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Taiz Community Contracting (Roofop Rainwater Harvesting tanks)

The community contracting policy, adopted by the SFD in some projects of rural roads, rainwater harvesting cisterns and private rooftop tanks and some other projects of simple technique, has had a positive impact in avoiding the risk of a sharp rise of the fuel value, since the community must buy construction materials from within their sub-district and not from the district or other areas. This has eased the problem of transfer of materials from the place of purchase to the project sites and made it go faster. Such a solution disappeared in many other projects.

Operations of the community contracting projects have carried on with virtue of efforts of all SFD parties to address the problems of rejection by the transport drivers to transport materials unless their wages greatly increase in return for the rise of fuel value. The SFD branches in addition to valuable initiatives by the community committees have also developed solutions for some projects along with frequency of the work and the materials involved in the project, especially since the components of the materials required for the project require materials is often not available in the implementation sites, and therefore requires transfer from outside the sites, prompting those in charge of the project to think about finding other alternatives to the transfer of materials, targeted households in the transfer of materials (especially stones) by beauty, especially as the size of the load is reasonable, do not overburden the beauty and therefore as a solution to the sustainability of the project (which is necessary in some cases) after its final stages before the full completion and delivery. And for operating labor from the same area in order to be members of the community themselves are the beneficiaries of the wages.

Innovative solution to continue helping Al-Qahshah!

The Social Fund for Development (SFD) keeps searching nationwide for needy areas and poverty pockets to dedicate efforts and allocate resources in contribution to meeting the priority areas and alleviating poverty. Recently, the SFD has embarked on implementing the Cash-for-Work Program intended to contribute to cushioning the effects of climate and economic shocks and fluctuations to mitigate is the food crisis that swept the country since 2007. The program studies and selects the poorest areas and communities most affected by the food crisis for the implementation of projects.

In this context, Al-Qahshah sub-district (Otmah district, Dhamar governorate) was found among the poorest and most affected by the current conditions faced by the country and was the most

Editorial

OPEC Fund and the European Union finance SFD Phase IV programs

A new USD-18 million financing agreement between the Social Fund for Development (SFD) and the OPEC Fund for International Development has recently been declared effective to finance SFD’s community-development and capacity-building projects. Similarly, the EU office in Amman (Jordan) approved on 6 July 2011 the USD-11.2 million grant agreement provided for the SFD to finance the community and local development and capacity-building programs.

SFD continues its work and interventions despite the current difficult conditions

The SFD has continued its operations, despite the current difficult conditions prevailing in the country. A relative decrease occurred in the number of projects that have been studied and developed to reach the stage of implementation in the second quarter of the year (371 projects at an estimated cost of approximately $61.7 million—compared with the number of projects developed in the first quarter, amounting to 348 projects worth about $148.5 million). This decline can be attributed to the SFD being cautious towards the possibility of the decline of donor funding follows. However, the projects developed by the SFD during the first half of the year (1,219 projects worth $ 210 million) represent approximately 79.5% of the total number of projects included in the 2011 Annual Work Plan (totaling 1,534 worth $245 million). The SFD typically completes the development of projects for the plan in the first half of the year to start their field implementation. Also, work continued in under-implementation projects, with 18% of these projects (mostly in the early stages of implementation) stopped.

Similarly, microfinance programs and institutions have carried on providing services to clients, despite the existence of difficulties in running the works. The exception has been Abyan Savings and Credit Program of which was compelled to relocate to Aden, where the program continues limited operations and searches for its clients in the asylum areas to provide them with humanitarian assistance under current circumstances.

