

EDITORIAL

By the end of 2014, the Social Fund for Development (SFD) will need one year only to complete Phase 4 of operations (2011–15). Progress in project implementation continues with limitations due to the insufficient funding available and that the funds required for the phase was not fully received.

Over the last few years, SFD has proved to remain flexible and adaptable despite being working under increasingly difficult security situation and the lack of sufficient funding, which is the major risk to SFD.

In fact, SFD has continued to build on its outstanding record of accomplishment and actively monitor and manage risks. In this respect, SFD has managed to overcome security concerns by working mainly with local actors (communities & authorities, consultants) within the respective regions as well as building on SFD's reputable credibility and neutrality.

There is much evidence that SFD has maintained notable effectiveness demonstrated by its exemplary resilience and ability to continue operating and improving access to much needed services and benefits to poor and vulnerable population across the country— notwithstanding SFD's funding gap as well as the extremely challenging context.

The Board of Directors praises SFD's effective developmental role

The SFD's Board of Directors (BoD) held two meetings in Sana'a and Aden on 02 and 29 December 2014, headed by H.E. Khalid Mahfood Bahah, the Prime Minister and Chairman of the Board.

The BoD reviewed in the first meeting the objectives and outputs of the Fourth Phase of SFD operations (2011–15) and followed up with the achievements attained by SFD during this phase. These include increasing access of the poor to basic services, promoting economic opportunities and reducing vulnerability of the poor to shocks affecting their living conditions. The meeting also touched on the financing gap SFD is experiencing and proposals to mobilize the necessary resources. The BoD was briefed on SFD's 2015 draft budget and the projects intended to be implemented by SFD throughout the country.

The BoD has approved the budget in the meeting held in Aden, with the estimated budget amounting to 27.4 billion riyals (\$131 million). This project aims to contribute to alleviating poverty and reducing unemployment through providing job opportunities as well as to contribute to improving the living conditions of the poorest communities and ensuring food security. The BoD was briefed on the SFD's activities in Aden, Lahj, Abyan and Al-Dhale' Governorates and the projects to be implemented in 2015 in the 43 districts of these governorates.



LA Ministry and SFD sign an agreement to support local development

The Ministry of Local Administration (LA) and the Social Fund for Development (SFD) signed on 23 December 2014 in Sana'a a partnership and understanding agreement between to support integrated local development based on the outputs of the National Dialogue Conference (NDC). In the signing ceremony, the LA Minister stressed that the agreement aims to strengthen partnership between the ministry and SFD geared towards the implementation of programs serving local development through the mobilization of human, natural and material resources. He indicated that the estimated cost of the five-year plan amounts to \$197 million to be allocated to implement the Local Development Program in 80 districts, "in addition to the current programs aiming to enhance the capacities of 40 districts in collaboration between the ministry and SFD, as well as 14 other districts funded from other development partners. The minister added that the signing of the agreement would support the ministry's efforts to develop the institutional capacity of the ministry and to promote community participation to improve the relationship between the community and the local authority.

The minister also praised the overall efforts exerted by SFD's as an active development partner, underpinning that SFD has succeeded in capacity-building development programs and projects implementation.

In turn, SFD's Managing Director (MD) said that the NDC's outputs will open new horizons for development in Yemen, which will be achieved through concerted efforts of all parties. The MD praised the efforts of the ministry in supporting local development, which will be supported by SFD to ensure the activation of the role of local authorities in achieving an integrated and sustainable local development.

SECTOR ACTIVITIES

Education

Eight projects were approved during the quarter worth nearly \$4.8 million, creating employment opportunities amounting to about 280 thousand workdays. Thus, the total cumulative number of the sector's projects reached 5,282 at an estimated cost of approximately \$763.6 million, benefiting directly more than 2.81 million people (46% female) and generating nearly 25 million workdays. Of these projects, 4,662 have been completed costing nearly \$557 million.

Literacy and Adult Education

The Life Skills Curriculum, prepared for females studying in literacy classes, has been designed and finalized. It consists of four books (tailoring, handicraft & embroidery, beauty & henna, and photography), which are being prepared for printing tender announcement. The Nutrition and Reproductive Health Guide, comprising of theoretical and

practical aspects and containing illustrations, has also been finalized. In the same context, 2 workshops were held in December 2014 to discuss and enrich the guide, with a number of nutritionists and reproductive health doctors attending. Moreover, 3 training courses were carried out during the period 22 November – 11 December 2014, attended by 78 female and male participants from 13 governorates, with the training focusing on vocational development guide that targets literacy and adult education counselors. The courses aimed to prepare trainers for literacy supervisors and counselors training as well as to provide SFD with such consultative expertise.

VOLIP

SFD continued to implement the Vocational and literacy Program (VOLIP), which targets 17 districts in Al-Mukalla City (Hadhramaut)



SFD-supported kindergarten, Sayhoot, Al-Mahara

Education Indicators

Result Indicators		Phase IV Target (2011–15)	Cumulative (as of 31 December 2014)
Number of classrooms	Constructed		5,622
	Rehabilitated		2,700
	Total classrooms	9000	8,322
Number of pupils benefiting from space created by newly construct SFD classes disaggregated by	Boys	201,600	119,186
	Girls	158,400	105,694
Number of formal education teachers trained	Male	100	189
	Female	100	218
Number of female informal-education teachers trained by SFD		1,000	29
	Female		1,967
Number of female informal-education teachers qualified by SFD	Female	200	236
	Male	782	621
Number of educational professionals trained	Female	600	431

and Lahj, Al-Hudaidah and Sana'a. In this regard, a needs assessment study on the labor market requirements in these districts has been conducted and finalized by the Yemen Microfinance Network. Also, a workshop was held for the heads of community survey teams, with 13 male and female consultants specialized in community participation and field surveys attending and 21 fieldwork teams were formed. Then the implementation of the community study was launched in 95 villages in 17 districts within the target four governorates. The study aims to collect data and information on certain indicators of these districts, particularly in education, as well as to collect data about dropped-out and out-of-school children aged 9–15 years.

