The Republic of Yemen and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development initially signed on 14 July 2010 a financing agreement to support SFD Phase IV (2011-15). Under the agreement, the Arab Fund provides $30 million (about $5 million) to finance the operations of SFD’s new phase.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Abdulkarim Al-Arhabi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Planning and International Cooperation / SFD Managing Director, and Al-Fateh Al-Shatheli, the Arab Fund’s Legal Advisor.

Following the agreement signing, Al-Arhabi valued the Arab Fund’s continuous support to Yemen and applauded the agreement, affirming that the Fund is one of the Yemeni partners in development. Al-Shatheli asserted the Fund’s readiness to provide all kinds of aid to Yemen’s development, commend the level of cooperation between Yemen and the Arab Fund.

**Emergency SSN Enhancement Project workshop**

An inaugural Emergency Social Safety Net (SSN) Enhancement Project workshop was held on 26 July 2010 in Sana’a. The project is financed by the European Union (EU) and administered by the World Bank (WB). The project, implemented by SFD’s Labor Intensive Works Program to respond to food-price hikes, is designed to contribute to protecting the neediest families affected by drought and climate change, supporting the productive assets of affected families and building the capacity of beneficiary communities to cope with future shocks. The project seeks to achieve several goals, including improving women's participation, increasing local communities’ protected productive assets and increasing access of the targeted communities to temporary employment estimated to reach 800,000 days of work in addition to providing one-year direct cash assistance to 41,000 of the neediest families.

The EU Mission Head in Sana’a, Ambassador Michele Cervone d’Urso, re-affirmed—during the workshop opening—EU’s support for the efforts of the Yemeni government to implement the $4.1 million of the total grant's amount will be allocated to support relevant SFD’s activities.

For his part, the WB Director in Sana’a, Mr. Benson Ateg, indicated that the WB would pursue the task of managing the emergency project to strengthen Yemen's SSN. SFD’s plan includes the financing of 100 diversifiable and intensive projects, benefiting more than 12,000 families.

**Financing the second phase of the historical city of Zabid**

An agreement was signed on the financing of the second phase of preserving the historical city of Zabid funded by the Social Fund at a cost of $1.7 million. The agreement finances the pavement of 25,000 m² of the area surface for some centimeters, pave the open-center area with stones inclining toward the center, establish a dual underground draining tank one end point in order to drain down all rainwater. The finished project was supervised by a team from MF institutions and banks. The network has been effectively working to enhance the living conditions of small and micro-enterprises in most governorates of Yemen. Indeed, the SFD is the first institution that has ever been engaged in the economic and social development of our country. He indicated the SFD’s significant role in contributing to reduce poverty, creating employment opportunities for the poor and improving the living conditions of small and micro-entrepreneurs.

**YMN Holds Official Launch**

Mr. Al-Arhabi delivered a speech, in which he noted that the operationalization of the administrative region is one of the most important steps towards achieving a sustainable development. He noted that the SFD has always been a leader in providing microfinance services, as well as through its efforts and its ability to effectively serve small and micro-businesses.

Mr. Al-Arhabi expressed hope that the newly established network will contribute to strengthening Yemen’s SSN. He indicated that the SFD has always been committed to providing microfinance services, as well as through its efforts and its ability to effectively serve small and micro-businesses.

Mr. Al-Arhabi also noted that the SFD’s efforts have led to the establishment of a new electronic directory of microfinance providers in Yemen. This directory will provide a comprehensive list of MFIs operating in Yemen, as well as their contact information and services offered.

Mr. Al-Arhabi emphasized the importance of the electronic directory in providing access to a wide range of microfinance services for individuals and businesses in Yemen. He noted that the directory will help to strengthen the SFD’s role as a provider of microfinance services and will contribute to achieving the goals of the SFD.

