The fourth quarter of year 2000 coincided with the end of the First Phase of the SFD operations during which the SFD did very well as far as its overall performance is concerned. The outstanding performance of the SFD during the First Phase can very easily and clearly be concluded from the genuine data, facts and figures included in this report which at the same time provide the necessary evidence and proof of the exceptionally great success of SFD. The SFD’s capacity had been strengthened during the previous years, enabling the SFD to shorten the implementation period of the First Phase from five years to three years and allowing it to proceed firmly with great confidence to implement the Second Phase of its operations during the years (2001-2005).

The Second Phase operations are believed to be a real challenge, which may not be the subject of high expectations or underestimation. However the SFD is very confident of its capability to meet the challenges of the Second Phase. This high level of confidence in the SFD and the strength possessed are drawn from the competent, enthusiastic and dedicated SFD staff obtained during the implementation of the various activities in participation with the local communities. It also stems from the valuable support provided to the SFD by the numerous donors whose partnership with SFD is deepening with time, and constituting the corner stone of success, continuity and the SFD’s capacity had been strengthened during the previous years, enabling the SFD to shorten the implementation period of the First Phase from five years to three years and allowing it to proceed firmly with great confidence to implement the Second Phase of its operations during the years (2001-2005).

The Second Phase operations are believed to be a real challenge, which may not be the subject of high expectations or underestimation. However the SFD is very confident of its capability to meet the challenges of the Second Phase. This high level of confidence in the SFD and the strength possessed are drawn from the competent, enthusiastic and dedicated SFD staff obtained during the implementation of the various activities in participation with the local communities. It also stems from the valuable support provided to the SFD by the numerous donors whose partnership with SFD is deepening with time, and constituting the corner stone of success, continuity and the SFD’s capacity had been strengthened during the previous years, enabling the SFD to shorten the implementation period of the First Phase from five years to three years and allowing it to proceed firmly with great confidence to implement the Second Phase of its operations during the years (2001-2005).

The Second Phase operations are believed to be a real challenge, which may not be the subject of high expectations or underestimation. However the SFD is very confident of its capability to meet the challenges of the Second Phase. This high level of confidence in the SFD and the strength possessed are drawn from the competent, enthusiastic and dedicated SFD staff obtained during the implementation of the various activities in participation with the local communities. It also stems from the valuable support provided to the SFD by the numerous donors whose partnership with SFD is deepening with time, and constituting the corner stone of success, continuity and the SFD’s capacity had been strengthened during the previous years, enabling the SFD to shorten the implementation period of the First Phase from five years to three years and allowing it to proceed firmly with great confidence to implement the Second Phase of its operations during the years (2001-2005).

The SFD’s capacity had been strengthened during the previous years, enabling the SFD to shorten the implementation period of the First Phase from five years to three years and allowing it to proceed firmly with great confidence to implement the Second Phase of its operations during the years (2001-2005).

The SFD’s capacity had been strengthened during the previous years, enabling the SFD to shorten the implementation period of the First Phase from five years to three years and allowing it to proceed firmly with great confidence to implement the Second Phase of its operations during the years (2001-2005).

The SFD’s capacity had been strengthened during the previous years, enabling the SFD to shorten the implementation period of the First Phase from five years to three years and allowing it to proceed firmly with great confidence to implement the Second Phase of its operations during the years (2001-2005).

The SFD’s capacity had been strengthened during the previous years, enabling the SFD to shorten the implementation period of the First Phase from five years to three years and allowing it to proceed firmly with great confidence to implement the Second Phase of its operations during the years (2001-2005).

The SFD’s capacity had been strengthened during the previous years, enabling the SFD to shorten the implementation period of the First Phase from five years to three years and allowing it to proceed firmly with great confidence to implement the Second Phase of its operations during the years (2001-2005).

The SFD’s capacity had been strengthened during the previous years, enabling the SFD to shorten the implementation period of the First Phase from five years to three years and allowing it to proceed firmly with great confidence to implement the Second Phase of its operations during the years (2001-2005).

The SFD’s capacity had been strengthened during the previous years, enabling the SFD to shorten the implementation period of the First Phase from five years to three years and allowing it to proceed firmly with great confidence to implement the Second Phase of its operations during the years (2001-2005).

The SFD’s capacity had been strengthened during the previous years, enabling the SFD to shorten the implementation period of the First Phase from five years to three years and allowing it to proceed firmly with great confidence to implement the Second Phase of its operations during the years (2001-2005).

The SFD’s capacity had been strengthened during the previous years, enabling the SFD to shorten the implementation period of the First Phase from five years to three years and allowing it to proceed firmly with great confidence to implement the Second Phase of its operations during the years (2001-2005).

The SFD’s capacity had been strengthened during the previous years, enabling the SFD to shorten the implementation period of the First Phase from five years to three years and allowing it to proceed firmly with great confidence to implement the Second Phase of its Operations during the years (2001-2005).
**Social Fund for Development Newsletter – Issue No. 12**

**Social Protection Unit News**

**Integrated Intervention Programme**

The programme has completed the selection process for identifying three rural areas for the pilot phase. The process included:

- Setting eligibility and selection criteria.
- Identifying 7 sub-districts of which 3 will be selected. This was based on applying selection criteria to the poorest 50% of all sub-districts according to available poverty indicators and using geographical maps illustrating population density.
- Preparation of Field Research Questionnaires and select research methodologies which were a mixture of formal Questionnaires and Participatory Rapid Appraisal methods.
- A one week Training Workshop for the researchers which included pre-testing of research questionnaires in the field.
- Research in 13 main villages and their satellites in 7 pre-identified sub-districts. These villages are spread over 5 governorates.