The activities carried out under this program include the following: The project office was set up and staffed and training was provided in project management and SFD's systems and manuals. Also, agreements were signed with the project partners and meetings were held as well as the VOLIP Annual Work Plan has been followed and customized, with MIS system developed including VOLIP's strategy for a cost-effective, evidence-based approach for M&E of VOLIP activities. Moreover, to identify and select the targeted areas, groups, opportunities, activities and services providers, a survey is being conducted for community needs assessment, service providers identification and assessment as well as market diagnostics.

Health

The cumulative number of the sector's projects reached 717 at an estimated cost of about \$38 million, and are expected to create job opportunities amounting to 860 thousand workdays and to benefit directly 185 thousand people approximately (39% female). Of these projects, 649 projects have been completed costing \$28 million.

Primary Health Care (PHC)

The quarter witnessed the completion of the restoration and equipping of the health unit in Obar Othman (Khanfar District, Abyan Governorate "Gov.") as well as the completion of the health-education training project that targeted 22 PHC workers in 6 districts in Sa'adah Gov. Similarly, the project of building and equipping the health center in Wadi Areed (Al-Gabeen, Raimah) was completed. Also, in Al-Hudaidah Gov., SFD supplied medical equipment to five health facilities and to a health center in Al-Hali District in addition to providing office furniture for the health unit in Al-Hamasiyah Village (Al-Luhaiyah).

Reproductive Health

The quarter witnessed the completion of training on community-based mother and newborn healthcare, which targeted 40 community midwives in 3 districts of Sa'adah Gov. and 20 midwife trainers in Sana'a and Al-Mahweet Govs.). Also, the Basic EmOC building in Al-Khokha (Al-Hudaidah) was handed over as well as the rehabilitation, equipping and furnishing of Martyr Mahnaf Hospital (Lodar, Abyan) have been finalized. In the same context, the ambulance vehicle was received for the comprehensive EmOC of Haradh Public Hospital (Haradh, Hajjah). Additionally, an elevator was supplied and installed for the Yemeni Swedish Hospital, with the medical equipment provided to the hospital's emergency obstetric ward. Finally, medical equipment was provided to the two Basic EmOCs in Al-Khokha and Al-Garahi Districts (Al-Hudaidah).

Health Indicators

Result Indicators	Phase IV Target (2011–15)	Cumulative (as of 31 December 2014)
Number of health facilities constructed or renovated and equipped	100	93
Number of health facilities furnished and equipped	50	62
Number Community midwives trained	2,000	2,036
Number of Community midwives qualified	240	255
Number of Primary Health Care personnel trained	Male	206
	Female	168
Number of Primary Health Care personnel qualified	Male	1,356
	Female	811

Mental Health

Equipping and furnishing of the Psychological and Educational Counseling Center in Dhamar University have been completing after providing the center with all office furniture, electronics, and relevant books.

Also, in the framework of the School Mental Health Enhancement Project, the social counselors' (SCs) rooms in 10 targeted schools in Al-Qahera District (Taiz) have been equipped with office furniture and the Psychological Counseling Guide has been developed for SCs working in the schools. Finally, 30 computers, along with printers, have been provided to 30 schools targeted by the said project in Al-Hudaidah and Raimah Govs.

Institutional building

The Health Services Quality Improvement Program has been implemented in five health centers in Hajjah City and 4 districts (Hajjah Gov.) and quality packages have been applied in 5 health facilities in five districts in Al-Dhale' Governorate. Also, a training program on health management was implemented for 75 employees of the Health Offices in 15 districts of Sa'adah and Amran Govs. SFD also carried out several workshops to develop the Ministry of Public Health and Population's draft National Strategy for Human Resources Development, with SFD also following up with Council of Ministers for approval. Moreover, equipment and furniture have been supplied and installed for the quality-program health facilities. Similarly, office furniture was provided to the Training and Skills Center of the Health Office in Abyan Gov., with the Health Office headquarters building refurbished, furnished and equipped.

Social Protection

The cumulative number of the sector's projects reached 717 (worth about \$38 million), expected to directly benefit 185 thousand people (39% of female) and generate job opportunities amounting to nearly 864 thousand workdays. Of these projects, 661 (costing approximately \$28.6 million) have been completed.

Inclusive and Special Education (IE & SE)

The quarter witnessed the completion of 8 projects aimed at the integration and rehabilitation of 727 female and male students with disabilities through the establishment of school services for students with visual impairment in Al-Hudaidah and Sa'adah Governorates (Govs.). Training was also provided to 276 teachers (of both sexes) from 28 IE schools as well as from an industrial institute and two disability associations in 7 Govs, with focus given to scanning and sorting the visually impaired, family counseling and methods and means of educating children with visual impairment and hearing disabilities as well as behavioral analysis tests for autistic children, learning difficulties, integration mechanism and speech treatment.

Moreover, SFD provided 8 classrooms in 2 associations working with autistic and poor-vision children in Aden with furniture, equipment, games and teaching aids as well as furnished and equipped 4 education-resource rooms in four schools in Dhamar, Sa'adah and Amran Govs. Similarly, SFD provided 14 schools in Sa'adah and Hajjah Govs. with poor-vision-related educational aids and learning-difficulty educational means as well as 4 IE schools in Al-Hudaidah Gov. with sports tools. Furthermore, medical examinations were conducted for 203 students in Sa'adah schools, with the visually impaired students provided with visual aids. Pre-assessment was carried out for the performance of the teachers working with learning difficulties children in 7 schools in Hajjah Gov., and then a teachers' post-evaluation was conducted to

assess the impact of training on the teacher performance. Learning-difficulty awareness-raising activity was also carried out for 30 principals and first basic grades counselors.