Mr. Al-Arhabi concluded his speech by expressing his hope that the new launch will continue to contribute to the development of the microfinance sector in Yemen and to achieve the goals set by the SFD.
**UNIT NEWS**

Education

During the third quarter, 30 projects were approved, at an estimated cost of approximately $6.6 million, benefiting directly 13,616 students. Thus, the cumulative number of projects mounted to 4,250 worth about $542.5 million.

Expanding basic and secondary education infrastructure

This program contributes to the establishment of new school buildings, rehabilitation of some educational establishments, improvement of the educational environment and adding classrooms and service facilities as well as furnishing and equipping school buildings so that they can fulfill their role and attain stability of the educational process. The program occupies the top rank in terms of the sector's number of projects and investments, with 22 projects developed at an estimated cost of approximately $6.2 million, benefiting about 12,932 people directly. Thus, the number of the program's projects cumulatively (since SFD inception in 1997 and until the end of September 2010) reached the 3,849 projects at an estimated cost of about $493.5 million, benefiting directly some two million people.

Rural Girls Education Program

This program benefits 7 sub-districts in five governorates, where girls' enrollment rates are low. These sub-districts are Bani Ostaifah (Al-Souda District/ Amran governorate), Weld Ayyash (Haidan/ Sa'adah), Al-Ramia Al-Ulia (Al-Sukhna / Al-Souda District/ Amran governorate), Weld Ayyash (Zaidiyah, Amran governorate), among Yemenis aged 10 and above. It is conducted by the "Eradication and Adult Education "IEAE" organization (an independent government body) in order to reduce illiteracy rate among girls aged 10 and above.

Rural Girls Education Program

Also, a training course was implemented during the period 24-29 July 2010 on Strategic Planning and Preparation of Operational Plans for the IEAE adult-literacy general directors at the central level and in 22 governorates, with the attendance of 30 participants of both sexes from all governorates of the Republic.

Moreover, within efforts to qualify female non-formal education facilitators, training was provided (second stage) on July 1-2 to 115 female facilitators in 7 (out of a total of 11 targeted) governorates: Dhamar, Al-Baidha, Shabwah, Ibb, Lahej, Raimah and Al-Hudaidah. In addition, a field study was carried out to assess the impact of training male and female adult-literacy teachers in 22 districts in Al-Hudaidah governorate.

Training for adult literacy teachers (Al-Zaidiyah, Al-Hudaidah, Taiz).

Education Quality

This program focuses on quality education (including during the preschool stage and in kindergartens), gifted and talented students' programs and innovative methods for the introduction of new technologies in education as well as supporting instructors' professional development.

During the quarter, Douroub network managers (webmasters) were trained on how to create pages on the Internet to enable teachers and students to work on projects, create pages for schools for archiving activities. In addition, technology coordinators were trained on the mutual relating to work on the network, computer lab management and coordinating logistics.

The third quarter also witnessed the accession of four schools to the Rural Girls Education Program in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the "Eradication and Adult Education "IEAE" organization (an independent government body).

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In addition, activities continued under the Educational Excellence (Taught and Excelled Students) Program, which aims to support the Ministry of Education’s (MoE) efforts to develop an institutional system for the care of talented and ingenious students throughout the Republic. In this regard, the SFD had contributed to the program’s proposal and institutional structure as well as clarifying the role and functions of the MoE and other partners during the various stages of the program implementation was completed.

In July 2010, the Program’s technical team participated in the Seventh Scientific Conference for the Care of the Gifted and Excelling, where the experience of Yemen presented. In August, the first group of the talented students’ teachers in the Capital City and Taiz governorate were trained on the basics and how to prepare enrichment materials for talented students (under the program), and review what has been submitted.

**Cultural Heritage**

During the quarter, 5 projects were approved at an estimated cost of more than $5.5 million, bringing the cumulative number of projects (since SFD inception in 1997 until the end of September 2010) to 246 projects, with investments approaching $48.3 million.