Al-Amal Bank receives awards of Transparency (2009) and the Challenges of Islamic Microfinance (2010)

Al-Amal Microfinance (MF) Bank received 2009 Transparency Award from Mix Market and Islamic MF Challenges Award won by the bank last year (2010). This came on the sidelines of the Eighth Annual Conference of the Microfinance Network for Arab Countries (SANABEL), which was held in Amman. The award obtained by the Bank includes technical-support grants to enhance its capabilities, $100,000 to finance Islamic MF programs and the certificate of world pioneering in Islamic MF services delivery. The Bank won the prize by virtue of the advanced Islamic financial services it provides, which contributed in creating many job opportunities in Yemen, especially for the youth, and by which the bank becomes the first experiment of its kind ever in the world that offers diversified financial services according to Islamic principles for low-income small and micro entrepreneurs. The Bank also won the 2009 Award for Innovation and Creativity as the best financial institution in innovation and creativity in the Arab world. (Cont. on page 2)
Al-Amal Bank receives awards (Cont. from page 1)

The Bank currently occupies the first place in MF industry in Yemen among 11 banks and institutions engaged in financing small entrepreneurs. It is deemed the highest in growth and deployment pace in providing small credits in the Arab world. Moreover, the Bank takes over about 25% of the MF market in Yemen, has about 19,000 savers and finances more than 25,000 projects as of the end of 2010. With financial portfolio reaching $5.5 million, the total number of beneficiaries mounting to 125,000 people and women accounting for 62% of borrowers. It is worth mentioning that the SFD had founded Al-Amal Bank in cooperation with the Arab Gulf Fund for Development (AGFUND) and the private sector, with the SFD contributing 45% of the Bank's capital.

Education

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Restoration Project of the Great Mosque (Shibam / Hadhramaut)

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Cultural Heritage

The photography team continues the dimensional documentation works for the walls in the east portico after completion of gypsum plastering works and also in the south library area. Conservation works continued for the wooden ceiling and coffers in the first and the second aisles in the north portico, and began working on new locations in the mosque, especially that suffer from deteriorating state of conservation.

Oil derivatives crisis has intensified recently and its side effects on especially that suffer from deteriorating state of conservation.

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**Abbreviations:** App: Approval; UU: Under Implementation; C: Completed
Some local communities were targeted through 2 training projects, the first (in SFD’s Aden Branch Office “BO”) is related to the formation and training of 37 local committees for 2011 road and water projects implemented by community contracting. Intervention included training in management, organization, operation and maintenance. The second project (in Hajjah BO) pertains to 2012 plan participatory priority and needs assessment studies and the formation of Monitoring and Coordination Committees (MCCs), with focus given to assessment studies for 50 communities in various areas according to office screening results and forming 50 MCCs.

Local Authority

Interventions focused on 13 projects, with 8 providing training to local-authority district training, local-council members by means of work mechanisms in the ELD program and participatory planning and community organization. The districts of Al-Sawda (Amran), Manakha (Sana’a), Al-Qumm (Hadhramaut), Taib (Lahej), Haifan and Same’e (Taiz) benefit from these components. Training activities include workshops and courses on drafting and marketing development plans as well as preparing the community for advocacy campaigns related to the program in addition to preliminary training followed by drafting the development and assessment reports for each district, besides conducting evaluation workshops and electing and forming sub-district development committees.

Two other projects concern the implementation of institutional assessment studies for the local authority in 6 districts in Sana’a, Marib, and Taiz governorates by means of components covering the executive office and the main offices’ organizational units as well as joint tasks between each district and governorate. This is in addition to the leadership of each district, the local executive committees, the local council and the specialized committees in their duties.

Finally, three organizational-support projects targeted the institutional development in the main office of Al-Maharah governorate, Haswen district (of the governorate) and Hubash (Ibb). Intervention comprises awareness-training courses related to the tasks and duties, the local authority law and its by-law as well as training in administration and basic computer applications, with beneficiaries including staff, departments and sections in each main office. In addition, necessary equipment, facilitating work in these offices, were provided.

Private Sector – Individuals

Interventions include eight projects targeting about 625 individuals:

- Two projects provided training to 225 consultants for Empowerment for Local Development program in Hajjah governorate and the governorates linked to SFD Sana’a BO. The projects include the implementation of training courses in the Program’s field mechanism and development issues & concepts concerning sub-district development committees’ empowerment.
- Two other projects, benefiting 160 persons, targeted Hajjah and Al-Hudaidah BOs and concerned training consultant trainers in basics of Participatory Rapid Appraisal (PRA) and community consultation methods. Consulting training in formation and training in addition to training in community participation involving consultants who had received training in basic fields.