CBR Program

One project was completed to promote community-based rehabilitation (CBR) services in Al-Feyoosh Village (Tuban District, Lahj Gov.) and to rehabilitate and educate 311 boys and girls with various disabilities through repairing and equipping a room in the village health unit to become appropriate for the provision of physical therapy for children with disabilities. Training was also provided to 15 CBR female workers in optical scanning, poor vision, assessment & diagnosis and speech therapy.

Protection

Two projects were completed to provide legal awareness and psychological counseling for 30 juveniles detained in Taiz Central Prison and to train 25 specialists and administrators working in the prison on child rights, juvenile law and on how to deal with juveniles and their problems and supporting them psychologically and socially. In addition, SFD established the community integration program for the most privileged groups (MPGs) in Abs District (Hajjah) by educating 60 local councils' members, school principals and mosque imams on the MPGs' rights (especially educational) and communication. Training was also provided to parents in personal hygiene and self-care, with a social communication team formed.

Institutional Support

One project was completed, aiming to train 61 Social Protection Sector's staff members and consultants in CBR, IE and integration.

Groups with Special Needs Indicators

Result Indicators	Phase IV Target (2011–15)	Cumulative (as of 31 December 2014)
Number of Children with special needs	Male	2,500
	Female	2,500
		2,806

Water & Sanitation

Activities include Water and Sanitation Sectors.

Water Sector

Due to SFD's current underfunding status, only one project was approved during the quarter at an estimated cost of nearly \$217 thousand, with SFD contributing about \$77 thousand. This brings the total cumulative number of the sector's projects (since 1997 until the end of December 2014) to 2,297 projects at an estimated cost of approximately \$429 million (including beneficiaries' contribution that amounts to nearly \$218.6 million). The projects are expected to directly benefit approximately 4.14 million people (half of them female) and create temporary employment estimated at about 9 million workdays. Of these projects, 1,759 have been completed at a cost of \$135.44 million (SFD's contribution only, beneficiaries' contribution not included).

Rainwater Harvesting Tanks (RHTs)

Covered public RHTs: 11 projects were completed to serve 6,502 people, with SFD contributing \$1.57 million of the projects' total cost. The projects contain 14 tanks (with a storage capacity of 16,375 cubic meters), pipes (1,862 meters long), 4 public taps, 14 sedimentation basins, and 4 animal-watering basins.

Uncovered public RHTs: Two projects were completed, with SFD contributing \$917 thousand of their total cost. The projects, serving 6,670 people, contain 5 karifs and a small dam (with a storage capacity of nearly 234 thousand cubic meters).

Rooftop RHTs (house tanks): The quarter witnessed the completion of 27 projects serving more than 34 thousand people and containing 4,208 tanks (with a total storage capacity of more than 178 thousand cubic meters). Of the total cost of these projects, SFD contributed \$4.3

million and the local community \$10.7 million.

Surface water: During this quarter, four projects were completed costing \$2.1 million and serving about 13 thousand beneficiaries. The projects contain 5 tanks, 3 public taps, 470 household connections, and pipes with a total length of 85 thousand meters. These projects include the A'aihfet Water Project (Moori area, Hedibo, Socotra archipelago) costing \$1.73 million and serving a wide area extending along the distance between Qadeb and Salmaho Villages, including Hadibo Airport area.

Groundwater: The quarter witnessed the completion of one project containing 5,000-meter-long-pipe and costing \$20 thousand and serving 4,025 beneficiaries.

Water Scarcity Program: 102 water-sector projects were completed at a total cost of approximately \$13 million (totally contributed by SFD) to serve 112 thousand people.

Contributions to WASH Events: SFD participated on 12 November 2014 in a workshop to exchange experiences between the organizations and agencies that have implemented water and sanitation (W&S) projects funded by the Dutch government, with a presentation made on SFD-supported W&S projects. Also, some beneficiaries of such projects participated in the workshop by demonstrating their experience in and during the implementation of those projects.

Moreover, SFD continues to participate in the monthly meetings of the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Group and report to the group coordinator on SFD's relevant achievements on a monthly basis.

Second Grant of the Embassy of Kingdom of the Netherlands to WASH Activities: In a very humble ceremony, the second W&S grant agreement was signed on 13 November between SFD and the Dutch Embassy, by which SFD is provided with \$3.64 million to implement 37 projects in 25 months. It is worth mentioning that the grant and the projects' budget cover the expenses of women participation in all stages of the projects to ensure that the outputs meet the requirements of women as they shoulder the burden of fetching water.

Sanitation Sector

11 projects were approved at an estimated cost exceeding \$308 thousand, and are expected to benefit about 100 thousand people (49% female). This brings the cumulative number of projects to 412 at an estimated cost exceeding \$46 million, expected to benefit 3.62 million people (half of whom are female) and create about 1.4 million workdays. Of these, 329 projects have been completed at a cost of \$24 million.

Wastewater Management

One project was completed at a cost of \$150 thousand to serve 3,210 beneficiaries. The project consists of 1,870 meters of sewer lines, 102 manholes and inspection chambers, and 180 house connections.

Community Led Total Sanitation (health awareness campaigns)

During the quarter, 17 awareness campaigns have been conducted, and as a result 1,242 people gained access to improved sanitation and 18 settlements declared open defecation free (ODF). As such, SFD has carried out 845 awareness campaigns, with 128 thousand people accessing improved sanitation and 981 settlements declared ODF.

On the other hand, SFD is implementing a W&S pilot project in 8 schools in Sana'a Governorate and the Capital City and has trained 36 male and female consultants affiliated with SFD's Sana'a branch office to assist in the implementation of this project.

Abyan Post-Conflict W&S Program

All the 43 projects (38 in water and 5 in sanitation), which are funded by the German Development Bank 12-million-Euro (\$15.6 million) grant are now under implementation, with disbursements amounting to \$6.9 million by the end of 2014.

Shibam Infrastructure Project

By the end of 2014, the cumulative achievement of the Infrastructure Project of the Historic City of Shibam, Hadhramaut, had reached 90.3%.