**Restoration of Al-Ashehryeah Mosque and Ma'darah (Taiz)**

In accordance with the approved plan of the fourth phase of the restoration project, the quarter witnessed continuation of restoration of the architectural and structural elements to address some parts of the foundation, walls and facades as well as the Qadul waqf inside and outside the dome. Also, rehabilitation of the groundwater used to serve the local community as a traditional crafts exhibit in Taiz was initiated, according to the agreement with the community’s members and other beneficiaries, which is considered as a conclusion of continuous meetings and consultation with them.

Moreover, work continued in the restoration of mural paintings and gypsum ornaments in the prayer hall and shrines. It should be noted that fine restoration works are carried out by a local trained conservators assisted by Italian specialists. Reviewing and modifying the electricity and lighting network schemes have been completed for all parts of the building, and the bill of quantities and specifications have been prepared as well.

**Training in architectural heritage preservation**

The high-level training program targeting 80 people, which was held in September 2010, 600 manuscripts have been documented. During August and September 2010, 600 manuscripts have been documented.

**Translation and printing of a book about Yemen**

In August, the first group of the talented students’ teachers in the Capital City and Taiz governorate were trained on the basics and how to prepare enrichment materials for talented students (under the program), and review what has been submitted.

The book documents many aspects of social and political life in Yemen in that period, in addition to many plants and crops as well as tools used in daily life in that time. The book’s translation has been revised and verified; layout & printing specifications have been set as well. It is expected to be published and disseminated in early 2011.

**Preparation for curricula on preservation of urban & architectural heritage**

In order to integrate urban and architectural preservation curricula into university education, consultations have been carried out with the Higher Education and Scientific Research, Culture, the General Organization for the Preservation of Historic Cities and a number of Yemeni universities through holding an experts meeting, with the participation of international experts in this field. In the light of this meeting, an agreement and a memorandum of understanding is now being prepared between the concerned parties to proceed with the implementation of the project’s activities in collaboration with UNESCO and ICCROM.

**Manuscripts documentation**

Support has been provided to the second phase of training on manuscripts documentation. The project, which was handed over to the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, the International Center for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), the World and other partners during the various stages of the program implementation was completed.

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Includes only under implementation and completed projects as of 30/9/2010

**Training and Organizational Support**

Interventions in the two sectors (Training and Organizational Support) aim at providing services through training and building the human and institutional capacities of SFD staff & project officers, consultants, beneficiary committees, small contractors, technicians, local authorities, NGOs and governmental organs; who contribute to providing productive services, training, community development, literacy eradication, dissemination of culture and supporting the educational process.
Third phase indicators – Training and Organizational Support Sectors*

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** Includes almost all local council (533) in the country

Private Sector (Individuals)
Interventions included seven projects, divided between training and qualifying engineers, technicians and contractors on the mechanisms and implementation procedures, contracting and quality control for the branches of Hodeida, Aden, Ibb, and Taiz, and training consultants for San'a branch on community participation. This is in addition to training consultants for Amran branch on the simplified accounting system for NGOs.

University Graduates
One project was developed for training and qualifying about 350 rural university graduates on development advocacy issues, by means of 12 training courses in foundational topics related to development issues. This is beside training them in fundamental computer applications.

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

Health sector
During the third quarter, 4 projects were developed at an estimated cost of $12.7 million, with the estimated number of direct beneficiaries reaching 92,337 people (78% female). Cumulatively, 952 projects have been developed, worth nearly $80.3 million, benefiting more than 6.7 million people (62% female).

Strengthening partnership
The SFD participated in the preparation of the National Primary health Care Strategy, which will be included as a key component in the National Health Strategy (2011-15).

Institutional building
In the framework of cooperation between the SFD and the Ministry of Public Health and Population “MoHP” (represented by Planning and Health Development Sector), 4 projects were developed to strengthen priority health systems pursuant to the National Health Strategy and health sector reform review.