The remaining four projects provide training to 240 consultants: One in Al-Mukalla branch and concerns field implementation and contracting methods ensuring the avoidance of errors. Two other projects in Al-Hudaidah for ToT and raising trainers’ capacities in community contracting as well as training new consultants and raising the capacities of consultants formerly trained in the coordination of training courses. The fourth project focuses on developing the capacities of NGOs (2nd phase) and targets 6 SFD BOs, providing training on the basics of management and development work, project management, fundraising and ToT.

Empowerment for Local Development (ELD)

Sub-districts Development Committees (SDCs)

Three projects have provided training and on-site empowerment for 73 SDCs in the districts of Manakha (Sana’a), Shara’ab Al-Rawana (Taiz) and Al-Maharah (Al-Maharah), with activities including on-site training courses. The training, benefiting 2,113 committees’ members, focused on some development issues and refreshing workshops for committees already trained on such topics in addition to experience-exchange workshops for sub-district coordinators concerning self-help initiatives.

Village Cooperation Councils (VCCs)

Five projects focused on self-help initiatives and VCCs formation in Manakha (Sana’a), Al-Sawda (Amran), Samit & Hafran (Taiz) and Taib (Lahej). Interventions, targeting 489 village councils, comprised electing representatives (male/female) from among the members of targeted VCCs, supporting the councils in assessing the villages’ situations and drafting development reports in addition to practical training for assisting in the implementation of self-help initiatives in each village.

Small and Micro Enterprises Development

Despite the country’s difficult current conditions, the SFD continued providing microfinance programs and institutions (MFIs) with funds, with the Hadhramaut MF Program receiving YR44 million (equivalent to $187,000).

The Graduation out of Poverty Project

In the second quarter of the year 2011, the SFD funded the project with an amount of 11 Million Yemeni Rials (Equivalent to $47,009) to complete the purchase of the assets including the investors’ equipment and ongoing projects for the Social Welfare Fund (SWF) beneficiaries. The total number of beneficiaries who had received the assets in Aden, Lahej and Taiz are 465 with a total of YR. 44.4 Million (Equivalent to $189,530). The Pilot project is considered the first of its kind in the Middle East & is expected to play a big role in changing the mindset of the SWF beneficiaries from dependency on the monthly stipend to having a sustainable income generating activities.

Training Course in Project Management Professional

The unit organized a training course in project management professional for the SMED Unit’s project officers in the end of June 2011. The training course included different topics most importantly was the project’s life cycle with a focus on the strategic plans of the projects.

Honoring Small and Microfinance Institutions in Yemen

The Eighth Annual Microfinance conference was organized by SANABEL in June 2011 in the Jordanian Capital Amman. During the conference, SANABEL and the Mix Market awarded both the National Microfinance Foundation and Al-Amal Bank certificates of “Transparency and Exchange of information for the year 2009” for their outstanding performance and transparency of financial reporting in accordance with the standards and global indicators.

Yemen Microfinance Network:

The network continued the development of the communication scheme among its members in an attempt to better diversify the services provided by the network and enhance the information exchange between its members.

Small and Micro Enterprise Promotion Services (SMEPS)

The agency has executed a number of activities during the second quarter including:

Training for a Diploma for Microenterprise management: SMEPS organized a number of training courses for a diploma in micro-enterprise management in Dhamar, Al-Hudaidah & HadhramautGovernorates. The courses were molded from the Business Edge curriculum through trainers certified by the International Finance Corporation (IFC). The training targeted fishery, agricultural and handicrafts associations and clients of Microfinance institutions with the aim of improving the trainers’ managerial skills & assisting them in managing the enterprises. The total numbers of individuals trained were 61 trainees (Haraz and Tallouk). This is designed to link the results gained by the project to other factors that positively or negatively affecting the productivity of the Yemeni coffee in the targeted areas.