Water Indicators

Result Indicators	Phase IV Target (2011–15)	Cumulative (as of 31 December 2014)
Water access: Number of people provided with access to improved water sources	516,000	581,385
Storage capacity for improved water (m ³)	1,790,000	2,192,465
Storage capacity for unimproved water (m ³)	1,510,000	1,825,847

Sanitation Indicators

Result Indicators	Phase IV Target (2011–15)	Cumulative (as of 31 December 2014)
Sanitation access: Number of people with access to improved sanitation facilities	200,000	196,938
Number of open defecation free communities	170	1036

Agriculture and Rural Development

Due to lack of funding, only one project has been approved in the quarter at an estimated cost of approximately \$5,100, which brings the cumulative number of projects to 469 at an estimated cost approximately \$58.7 million, benefiting directly 474,300 people (46% female) and generating employment opportunities amounting to about 1.5 million workdays. Of these, 322 projects have been completed at a cost exceeding \$19.4 million.

Rainfed Agriculture and Livestock Project (RALP)

The project is implemented in Lahj, Al-Mahweet, Al-Hudaidah, Hajjah and Sana'a Governorates (Govs), with 23 districts selected in these Govs, based on poverty index and reliance of the population on rain-fed agriculture. Targeting 100 thousand households, the project aims to contribute to reduce poverty and improve natural resources management through helping poor rural producers in improving their products and protecting their assets as well as by enabling farmers to strengthen and improve agricultural and livestock production and traditional marketing systems and conserve soil and water.

The project has been completed and closed in 30 September 2014 following the completion of all its activities.

Watersheds (within RALP)

A number of activities within watersheds rehabilitation (distributed over all RALP regions) have been completed in addition to the training of 25 project officers on the integrated management of watersheds.

Formation and capacity building of rural PGs

The first and second level the formation and capacity building of rural producing groups (PGs) have been completed satisfactorily. In Hajjah, 28 PGs have been formed and trained (including groups of various activities (seedling, vegetables, bee and honey production and marketing, poultry...). Also, 300 local PGs have been formed and

trained. This brings the total number of intra-community formed and trained groups in the five targeted governorates to 80 PGs and the local intercommunity groups to 2,264, with technical and financial support provided to all those groups—according to their productive activities.

On the other hand, and within the RALP first and second components implemented by SFD, seeds management has been improved based on farms. And, within the support SFD provides to the seed producers associations' techniques, five tractors with plows have been provided to these associations in addition to five relevant machines for seeds cleaning and treatment as well as agricultural materials and equipment (seed bags, wooden bases, pesticides, etc) and office furniture for the associations' management premises.

Similarly, SFD continued to support the seed producers associations' warehouses, with the total storage capacity of these warehouses in the five Govs reaching 500 tons. The construction of 15 supplemental irrigation tanks for Al-Mahweet-based seed producers has been completed with a total storage capacity of 3,905 cubic meters.

SFD also continued coordination and cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Association of Veterinarians in the implementation of RALP second component, i.e. livestock development (cattle breeding and animal health services). In this regard, 192 village animal-health workers (VAHWs) have been trained and 33 technical veterinarians (TVs) qualified, with the VAHWs and TVs provided with veterinary bags and drugs to enable them to start their activities and provide veterinary service to their communities. Thus, the total number of these workers and veterinarians that have supported by SFD reached 225 benefitting more than 51,320 livestock growers.

Small dams/water barriers

During the quarter, 5 irrigation water barriers (distributed in Ibb, Sana'a, Al-Dhale' and Al-Baidha Govs), with the amount of irrigation-related stored water amounting to about 923 thousand cubic meters irrigating 108 hectares of agricultural area.



Activity under the Rainfed Agriculture and Livestock Project, Hajjah

Rain-fed Agriculture Indicators

Result Indicators	Phase IV Target (2011–15)	Cumulative (as of 31 December 2014)
Storage capacity of water for agriculture and livestock use (m ³)	3,000,000	3,454,718
Total area of land irrigated by water sources provided (Hectares)	2000	890
Total area of rehabilitated agricultural land and terraces (Hectares)	600	140

Training & Organizational Support

Interventions in the two sectors of Training and Organizational Support aim to providing services through training and building the human and institutional capacities of SFD partners, namely consultants, community committees (beneficiary committees), small contractors, technicians, local authorities, NGOs, governmental organizations ... etc. whose activities are linked to SFD goals represented by local development and poverty reduction.

The total cumulative number of the Training sector projects for the period (1997- September 2014) reached 1,067 with the estimate cost exceeding \$29 million, and beneficiaries reaching 202 thousand persons (40% female), generating about 426 thousand workdays. About 886 projects have been completed with the cost exceeding \$14.6 million. In the Organizational Support Sector the cumulative total number of sector projects reached 657 with estimate cost reaching about \$30.4 million. Beneficiaries from these projects expected to be around 686 thousand persons (47% females), with jobs generated reaching around 741 thousand work/day. About 588 projects have been completed costing around \$20.5 million.

Empowerment for Local Development (ELD) Program

First: At the Community Level

During the Quarter implemented activities included the formation of Villages' Cooperative Councils (VCCs), selection of delegates and training them in development topics concerning collective work and providing them with hints on the skills of analyzing the situations of their villages, and also writing a simplified report about their villages reflecting the cooperative and developmental situation. This is in addition to preparing one-year plans for timed future community initiatives (Wisab Al-Safel District, Dhamar Governorate), where the initiation period has been accomplished. Self-help initiatives have also been stimulated, as well as organizing the community in Al-Rujum District (Al-Mahweet).

The number of VCCs in these villages reached 126. The councils could mobilize the inhabitants, with support from the SFD's teams of

consultants, to implement 224 initiatives during the presence of the teams, and with estimated cost exceeding 16 million riyals, while the future initiatives planned would reach 706 in various development fields. The community participation in this period is projected through the active participation of the VCC's and the local councils' members, since all are concerned also in realizing community development emanating from the community through providing them with the know-how and the skills of cooperative voluntary work.