Expand and improve access to primary healthcare services
Focus was given to enhancing access to PHC facilities and reducing maternal and neonatal mortality.

Training on modern health delivery facilities
This component aims to increase coverage of primary healthcare (PHC) services through the rehabilitation of the existing health units and centers and furnishing & equipping health facilities in addition to the formation and training of health committees.

In addition, Al-Awael Microfinance was financed with 33 million Riyals. As a result of this funding, the number of active customers for all the programs and institutions has risen to more than 58,000 active clients as of September 2010.

Technical support
The unit provided technical support for Wadi Hadramout MF program and 4 projects co-founded by SFD in partnership with Al-Nahda NGO, in which a consultant was hired for two weeks to provide on-the-job training and technical support. The aim was to help the program improve performance and spread its services in the rural and urban areas of the districts of Turim, Seyyun, Al-Qam, and Taiz.

Graduation of the Social Welfare Fund beneficiaries out of poverty
The project is implementing 33 training courses targeting more than 600 beneficiaries living in the target areas, namely Aden, Taiz and Lahi. Each graduate will be expected to be applied, as a first stage, in the National MF Foundation and San'a MF program.

A human resources management system has been developed to keep track of salaries and wages, as an initial step to the full development of a comprehensive and integrated human resources system that will serve microfinance programs and institutions.

Product development for young people
Within the framework of the partnership established between the SFD, the U.S. Agency for Development (USAID) and Aden MF Foundation, USAID has provided funds to SMEPS to develop a new financial product that meets the needs of youth in Aden governorate, where the funds will be used to finance youth economic activities.

Bidayah program
The program was conceived as a training path for loan officers working in MFIs, aiming to design a training manual that would cover all the main subjects and skills a loan officer needs to know in his/her profession.

Studying merging MFIs
In accordance with its strategic vision and mission, SMED signed an agreement with Grameen-Jameel Foundation, in which the latter would finance a feasibility study to assess the possibility of merging 2-4 MF institutions in Yemen into a larger and stronger institution. These include the National MF Foundation, Aden MF Foundation, Al-Yemen MF and Al-Awael MF Company. A field study was conducted in September by a foreign expert to evaluate the four financial schemes, find prospects for integration and produce an action plan on how best to implement the merger.

The "Toomoochi" Program event
The program, supported by US-AID, aims at developing the skills of young people and entrepreneurs in a range of sectors to enable them to use modern techniques. According to the recommendations of a field study carried out to determine the sectors to be developed, the Agency coordinated the implementation of this program in collaboration with some colleges and institutes and the private sector training providers –on Programming Logic Control (PLC) and mobile engineering. The agency also coordinated a field visit for the PLC trainees to a factory in Lahi.

SMED Unit strategy
As part of the framework of cooperation between the SFD and the German Development Bank (KfW), the bank funded a consultant to spearhead the program of efforts to help the SMED unit develop its strategy. The consultant held numerous meetings with SMED’s staff and SFD partners and finalized a comprehensive strategy covering the period from 2011-15, with an action plan included.

Activities of the Small and Micro Enterprises Development agency (SMEPS)
SMEPS carried out several activities including the following:

*Meet the business world* (KAB) Program
SMEPS carried out two workshops focusing on the program content, definition and methodology of training, targeting all office managers and professional and technical institutes working with the agency in San’a and Taiz cities. The second batch of 58 trainees graduated as part of Khadija training program using the KAB training modules completed the second phase of training, which included several advanced programs in management, marketing and accounting.

*Business Edge* ToT program
In coordination with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), SMEPS held a *Business Edge* training of trainers (ToT) course attended by 11 trainers from San’a, Taiz, Hadramaut and Al-Hudaidah. SMEPS had implemented several courses under the program aimed at developing the administrative capacity of young people, in collaboration with the “Muthamar Center”, a *Business Edge* training center in Aden, with 40 trainees coming from various colleges and aspires to establish their own business in marketing, management and project funding training.