Coffee Project: SMEPS signed an agreement with Sana’a University to carry out a compositional analysis of the small and large components of soil and leaf samples that were taken from the fields under study in targeted areas (Haraz and Tallouk). This aims to link the analysis results with the factors affecting positively or negatively on the productivity of Yemeni coffee in the targeted areas.

Know About Business (KAB program): SMEPS continue to implement the KAB program; the agency has developed a database that contains the names of all the trainers of the courses in Yemen in both the public and the private sector. The total numbers of the trainers were 135 trainers. Those trainers are to track the program performance within the organizations, and provide consultancy services. SMEPS have also collected the data of 2,600 students in Sana’a who had received the trainings and an additional 600 students in Aden governorate (the trainings in Aden covers beneficiaries who came from Aden, Abyan, Lahej and Al-Dhale’ governorates). The information collected showed the impact of the program on the beneficiaries and measured the level of which they had changed their perceptions towards running their businesses. The results showed a large positive impact on the perceptions of the students as in terms of them choosing entrepreneurship as a career path for their future.

Training on Car faults detection: In continuation to implement the car faults detection project, SMEPS provided technical Assistance to the office of the Ministry of technical Education and vocational training in the governorate of Hadhramout. The technical assistance was provided to ensure the sustainability of the project. SMEPS provided trainings on how to use the car faults detection machine.
During the quarter, the nine-month training provided to literacy female teachers was concluded in the districts of Aswadeed (Taiz) and Bani Mahrez (Ibb). Additionally, follow-up visits were implemented at the literacy centers and Parents' Councils in the sub-districts of Bani Mu'ain (Dhamar), Al-Burjyah (Al-Hudaiqah) and Al-Otnah (Haijah). Two other projects were approved for the training of teachers in the field of community education and literacy to support the BoIs by trained staff. Similarly, 8 projects were approved in literacy and awareness on the importance of education in different areas (nearly 92 classrooms opened until the middle of this year and 2,310 women attending literacy classes).

Three projects were also approved: One to establish 26 classrooms in a number of areas, and two projects for identifying the training needs of teachers in the sub-districts of Wadale (Bani Sairain, Amran) and Al-Maqenah (Al-Tahaita, Al-Hudaiqah).

In interventions in agricultural & economic activities and health & water, a project was approved to rehabilitate agricultural channels in Al-Mateenah (Al-Tahaita, Al-Hudaiqah). A field study was also carried out to analyze the current status of health committees in the program's areas to assess the training needs. Moreover, the establishment of 103 tanks in several villages of Wadale as well as the construction and rehabilitation of 166 rooftop rainwater tanks in the Al-Zeraie and Taifan village (Bani Asad, Hazm Al-Oudain, Ibb) were approved.

In capacity building, follow-up visits were conducted to the Development Assembly (Aswadeed) in Al-Burjyah after training had been provided in administrative and accounting aspects, with the assembly’s regulations reviewed for ratification. Also, development committees were formed and trained in the different targeted areas on development activities participatory management. Additionally, management of the projects implemented by community contracting was formed and Al-Burjyah (Al-Hudaiqah) and Bani Ali Al-Manah (Al-Mahweet). Finally, an analytical study was conducted for 5 associations (comprising 1,138 members) in May'a to identify the necessary support needed by these associations.

### Labor Intensive Works Program

This program comprises the Cash-for-Work projects and Rural Roads sector.

### Cash for Work

Under the second phase of this program, 9 projects were approved funded by the British government and the EU worth $2.9 million and are distributed over agricultural terraces construction and restoration and diverse interventions. The projects benefit about 4,240 households (21,387 beneficiaries, of whom 48% female), with 349,720 workdays generated (60,581 of them for females). This brings the cumulative number of the second phase projects to 177 worth $23.8 million, while the total cumulative number of beneficiary households mounts to 20,366 (71% of the total targeted households 29,516), while the percentage of financial achievement in the program reached 60%. Therefore, the total cumulative number of the program’s projects during the first and second phases reached 285 worth $34.5 million, benefiting about 447,606 people (50% of them female), while the total temporary employment generated mounts to 3.2 million workdays (of which 441,484 for women).