Work at the community level (sub-district/center/uzlah) involved training community development frames (male and female representatives) on analyzing the developmental situation of sub-districts and selection of development committees in the districts of Al-Shamayteen (Taiz), Al-Mighlaf (Al-Hudaidah), Al-Qafir (Ibb) and Tour Al-Baha (Lahj), where training was carried out on the analysis of developmental situations in these sub-districts, and providing a development report, as well as a five-member development committee for each sub-district. This is besides training the frames (male and female delegates and members of Villages' Cooperation Councils) in Raidah (Al-Soodah, Amran), Al-Luhaiyah (Al-Munira, Al-Hudaidah), Al-Mahabisha (Kuaidina, Hajjah), Al-Malajim (Al-Baidha'). Training focused on various development topics viz. conflicts' sensitive development, administrative and community skills, on-site and during work at the community level (villages/sub-districts). Members of local authority participate in field work to gain communication skills and community participation methodology for activating their developmental roles.

Second: Supporting Community Development Initiatives

After the developmental community frames have shown a noticeable developmental interaction through continuing to implement their annual plans of self-help initiatives that activate community partnership between the community frames and the local authority for the purpose of realizing an over-all sustainable development in the district, the SFD supports these frames in accordance with some criteria, mainly training courses as a continuous activity needing support with at least 50% of achievement, the activity should be a result of community effort (village cooperation council or a sub-district committee). SFD

Training and Org. Support Indicators

Result Indicators	Phase IV Target (2011–15)	Cumulative (as of 31 December 2014)
Number of village councils in pilot areas, which are functioning effectively	1,500	3973
Number of young volunteers trained in different areas, disaggregated by:	Male	887
	Female	702
Number of Local Authority members trained within the Empowerment and Local Development Program	1,500	4868
Number of individuals consultants trained in community participation skills (engineers, contractors)	3,000	6242
Number of NGOs supported	90	55
Number of Local authorities supported	90	50
Number of Community-Based Organizations formed	2,500	1805

contribution does not apply to self-help initiatives that can be 100% implemented by the community with self-owned resources, but only those that cannot be implemented except with resources from outside the community. Implementation also takes place by utilizing the community contracting mechanism approved by the SFD. The percentage of SFD's contribution does not exceed 50% of the total estimated for any community initiative, with the highest range for SFD contribution being YR1.5 million. This also necessitates involving the local authority in all project phases ... etc. Supported initiatives also included training courses in First Aid, with 97 trainees (male/female) targeted in the two districts of Al-Mawaset and Shara'ab Al-Rawna (Taiz), and 137 female trainees in Ibb governorate.

Third: At the Local Authority Level

Activities at the district level included training on the mechanism and methodology of ELD, and methodology of development planning for the local authority, community development frames, and civil society organizations, and so reaching to advanced phases of institutional and community empowerment for realizing the administrative and financial objectives of decentralization. This is in addition to capacity building in administrative skills and the mechanisms of monitoring and training local authorities in districts on the Law of Tendering & Procurement (Al-Soodah, Amran), as well as administrative skills, the skills of computer utilization, and development planning (Taiz). In Al-Luhaiyah District (Al-Hudaidah) 20 persons were trained on development planning for the district and producing a development report and a development plan.

In Al-Jabeen, 18 members of the local council were trained on the ELD field mechanism. In Al-Munira, the Executive Committee members were trained on the district's development plan marketing. About 44/26/22 persons from the local authority, and coordinators of sub-district committees were trained on development planning (development report and development plan for the district) in Abs (Hajjah), Al-Malajem (Al-Baidha') and Al-Dhulai'a (Al-Mukalla) respectively.

At the Governorate Level

A training workshop was carried out at the governorate level concerning the mechanism and techniques of marketing. It targeted 25 persons from among the leading staff, and the administrative committees in

the districts where the ELD had been implemented (Bani Qais, Al-Mahabisha, Haradh, Kuaidina).

During the Quarter also other activities were implemented, focusing on training 217 consultants (68 females) on the field mechanism of ELD and conflicts' sensitive development (Al-Hudaidah, Dhamar, Hajjah, Al-Mukalla BOs), beside training consultants in Ibb Branch Office (BO) on control, community auditing and conflicts' sensitive development.

Integrated Intervention Program

The total cumulative number of the Program's projects reached 325 with estimate cost around USD 32.3 million, and expected beneficiaries reaching 324 thousand persons (51% females), with about 803 thousand work/day generated. About 220 projects have already been achieved with the estimate cost reaching about USD 12.4 million

Activities during the quarter focused on conducting two courses on the Methodology of Values' Chain targeting 28 trainees (including 7 females) from among SFD officers, and 23 trainees (10 females) from among SFD consultants. About 180 persons (90 females) were trained on animal health and nutrition (Karesh, Al-Qabbaitah, Taiz), as well as 487 bee-keepers on basic know-how and skills of bee-keeping and honey production, and providing them with some necessary tools related to bee-keeping, as well as some modern bee-hives. About 35 parents' councils were also formed and trained and their community role in improving the educational process activated. Also 23 classes for community education were opened in Wadia'a (Amran), Al-Matina (Al-Hudaidah), Maifa'a (Al-Mukalla, Hadhramaut). On the other hand, the Community-led Total Sanitation was also implemented in 32 villages within the areas of Al-A'atna (Haradh, Hajjah), Khidham (Raimah), and Bani Mua'anes (Wisab Al-Safel, Dhamar). In Al-Kuhaifa Sub-district the SFD achieved the training of 105 youths in the Industrial & Technical Institute in 4 components (construction electricity, motor-car electricity, refrigeration and air-conditioning, motor-car mechanics) enabling them to obtain permanent job opportunities. Implementation also started for building 203 rooftop rainwater harvesting tanks (siqayat) in Al-Athlouth sub-district (Wisab Al-A'ali, Dhamar), manual road construction rehabilitation and improvement a six-km-long feeder road for Khamees Al-Qaw'a - Ma'aina, Tagammu' Al-Zarm (Al-Athlouth, Wisab Al-A'ali, Dhamar). Finally, the construction and furnishing of a health unit in Al-Madaber (Bani Nashr, Kua'idina, Hajjah) have been completed.