Skills acquisition in using GPS
In continuation with the training program, targeting 200 fishermen belonging to cooperatives located in the coasts of Hadramaut, Al-Maharah and Shabwah, SMEPS implemented in cooperation with Garmin Yemen Company the 2nd and 3rd courses in using the Geographical Positioning System (GPS). The event included 35 traditional fishermen from various cooperatives in Al-Sherif City, aiming at providing the trainees with the professional skills in using the device in locating fish fishery. In addition, the 4th and 5th training courses in the same specialty were held in East Al-Deis (Al-Mukalla) and Al-Refai and Keser (Hadramaut) in coordination with Al-Bandar fishermen Cooperative, with 45 fishermen trained.

Introducing mobile & branchless banking in Yemen
On behalf of the Yemen Public Savings and Postal Corporation (PSPC, SMED has formulated a proposal to introduce mobile and branchless banking in Yemen with the financial and technical help of the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP). The aim is to reduce costs of financial services for MFIs when trying to reach people in small towns and sparsely populated areas.
Integrated intervention

The cumulative number of the sector’s projects (since 1997 until the end of September 2010), reached to 182 projects at an estimated cost of approximately $11.6 million, benefiting directly more than 220 thousand people.

The quarter’s activities focused on the following areas:

Interventions in education

Two training courses were carried out in June and July 2010 to build the capacity of teachers from all relevant schools on learning resources and on how to create learning-resource rooms or centers in those schools.

Interventions in infrastructure

The quarter witnessed the completion of implementation of Ummah Bin Affan Basic School in Mahniyah (Bani Ma’anes sub-district, Wsib Al-Safel district / Dhamar governorate) as well as the implementation of Osama Bin Zaid Basic School in Najd and Amerah (Al-Qahtaniyah / Taiz) in addition to the establishment and furnishing of three health units in Al-Zaila’iyah and Al-Maqarenah (Al-Luhaiyyah, Al-Hudaidah) in Najd and Amerah (Asawedah, Maoiyah / Taiz) in addition to Uthman Bin Affan Basic School in Mahniyah (Bani Ma’anes sub-district, Wsib Al-Safel district / Dhamar governorate).

Two training courses were carried out in June and July 2010 for the qualification of 40 assistant physicians in the governorate of Dhamar, in order to meet the PHC facilities’ needs in remote areas.

Increase births under medical supervision

This component focuses on pre- and in-service training of midwives, in particular community midwives, through the provision of internal scholarships for girls from all governorates to study in the field of midwifery in order to improve PHC for mothers and newborns.

A project was developed for the training of 24 community midwives’ trainers (the fourth batch) from several governorates on maternal and newborn health care.

Interventions in agriculture and economic empowerment

Two training courses were carried out in Aswedef sub-district (Taiz), the first in management and accounting, targeted 14 female administrators of community weaving centers; and the second for the members of the operators and maintenance management committee in the sub-district’s water projects.

Moreover, two students from Bani Mabareb were graduated from Al-Uyada School (in Yabbi), with three-year agricultural technician diploma. They will work to contribute to improving the agricultural situation in their areas.

Finally, the selection of eight of the poorest sub-districts targeted by the program through SFD branches for the next half phase was completed. Needs assessment and formation of development committees in these areas is being carried out.

Labor Intensive Works Program

The program includes the rural-access roads and cash-for-work approach.

Rural Roads

During the quarter, 15 projects were approved at an estimated cost of approximately $3.1 million (130 projects respectively). These projects are distributed between ongoing projects (for assessing the work quality) and completed (for evaluation). In addition, visits were implemented to 2010 projects to verify the targeting quality.

On the other hand, a workshop held in SFD Hajarah branch, targeting 24 engineers, discussed the mechanism for implementing rural-access-road projects by community contracting and the concept of quality in the sector.