During the quarter, two training courses were held in watershed management, one for the program’s technical officers and the other targeted 40 male and female engineers from all SFD’s BoIs to raise their level in the preparation and supervision of watershed technical studies. Two other courses were held in the same area in Bb and Al-Mukalla BoIs; targeting 25 engineers.

### Rural Roads

27 projects were approved worth $6.8 million, benefiting 85,000 people (50% female), and generating about 287,000 temporary jobs. The projects are distributed over rural roads (21 projects, 121 km long), city streets paving (5 projects, with an area of 60,123 m²) and bridges (one project). Thus, the cumulative number of the sector’s projects reached 748 worth $156.8 million, with a total length of more than 3,015 kilometers, and pavement area of approximately 2.7 million square meters. These projects benefit 4 million people (50% female), and generate temporary employment exceeding 8 million workdays. Also, 14 projects were approved; thus, the total number of projects that were visited reached 156 distributed over under-implementation projects (to assess the works' quality) and completed (for evaluation), in addition to visiting projects of 2011 plan for assessing targeting.

### Health and Social Protection

#### Health

During the second quarter, 13 projects were developed worth $0.4 million, bringing the total cumulative number of the sector’s projects to 1,046 worth $87 million benefiting nearly 7.2 million people (61% females) and generating some 2.2 million workdays.

#### Improving and increasing access to health facilities

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

Three projects were approved to build, equip and furnish 3 health units in the districts of Al-Qanaa (Al-Hudaiqah), Al-Hasha (Al-Dhamar) and Al-Marj (Al-Mahweet). Also a project was approved to rehabilitate a health center in Maqashan (Taiz).

#### Enhancing skills and increasing the number of PHC providers

The SFD contributes to increasing the number of health staff providing PHC services in some remote and deprived areas and qualifying high school graduated students to become paramedics. In the quarter, 45 male & female students were qualified to medical assistants, 110 female students to nurses, 60 students (of both sexes) to multiple disciplines (nursing, radiology, operations technicians, anesthesia, laboratory). Additionally, training has been provided to 240 staff from health facilities in 5 governorates on Integrated Management for Child Illness (IMCI) and to health providers in 3 facilities in other governorates on quality health services.

#### Improving reproductive health services

Focus is given to improve health services provided for mothers and newborns and reducing maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality rate.

Projects were developed during the quarter to provide training to 374 midwives on community- and home-based care for mothers and newborns in order to provide them with technical skills in the provision of maternal and neonatal health services, with several districts in 8 governorates targeted. Other projects were also developed to provide emergency obstetrics and reproductive health services in Dhamar, Al-Hudaiqah and Shabwah governorates.

Finally, a project was developed to prepare training materials intended for medical staff and their assistants in premature infants care, with training provided to trainers on these materials.

#### Mental Health

Both documents on the National Mental Health Strategy and National Psychiatric Medicine Manual were printed and distributed to those concerned in the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MoPH) and other relevant officials.

In addition, preparation of national trainers in the field of mental health (within PHC context) is underway, and training is being provided to medical and assistant staff in the same field as well as to social workers in 25 schools in psychological counseling (in Al-Mukalla and Gail Bawazir, Hadhramaut).

Finally, efforts are exerted to promote school mental health promotion in Al-Hudaiqah Governorate and to furnish and equip the Educational and Psychological Counseling Center of Dhamar University (in Dhamar City).

### Groups with special needs

Twenty-eight projects, worth approximately $0.9 million, were approved—thus, bringing the total cumulative number of the sector’s projects to 630 projects at an estimated cost of about $33.8 million, benefiting some 0.3 million people (28% of them female).