Training Local Authority members, Raimah

Cultural Heritage

In the quarter, 8 projects were approved at an estimated cost exceeding \$1.6 million, generating job opportunities reaching about 34 thousand workdays. This brings the total number of projects to 284 at an estimated cost of \$64.2 million, benefiting directly 371 thousand person (48% female), and creating more than 2.5 million workdays. Of those projects, 228 have been completed costing \$37.5 million.

Restoration of Sana'a Great Mosque

Works at the project site continued in cooperation with the team from the Italian Veneto Institute (IVBC). In this regard, documentation of the recently revealed walls was carried out (including documenting the wooden written stripes). Also, work related to the archaeological soundings inside the mosque continued (including the soundings on the roof selected to repair the wooden coffers) as well as the routine office works (such as classification, documentation, archiving, and daily entry of data collected from working location into the computer, in addition to cleaning the found artifacts). Similarly, works continued to document the stucco decorations on the walls of the eastern minaret, which have been revealed and the restoration of the ceilings and the wooden coffers (including structural repairing of the ceilings that are in bad condition and the load bearing walls) as well as the Qadad restoration works on the roof. SFD also supported and strengthened all wooden ceiling elements that had been opened (with completing some of the missing written stripes) and revealed and strengthened the decorations and walls of western and eastern minarets. Moreover, along with continuing the local production of the coverings for lighting units in the project site, the electrical network was installed for the western portico and the floor of the southern library prepared (made of insulating materials and steel structure to carry the huge loads of the mosque's books and manuscripts). Finally, training was provided for some of GOAM's staff within the two teams of archaeological excavation and the walls.

Restoration of the Great Mosque in Shibam/Kawkaban

Qadad works for the entire eastern portico roof was finished (including installation of the wooden gutters). Also, the parapets of this portico overlooking the open courtyard (Sawh), with the original brick decorations retained. Similarly, iron pillars for the ceiling of the same portico were dismantled and the electrical fittings needed to light the portico were finished in preparation to reopen and operate the portico.

In addition, the implementation of archaeological and structural soundings continued to obtain more information about the causes of the damages in the mosque and to collect archaeological evidences about the mosque's history. SFD also carried out documentation of the wooden coffers in the northern portico, which are on the brink of collapse—to be transferred to the workshop for restoration.

Restoration of Al-Asha'er Mosque (Zabid / Al-Hudaidah)

Restoration continued for western and northern façades by replacement of the damaged parts of the walls, as well as cleaning and restoring the windows of the northern façade. SFD also documented and preserved all the archaeological items found during restoration or digging carried out around the foundation of the building for excavation and supporting purposes.

All the damaged beams, wooden elements, mattresses, and stairs pillars were replaced by new wood that had been treated against termites. The quarter also witnessed rebuilding the sides of the brickwork entrances

(along with removing the distorting elements such as cement layers on some of the mosque's façades). Also, the deteriorated flooring was replaced by lime (to retain its original form), with all works of the newly constructed ablation units outside the building completed. In addition, the newly established ceiling at the western portico was dismantled and the colored wood stored in a warehouse close to the mosque according to the numerical documentation. The replacement works for this wooden ceiling has also been completed.

During digging aimed to detect the causes of the water infiltration to the foundations of the walls of the southern minaret, an old small Mehrab built of bricks has been discovered two meters deep under the wall of the minaret.

Restoration Project of Al-Ashrafiya Mosque and Madrasa (Taiz)

During the quarter, this important monument has been inaugurated after completing several phases of restoration works by SFD in cooperation with the Italian Veneto Institute for Cultural Heritage (IVBC). More than 66 national technicians and conservators, who were trained during the last 10 years, participated in the inauguration of the project, which provided approximately 136 thousand workdays (person/day).

Streets pavement of Zabid

Since the Historical City of Zabid, Al-Hudaidah, is one of the three Yemeni cities that are inscribed on the World Heritage List, SFD has implemented a project for paving and improving the main streets of the city. By the end of this quarter, the total cumulative paved area reached 46 thousand square meters (21% of the total area planned to be paved, which amounts to 220 thousand square meters).

The Yemeni Islamic Coins Catalog

In cooperation with the French Institute for Antiques and Social Sciences (CIFAS), SFD has received a catalog about the Yemeni Islamic coins, which is now at the Sana'a-based National Museum-. SFD has financed the printing of the catalog following its translation. This catalog, considered an important document added to the Yemeni library, shows the coins, their relevant dates and other information dated back to the period between the first and sixth Hijri century.

Rescue and strengthening of the National Museum - Taiz

All restoration and rehabilitation works for this historical monument were completed, including all the building's components (façades, internal and external walls, floors, ceilings, clay and gypsum plasters). The works also included the wooden elements (windows and doors, electricity, plumbing, the stairs Qadad works and hygienic facilities).

Income-generating pilot project

Contributing to create job opportunities through Yemeni traditional cuisine, SFD has completed a pilot project that provided training for more than 60 women on making traditional Yemeni dishes, to gain a better income and improve the living conditions of women facing difficulties in working outside their houses. Targeted women were trained on quality improvement, packaging, and hygiene as well as marketing and competing skills. They were also introduced to some agencies, which provide loans to those who want to open their own business.

Cultural Heritage Indicators

Result Indicators	Phase IV Target (2011–15)	Cumulative (as of 31 December 2014)
Number of Master builders trained \gained skills	510	631
Number of Professionals trained & gained skills (Architects \ Archaeologists \ Engineers)	190	253
Number of sites and monuments documented, saved /conserved	50	39

Labor Intensive Works Program

LIWP comprises projects under the Cash-for-Work (CfW) Program and Roads Sector.