Food Price Crisis Response Program (Cash for Work)

Under the program’s 2nd phase, 21 projects funded by the British Government grant were approved worth nearly $2.9 million. These projects are distributed over 6 sub-sectors: diversified intervention “food” (15 projects), roads “food” and preliminary studies (two, each) and environment “food” & shallow wells “food” (one project, each). About 13,280 people benefit directly from these projects, which generate more than 267 thousand job opportunities.

This brings the cumulative number of projects addressing the food crisis funded by the UK to 128 projects at a total cost of $151.5 million and the number of beneficiaries to about 1.1 million people, with job opportunities generated reaching 1.55 million working days, of which 15% were women.

During the quarter, a workshop was held for SFD branches’ office accountants to provide them with practical training on the use of the automated accounting system. During the workshop, a visit was conducted at Al-Uyada and Al-Hudaidah branches with the participation of the World Bank and European Union mission to be acquainted with the functioning of the program activities and living conditions of communities and households targeted by the program.

Small and Micro Enterprises Development

Financial services

The SMED unit continued to support the development of small and microfinance financing institutions and programs, and has signed a number of financing agreements with their umbrella organizations. The total amount of those funds reached 110 million Riyals (approximately $300,000). Abyan MF was funded with 50 million Riyals (representing the third and fourth installment of a financing agreement amounting to SR 100 million), and Nama MF was funded with 27 million Riyals (representing the second installment of an agreement valued at 67 million Riyals).

Reducing maternal and neonatal mortality

This component is designed to expand and improve reproductive health services by levelling up basic & comprehensive obstetric emergency department and mother & child centers as well as equipping premature infants and newborn sections.

A project was developed during the quarter to build and equip a maternity and childhood center in Seyoun Hospital (Seyoun, Hadhramaut).

Improve the Medium-level Health Education

This included increasing the health institutes’ absorptive capacity.

Increase the absorptive capacity of Health Institutes

A project was approved for building and equipping of the National Centre for Training Midwives and Nurses in the Al-Ma’alla (Aden), which was approved following the decision to operate Al-Ma’alla-based Health Centre as a national center for providing training to midwives and nurses—based on the resolution of the Minister of Public Health and Population.

Enhance the skills of healthcare providers

During the quarter, focus was given to increase the PHC providers’ number and medically supervised births.

Increase the number of primary healthcare providers

This component aims to train mid-level health staff in the various disciplines associated with PHC (assistant physicians, assistant dentists, nurses, laboratory technicians) as well as secondary healthcare (technicians in radiology, operations and anesthetics).

Third phase indicators – Health and Special Need Groups Sectors

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*Includes only under-implement and completed projects as of 30/9/2010

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A project was approved during the quarter for the qualification of 40 assistant physicians in the governorate of Dhamar. The project was approved by the MoH/P. The manual had been prepared by a group of national experts based on the international classification of psychiatric diseases adopted by the World Health Organization, and was discussed and reviewed by the MoH/P and other relevant authorities.

Social Protection

During the quarter, 4 projects were developed to provide services to people with special needs. Thus, the cumulative number of projects reached 562 projects worth about $30.6 million, benefiting more than 177,000 people. The projects focused on inclusive & special education programs, early childhood development, community-based rehabilitation (CBR), protection and supporting policies and strategies.

Inclusive and special education

This program focuses on supporting inclusive-education administrations and schools of the Ministry of Education (MoE), and supporting NGOs’ ongoing projects in their integrating education programs through providing capacity building and infrastructure support. A project was approved, aimed to support the community-based rehabilitation committee in the city of Ma’aher (Dhamar) to establish visual impairment services in 6 schools in the city. This is done through the training of 67 teachers in optical scanning, methods of teaching children with visual impairment and conducting visual scanning for 270 children.

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** Indicates includes street employment.
Approved also was another project, aimed to support the Inclusive Education Directorate in Sa'adah governorate in integrating 45 blind children in 3 schools in the governorate through building the capacity of 14 teachers of these schools on the aspects of integration and means of education for blind children as well as supplying the resources (in one of these schools), with the relevant educational aids.