### Inclusive and Special Education

Projects have been developed to support integration and inclusive education, aiming at the integration and rehabilitation of 950 female and male school children with physical & mental disability and hearing & visual impairment as well as learning difficulties and autism. In addition, training was provided to 591 teachers and administrators as well as to 4 NGOs and 43 female teachers in Sadaqah, Dhamar, Hadhramaut, Bb, Taiz, Lahej and Amran governorates. The project aimed at providing training to teachers, social workers and administrators on integration concepts and mechanisms, diagnosis of behavioral disorders and problems of children with disabilities, diagnosis of learning difficulties and developing appropriate therapeutic program. The intervention also includes the addition of six classrooms, building three educational resource centers, equipping public libraries in six other public schools, engineering facilities and rehabilitation of bathrooms for children with disabilities. In addition, the projects included strengthening special-education services provided by NGOs in Al-Hudaiqah and Seiyah governorates, targeting 23 children with mental, hearing, and visual impairments and autism in 7 NGOs by providing them with specialized education means and training 49 of their employees on ways and methods of teaching such children.

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**Abbreviations:** App: Approved; UI: Under Implementation; C: Completed

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Early Childhood Development
This program aims to support early childhood development programs and national policies and strategies geared for the age group (0-8) years. A project was approved to rehabilitate and equip a section for children in the Aden-based Artificial Limbs and Physiotherapy Center, and another project to train six of its staff members on the Yemeni Dyslexia Association and the kindergartens female teachers in Taiz governorate on dyslexia diagnostic and therapeutic programs, with the aim of modern investigation, diagnosis, and treatment programs provided.

Institutional support
This program aims to provide institutional support to government institutions and NGOs to improve their performance for the implementation of development programs and capacity building for people with disabilities (PDs) by supporting technical education and vocational training. Three projects were developed, aiming at providing institutional support to the associations working with PDs in BB, Shabwah, and Hadhramaut governorates.

Community-based rehabilitation (CBR)
Projects aim at establishing CBR services in the city of Yareem (Ibb governorate) and Al-Haimah Al-Dakhelihya (Sana’a). Projects were developed to train and educate 47 staff members on psychosocial support, as well as vocational and handicrafts skills (hairdressing and sewing).

Female orphans and staff in Taiz Female Orphanage were also trained in social support methods and alternative & subsequent care. Thirty behavior change programs, juvenile follow-up and psychological & social counseling services in Al-Haimah Al-Dakhelihya (Sana’a).

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During the quarter, SFD’s Aden Branch Office (BO) implemented a field training course for 8 technicians in the implementation of water tanks by Ferro-cement technology in addition to qualifying 10 plastering skilled laborers on this technique. During the training six water reservoirs were implemented, each with 500 m³ capacity to harvest rainwater from the roofs of six schools in Al-Dhale’, Al-Haseen and Qat’abah districts (Al-Dhale’ governorate).

In the framework of dealing with water scarcity, 118 projects (worth $14 million) have been approved—since the beginning of the year until the end of the second quarter—to serve 1.2 million people, 70% of whom fell in the fourth poverty category (the poorest) and 30% in the third. Actual work began in 72 projects, including 54 rainwater harvesting tanks with a total capacity of 80,000 m³, 16 karifs with total capacity of 58,000 m³, 8,741 rooftops cisterns with a total capacity 435,100 m³ and 15,400-m-long water pipes to bring the service closer to the beneficiaries’ residences.

It should be noted that the private rooftop rainwater harvesting program, which began in mid-2009, is nearing completion by the end of the second quarter, with the number of projects reaching 265 projects and SFD’s contribution mounting to $15 million. The components of these projects comprise 22,300 rooftop cisterns of 1,018,600 m³ capacity to serve 215,000 people with improved water—and close to their houses.

Water and Environment
The number of projects approved during the quarter in both Water and Environment sectors reached 49 projects at an estimated cost of approximately $13.2 million, which will benefit about 115 thousand beneficiaries to expect to nearly 6.3 million people.

