2008)	Actual					Total
		1 <sup>st</sup> Year (2004)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year (2005)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year (2006)	4 <sup>th</sup> Year (2007)	5 <sup>th</sup> Year (2008)	
Water-harvesting projects	250	72	49	51	65	31	268
Water stored in reservoirs (m <sup>3</sup> )	3,000,000	897,250	1,113,250	1,044,257	355,230		3,409,987
Piped systems	100	24	13	20	10	13	80
Reservoirs	40	18	13	10	5	3	49
Hygiene and environment awareness	150	54	15	20	6	2	97
Wastewater management	15	12	4	3	9	11	39
Solid waste management	7	11	3	2	2	4	22
Soil & water conservation	3	4	2	3	6	5	20

\* Includes only under-implementation and completed projects as of 30/9/2008