Early Childhood Development

This program provides support to early childhood development programs, early detection & intervention and national policies and strategies geared for the age group (6-8) years. In this framework, a training course was implemented in Aden governorate targeting 20 pediatrics and general physicians working in health centers targeted by the program in the Capital City and the Taiz, Aden and Dhamar governorates. The training focused on providing the participants with information and skills on the latest developments in early detection of children with growth retardation, and children at risk in early childhood.

On the other hand, educational early-intervention services were established at the CBR Center in Ma'abar City.

Community-based rehabilitation (CBR)

In order to facilitate the access of the rural disabled to services, the SFD has adopted the CBR program. In this context, support was provided to the CBR Committee in Ma'abar City through building the capacity of its members and employees in CBR, strategic planning and financial & administrative systems as well as by equipping and furnishing of the CBR room at the Committee’s premises.

Protection

The program aims to improve the services provided by correctional prisons & social-welfare centers and develop the services of safe childhood centers in addition to supporting policies, strategies and programs geared for violent-prone and trafficking children.

A project was approved to improve and enhance services provided to female prisoner and their children in the central prison of Ibb governorate, targeting 20 female prisoners and 15 policemen and women working in the prison as well as10 children. This was done through training these individuals in human rights as well as by furnishing women prison rooms and providing the prison’s backyard with entertainment games for female prisoners’ children.

Supporting policies and strategies

The SFD continues supporting the two projects of developing the Disabled Care and Rehabilitation Fund Strategy (Phase II) and the vision of the National Union of the Yemeni Disabled Societies both aiming to achieve organizational development of the two institutions as instruments of the implementation of the National Disability Strategy. In this regard, the Social Fund seconded experts from the British Oxford Institute to take over the mission of these two projects.

And, during July and August 2010, the first phase of the task of conducting in-depth analysis of the institutional and financial status of the two institutions has been implemented to develop appropriate systems in the two mentioned areas.

Water and Environment

The unit’s activity includes the Water and Environment Sectors.

The number of approved projects in both sectors during the quarter reached 16 projects estimated at nearly $3.4 million, benefiting about 125,332 people. This brings the cumulative number of projects (since the SFD was established in 1997 and until the end of September 2010) to 1,850 projects at an estimated cost of approximately $222.7 million, with 5.6 million people expected to benefit from these projects.

Water Sector

The sector aims to provide improved and adequate water for poor communities as well as raise hygienic and environmental awareness of the beneficiaries.

During the quarter, 10 projects were developed, including public rainwater harvesting tanks, private rooftop water harvesting, improving water springs and small dams—with a total capacity of these facilities mounting to about 293,770 m³ to serve 54,324 people.

It is worth noting the onset of large-scale projects that provide water for a number of sub-divisions, depending on small dams as a source of water—such as the water project of Al-Ma'qate and Al-Rahab sub-divisions in Al-Khadija, which covers fully the two areas and benefits 20,000 people. The new mechanized-water projects policy has led to make advantage of a number of small dams that have been successfully implemented in Al-Rahtah governorate in providing water to residents after they remained for years dreaming of having a drop of water in their homes.

In the context of qualifying consultants (of both sexes), each of SFD’s branch office in Al-Hudaidah, Taiz and Ibb implemented a six-day course for training consultants in the design and supervision of mechanized water projects. The courses were attended by 55 trainees (of whom 52 qualified). Amran branch has also provided training to 20 technicians on on-site overseeing of rainwater harvesting projects.

The Unit, accompanied by branch-offices’ relevant officers, also visited many projects in order to follow up with the projects and accelerate their completion. During this visit, two workshops were held in Aden and Taiz branches, targeting consultants overseeing rooftop rainwater-harvesting projects in the areas falling within the jurisdiction of the two branches in order to exchange experiences between the consultants and resolve any constraints.