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Environment
The Environment Sector aims to improve hygiene and environmental conditions for poor communities, and raise awareness on the importance of personal and public hygiene.

Eight projects were approved during the quarter at an estimated cost exceeding $800 thousand to serve more than 38 thousand beneficiaries. These projects include the implementation of a training course in SFD’s Ibb Branch to qualify 29 consultants (13 of whom are female) in health and environmental awareness on the communities’ total sanitation approach. The training included—introduction to the theoretical content—field application of the approach in 7 villages of Al-Sawkah district (Amran governorate). Additionally, a project approved by SFD’s Sana’a BO yielded positive results, including the announcement (in May) of Bani Al-Salami (Bani Al-Gusal sub-district, Al-Rajem district, Al-Mahweet) free from open sanitation. Also in Dhamar, 41 awareness campaigns were conducted, targeting 41 villages in Babil Al-Sharq district and in Dhawran Ans, the results of following up with the project revealed that 5 villages succeeded in getting rid of open sanitation.

As for the infrastructure project for the city of Shiham Hadhramaut, a visit was conducted to the project during the period 25-30 June 2011, in which the conduct of works was discussed with the implementation unit of the project, and the components of the project (which include water, sanitation, electricity, lighting, telephone and paving) were reviewed in the field. The assessment of achievement during the quarter revealed that 7% of the project was completed, bringing the cumulative achievement to 25.6%.

Agriculture and Rural Development
Agriculture and Rural Development comprise Agriculture sector and Integrated interventions program.

Agriculture
Water for agricultural development: The SFD developed 8 projects for small dams (water barriers) in the second quarter, aimed to cover the need of local communities to supplementary irrigation of agricultural land as well as for use in watering animals.

The sector also financed watershed projects and agricultural terraces reclamation, including the integrated management for the maintenance of agricultural terraces in Adem Valley (of Al-Mahweet governorate). The most important activities in this project is the reclamation of agricultural terraces, protection of the valleys’ banks and restoring torrential irrigation canals.

Work also began in the pilot project of supplementary irrigation tanks in the district, where community contribution (diggig public and individual tanks) has been initiated.

Similarly, works started on the integrated management of the rehabilitation of watershed basin in Wadi Magbar (Al-Rajem, Al-Mahweet) and Wadi Sharim (Bani Al-Hudaylad). Where training courses were held to build the capacity of 26 groups with a membership of 167 persons to prepare the operational plan for each group. In Bani Al-Salami, the project of integrated management for the maintenance of agricultural terraces (more than one governorate) was approved. Additionally, the pilot project to protect the soil and water was developed in Al-Foah (Gabal Ras, Al-Hudaylad), as well as the preparation of preliminary studies for watershed rehabilitation project in the Wadi Al-Sahar (Al-Qubabah, Lahi). (Out replacement: The quarter witnessed the start of the implementation of two pilot projects to replace qat trees in Al-Soudah and Maswar districts (Amran). The work in the each of the two projects comprises the completion of 3 individual tanks and the provision of about 200 coffee and almond seedlings to replace qat trees in addition to a simple irrigation network. Achievement percentage of the first project exceeded 90%, and in the second project: 85% of the work was completed. The projects were provided to 60 producers groups (of both sexes) in Khairan Al-Muharraq (Hajjah) and 85 groups were financed in 4 other areas. Moreover, 37 male and female consultants were trained on the formation and capacity building of rural producers groups and committees in the districts of Mastaba, Alam and Bakel Al-Meer (Hajjah) and Bara’ (Al-Hudaylad), with 32 groups formed and trained in these districts.

Capacity building was also provided to 98 groups (of which 55 for women) in Jehanah (San’a) and 31 in Al-Mahweet.

Integrated Intervention Program
The program’s the third phase started concomitantly with the start of SFD’s fourth phase of operations (the beginning of 2011), with nine sub-districts through SFD’s BOs and the number of targeted beneficiaries mounts to 75,674 people.