CfW Program

During the quarter, 40 projects were approved at an estimated cost of approximately \$8 million. The number of individual beneficiaries approaches 46 thousand (49% female), and the temporary job-opportunities created exceeds 620 thousand workdays.

Cumulatively, the total number of projects amounts to 803, worth over \$167 million, directly benefiting about 1.3 million people (49% female), while the total temporary job-opportunities generated approach 14.4 million workdays, of which some 2.13 million for women. The number of completed projects so far is 548 with a total cost of \$97.4 million.

Other CfW activities during the quarter included 14 training courses held by SFD BOs in Ibb, Taiz, Shabwah, Mukalla, Hodeida, Amran,

Cash for work Indicators

Result Indicators	Phase IV Target (2011–15)	Cumulative (as of 31 December 2014)
Number of people directly benefiting from multi-year workfare assistance in rural areas	90,000	-
Number of people directly benefiting from short-term workfare assistance disaggregated by	Rural	566,892
	Urban	255,570
	Total	822,462
Number of working days employment created under workfare assistance program for multi-year activities in rural areas	2.625m	-
Number of working days employment created under workfare assistance program for short-term activities disaggregated by	Rural	7.8m
	Urban	1.6m
	Total	9.5m
Indirect beneficiaries: Number of people benefiting from community livelihood assets	260,000	205,615
Land: Total area of rehabilitated agricultural lands and terraces (Hectares)	4,980	73%
% of resources paid as wages	60%	

Roads Indicators

Result Indicators	Phase IV Target (2011–15)	Cumulative (as of 31 December 2014)
Total length of roads improved/built (km)	1,300	998

Small and Micro Enterprises Development (SMED)

The Small and Micro Enterprise Development (SMED) Unit has developed during the fourth quarter three projects to fund a number of small and micro-enterprise sector activities, with a total commitment of more than half a billion Riyals (approximately \$2.33 million), and to fund the portfolios of Aden Microfinance Foundation and the Al-Ittihad Microfinance Program with 315 million Riyals (approximately \$1.5 million). SMED provided a total of 65.3 million riyals (\$303.710

and Al Baidha. The discussions were focused on CfW mechanism and criteria, spate irrigation, accounting forms, risks of malnutrition and damages of qat, and basics of photography. The courses targeted engineers, accountants, technicians, consultants, and members of voluntary committees and local authority in the target districts. The participants included 105 technicians, 33 accountants, 33 accountants, and 34 consultants (50% females).

Road Sector

The sector's cumulative number of projects reached 845 with an estimated cost of more than US\$192.8 million, directly benefiting around 4.4 million people (50% female) and generating around 9.1 workdays. Of these projects, 708 ones were completed with an amount of \$146.8 million. The sector's projects included incision and rehabilitation of rural roads with a length of about 3,500 kilometers, and pavement of about 3 million square meters.

to fund the Small and Micro Enterprise Promotion Service Agency (SMEPS), Yemen Microfinance Network (YMN) and Nama Microfinance Foundation.

The total amount of active loans portfolio in the small and micro finance programs and institutions reached until 31 December 2014 approximately 12.23 billion Riyals (approximately \$57 million), while

the total number of borrowers in the small and micro finance banks, institutions and programs reached 120,840 active borrowers (male and female), and the number of active savers reached 622,114.

The introduction of micro-insurance services

In collaboration with the World Bank, SFD held a workshop on December 12, 2014 in order to form a special committee to oversee and conduct the introduction of insurance services for microfinance clients in Yemen. The holding of this workshop came after the discussion that took place at the World Bank in which an expert presented his report on the possibility of introducing such services in Yemen. It recommended the introduction of insurance for microfinance, and guaranteed its success if implemented in an organized and planned manner. The workshop was attended by representatives from leading insurers and microfinance institutions in Yemen, as well as some international donors.

Technical support for MFIs' automated systems development

SMED Unit continued to provide technical support for the development of automated systems for microfinance programs and institutions (MFIs). As part of the effort, a central network has been completed for Nama Foundation and Azal program, allowing the centralized retrieval of information. In addition, the completion of linking automated systems (loans system and financial system) for Aden Microfinance Foundation Azal Program was achieved. The unit has also completed the development of a graphical indicator system for institutions and programs, which will contribute to faster and more sound decision-making. The unit has continued providing constant technical support to all intuitions for the development of automated systems, including customer information updates on the credit bureau website.

Small and Micro Enterprise Promotion Service (SMEPS) Agency

The Social Fund for Development has funded the agency with approximately 43 million Riyals during the fourth quarter for the implementation of its activities in the head office and branches in Aden and Al-Mukalla. Several activities have been implemented by the agency during the quarter in the field of non-financial business services for small and micro enterprises.

The Forsa Project

The closing ceremony of Forsa Project was held in Sana'a on October 26, 2014, in which the graduation of 62 instructors and entrepreneurs was celebrated after a year full of events, where entrepreneurs' skills had been developed to attract investors. During the ceremony, 8 entrepreneurs demonstrated their projects in front of the audience and the participation of some of the mentors and entrepreneurs. These projects focused on their experiences in their fields of work. Also, on 30 October 2014, another closing ceremony in Aden was held for the project, celebrating the graduation of 64 instructors and entrepreneurs, during which 7 entrepreneurs demonstrated their projects.

Entrepreneurship Project for Youth (Mubadrah)

In October 2014, SMEPS developed a database for university students who registered in the Mubadrah program (1,115 students). The number of students who studied in the program reached 1,037 (including 410 female students). In addition, another database holding 637 students (including 237 female students) who had provided business plans and received certificates was established. Also, 381 entrepreneurial business plans were sorted according to specific criteria in order to select 50 business plans. In coordination with Tadhamon Microfinance Program and Al-kuraimi Microfinance Bank some of the winning students' projects were funded.