Agro-ecological and Rural Development

During the quarter, 11 projects were approved at an estimated cost of approximately $1.8 million (benefiting directly about 10,000 people and providing about 67,000 job opportunities), bringing the cumulative number of the sector's projects to 214, with investments exceeding $15 million and direct beneficiaries exceeding 250,000 people and creating 350,000 temporary job opportunities.

Capacity building

Two six-day training courses were carried out in Ibb and Al-Mahweet governorates for the capacities of 60 farmers and extension workers. The first focused on enabling farmers and extensionists to acquire modern knowledge and skills in veterinary, while the second educated them on the principles and skills of mango breeding & grafting.

Environment Sector

The quarter witnessed the development of 6 projects in the sector, including 8 health- and environment-awareness campaigns using the Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach and a sanitation project in Harathah (in Ibb City) as well as a slaughter house in Radaiah City (Amran) and a project to train all project officers in different sectors on SFD’s updated Environmental Management Plan. Two-day training was on the same also provided to 16 officers from the Agriculture & Rural Development and Water & Environment Units, in addition to four consultants from SFD Sana’a Branch Office.

In addition, a training course was carried out by Sana’a University’s Water and Environment Center for 20 male and 20 female trainees (with 16 qualified) to qualify consultants for Sana’a’s branch in the design and supervision of sanitation systems. Among the activities carried out under the CLTS approach, the villages of Al-Dhale, Al-Qudamah and Al-Ma’az (in Al-Sawd district, Amran governorate) have been announced exemplary in sanitation. Announcement was declared at a unpretentious celebration attended by members of the district’s local authority.

On the other hand, work continued in the infrastructure project of Shibam City (Hadramaut), which includes water & sewage network, electricity, telephone, lighting, paving and rainwater drainage with achievement in all components of the project (by the quarter end reaching 12.3%.

In addition, two productive groups in Rayb and Bani Ratla communities (Bara’ district) were supported with two coffee drying and grinding machines and 23 animal food and watering containers were introduced and disseminated to 23 groups involved in livestock activity as well as head masks and gloves to other six groups engaged in beekeeping and honey production. Also, in Al-Hudaidah Governorate’s Gubal Ras & Al-Hudaidah districts, support provided to 34 & 72 groups (respectively) was completed.

Moreover, funding approval notices on projects of small productive society groups were issued for the project of the SFD’s Mahweet governorate branch in Al-Lahuayaah districts (Al-Hudaidah), Khairan Al-Mahar (Hajjah), and Al-Maghrebah were handed over, with 104 & 75 project proposals to be implemented in Al-Maghrebah & Khairan Al-Mahar (respectively) reviewed and approved.

Additionally, 230 agreements between SFD and groups were reviewed and signed, and funding in Hamdan (Sana’a) and Bani Sadi (Al-Mahwei) prepared. Moreover, six new groups have been funded in Al-Rajam (Al-Mahwei) and Arhab (Sana’a).

Finally, training and organizational & technical capacity building of 72 groups was completed in 9 communities of Al-Hudaidah and 34 groups in Gubal Ras, with funding and capacity building continued to 46 groups in Aslam district (Hajjah) and 105 groups in Al-Rajam & Arhab.

On the other hand, 125 female and male consultants were contracted in SFD’s branch offices in Sana’a, Al-Hudaidah, Aden and Hajjah to provide training, verify contributions preparation, distribute funding-approval notices and purchase projects’ production inputs as well as to carry out preliminary and technical studies.

Finally, and with regard to the coordination between the project’s three components and relevant agencies, several technical meetings were held, followed by joint field visits to a number of the projects in some governorates. In addition, SFD participated in the Steering Committee meetings and coordinated with the local authority in the relevant districts as well as with the project’s first and second components. As a result, an SFD-financed vaccination campaign is being implemented against two serious diseases that have spread recently in some districts of Al-Hudaidah governorate.