**Supporting groups with Special Needs**

SFD is expanding its support to groups with Special Needs. During this quarter, 6 projects were committed to groups working with the Blind and the Deaf. The projects focus on providing education and vocational training opportunities working with the Blind and the Deaf. These projects focus on providing education and vocational training opportunities.

**Water & Environment Unit News**

**Water Harvesting Projects - Phase II**

The number of projects under implementation during this quarter reached 15; 7 in Al-Mahweet, one in Amran, and 7 in Sana’a. These projects consists of 51 cisterns. The SFD’s interventions include rehabilitation, expanding existing cisterns, or building new ones, when necessary, in order to meet the needs of the beneficiaries during the dry season. The interventions also aim at improving drainage channels, fencing the cisterns and installing hand pumps.

**Other Water Projects**

- The number of water projects (excluding the water harvesting projects) under implementation reached 42 projects. With these, the total number of projects implemented during the quarter was 57 with an estimated cost of US$3,291,441.
- **Environmental Sector**
  - Two project agreements have been signed at an estimated cost of US$186,340.

**Capacity Building**

- During this quarter, Dr. Taha Taher, presented a paper entitled “Rainwater Harvesting: Hygiene Education” at a workshop about water and environment which was held at the Faculty of Agriculture, Sana’a University, from 13-19 Oct, 2000.
- Eng. Jaweed AL-Jilani participated in a special course on “Protecting Reservoirs and Dams from Pollution” which was organized by the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development from 4-9 Nov, 2000 in Sana’a. It’s main subjects were:
  - Policies required to protect reservoirs and dams from pollution
  - Strengthening beneficiaries role in protecting lakes from pollution
  - Biological methods for fighting pollution

**Training Unit News**

The Unit financed and Implemented 8 projects during the 4th quarter of the year 2000. These included:

- Six projects for supporting associations and NGOs providing them with equipment and furniture to help them improve the services they offer to beneficiaries in local communities (Sana’a Governorate & Sana’a City).
- One training course to improve the capacities of the charitable associations and accountants in women NGOs’ in the Basics of Accounts and Book-keeping.
- Nineteen trainees representing 19 associations and women centers in the governorates took part in the course. One project to establish a Child Public Library, the fifth of its kind financed by the SFD in Sana’a City. Children in Al-Husayn Al-Giraf district will benefit from this library.

**Small and Micro Enterprises Development Unit News**

**Rift Valley Disease (RUF)**

A team from the Unit visited the areas affected by the RUF in Zahura, Lahia, and Maraweh. The team investigated the effects of the disease on the area. The team recommended that the SFD provide emergency food assistance to alleviate the suffering of the poor in those areas. In this regard, SFD signed an agreement with Wadi Moor and Wadi Shiam Agricultural Cooperatives to distribute SFD assistance in the region. Around 7,000 families were reached in Wadi Moor and Wadi Seham. The food assistance included white corn, which is bought from the local market. The assistance will help people sustain themselves as well as help the local farmers who will sell their corn crops to the project.

**Group from Syria to Hodiedah Micro Credit program**

A group of 7 workers from the UNDP project in Rural Development – Gabriel Al Hus in Syria paid a visit to Hodiedah MC Program in the period 12-22/12/2000. The purpose of the visit was to learn from the program’s experience in micro finance using Islamic banking methods. The participation expressed their appreciation for the good organization and the experience of the program.

**Wadi Hadramout program**

Wadi Hadramout program: A 6-day training session was conducted for Program staff and Al-Nahada NGO administrative staff. Programme procedures have already been established and it is planned to start its services in Sayfan city before expanding to other areas in the Wadi.

**The final report of the Baseline Survey of the Small and Micro Enterprise in Yemen**

The Netherlands Economic Institute and the CI initiated a baseline survey of the Small and Micro Enterprise sector in Yemen. Although, according to the survey, the establishments suffer from high competition, market stagnation and weak infrastructure, 50% have plans for expansion. The study shows that small entrepreneurs need financial assistance, consultation in technology and production techniques.

The following table shows the portfolios of SEMED programs as of December 31st, 2000:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Program</th>
<th>Active No. of Borrowers</th>
<th>Active No. of Savers</th>
<th>Outstanding Loan Periods (YR)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Micro Credit Hodiedah</td>
<td>2002</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>74,532,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Women's Housing - Hodeidah</td>
<td>298</td>
<td>905</td>
<td>1,020,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abah Lending - Program</td>
<td>301</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>7,236,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Women's Housing Program - Aden</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>288</td>
<td>42,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Income Generating - Manas</td>
<td>818</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>15,174,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Income Generating - Al Seih</td>
<td>433</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>10,213,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Income Generating - Lahj</td>
<td>124</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>5,846,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Income Generating - Wadi</td>
<td>229</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>7,552,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>4210</td>
<td>1193</td>
<td>121,645,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Achievements of the Fourth Quarter of 2000**

The SFD has contracted 182 projects during the fourth quarter of 2000, with a total investment of about 4.15 US$ million.

**Investment by Governmentors (4th Quarter/2000)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Governorates</th>
<th>No. of Projects</th>
<th>Commitment ($)</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Men’s City</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>3,233,526,88</td>
<td>23.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Men’s</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>979,100</td>
<td>7.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aden</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>636,526</td>
<td>4.6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lahj</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>1,344,955</td>
<td>9.7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hodeidah</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>1,226,545</td>
<td>8.8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dhamar</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>553,140</td>
<td>6.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Al Seih</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>305,000</td>
<td>2.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dhamar</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>884,314</td>
<td>6.3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>