Gulf Fellowship Program

SMEPS implemented the program in collaboration with the Accounting

and Auditing Organization for the Gulf Cooperation Council. On 16 November 2014, SMEPS selected the 37 best chartered accountants (out of 65) for the Fellowship Gulf exam.

Training courses for accountants

SMEPS organized 3 training sessions for 75 accountants, focused on financial accounting, reporting, managerial accounting, auditing, commercial law, and Zakat tax.

Introductory guidance workshops for fishermen

SMEPS carried out during the months of November and December, 4 introductory workshops in the areas and cities of Eastern Ridh, Gosaia, Eastern Dees, Al-Mukalla, Al-Shehr and Al-Hami. Workshops were carried out in the field of fishery guidance on how to keep the marine environment and quality. The aim was also to raise awareness among 80 traditional fishermen by dealing with the marine environment, and the ways to protect their source of income, as well as to improve the income of traditional fishermen, and how to benefit from fish and agricultural residues to produce fish food and organic fertilizers.

Short training courses in KAB program

A workshop for the Know About Business (KAB) Program was held in order to explain the stages of the project, and to present the project's results and success stories from participants who came from private companies, public and private universities, as well as trainers and trainees affiliated to the program, recruiters, and significant figures from Aden and SFD.

Training enterprise owners project

SMEPS has resumed the implementation of this project (Phase II) through interviews with 53 trainers from Sana'a, Aden, Abyan, Hadhramaut, Taiz, Ibb and Al-Hudaidah Governorates in order to attend the program's training courses. SMEPS (in collaboration with the ILO) has provided training for trainers (ToT) as part of the project. In collaboration with Marie Stopes, SMEPS has started the training of 62 enterprise owners in two of the mentioned governorates, and trained 24 trainers in the remaining. Another workshop was held for certified trainers of the project for the years 2011/2012 in Sana'a, in order to inform them about the new updates in the relevant curriculum.

Yemen Microfinance Network (YMN)

SFD has funded the network during the quarter with 17.6 million Riyals (approximately \$81,792) as a grant.

Increasing employment opportunities in rural areas

YMN held on 9 December 2014 in Aden, the first introductory workshop for the "Increase Employment Opportunities" project, in partnership with Mercy Corps. The project targeted branches of microfinance institutions operating within the designated areas of the project (Aden, Lahj, Al-Hudaidah, Taiz, and Abyan). More than 40 participants from the branches of these institutions participated in the workshop. It is worth mentioning that the project, which is funded by the European Commission, will continue for 3 years. The workshop focused on familiarizing the participants with the project, which aims to provide financial products that suit the needs of farmers, producers and others, as well as ways of connecting financial service institutions to the target groups. In addition, the project aims at upgrading and enhancing the links between the various points in the value chain to ensure the sustainability of the project after it ends.

Setting the YMN three-year strategy

The Yemen Microfinance Network (YMN) conducted an extraordinary workshop in Beirut, Lebanon in early December 2014 in partnership with the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), as part of a series of meetings between the network and the agency. The workshop aimed to develop a new strategic plan for the YMN for the years 2015–2017, as well as to illustrate the common goals between the network and the agency.

Experience Exchange Program

In collaboration with the Lebanese Association for Development (Al-Majmoua), YMN conducted a training course during the period 24–25 November 2014 as part of the experience exchange program under the title of Human Resources within Microfinance. Representatives of a number of institutions (members of the network) have participated in the course, in addition to the Economic Empowerment Unit of the Islamic Bank of Yemen.

Introductory workshop for commercial and Islamic banks

On 19 November 2014 (with SFD support), YMN held an introductory workshop on microfinance, which targeted commercial and Islamic banks. The workshop, which was attended by representatives of a number of commercial and Islamic banks and the Central Bank of Yemen, aimed at introducing banks to microfinance services and encouraged the banking sector to contribute to developing the national economy and support the poor through microfinance services.

Signing an agreement within VOLIP

YMN has implemented a field study (funded by SFD) within the Vocational and Literacy Vocational Project (VOLIP) funded by the Islamic Development Bank, which will continue for 5 years. The project is based on samples of a study previously carried out by YMN, which targeted 4 Governorates (Sana'a, Hadhramaut, Lahj and Al-Hudaidah).

The study included 12,000 research forms, in addition to 100 focus group discussions. The project aims at contributing to the alleviation of poverty in rural areas of the mentioned governorates by providing access to non-public education and by providing vocational training for the youth. The project also aims at training working mothers and providing microfinance services, as well as capacity building. The project is expected to reach more than 8,000 beneficiaries.

Introductory workshop for the media

With SFD support, YMN organized on 25 December 2014 an introductory workshop in microfinance, targeting the media and Yemeni journalists. The aim was to familiarize journalists with microfinance, its terminologies, its importance and objectives, and the way institutions and banks provide such services. Thirty journalists attended the workshop, representing various media sectors.

Promoting saving culture among the youth

On 8 December 2014, YMN conducted the fourth draw of the Youth Savings Initiative in collaboration with its partners (Salitech, GIZ, Al-Amal and Al-Kuraimi Microfinance Banks). Numerous awards were given to savers to encourage savings among the youth aged 16–30 years. It should be noted that the number of savers among the youth (males and female) has reached more than 80 thousands in a year.

Microfinance Programs Supported by SFD as of 31 December 2014

S/N	Program	Active number of clients			Outstanding loan portfolio Million YR	PAR (%)	Cumulative numbers		Number of Personnel	Number of Loan Officers	Area of Operation
		Borrowers	Savers				Number of loans	Loan amounts Million YR			
			Total	Women (%)							
1	Al-Amal Microfinance Bank	40,819	43	93,053	2,765	0.33	113,487	8,639	276	136	Capital City, Taiz, Ibb, Hajjah,
2	National MF Foundation	18,242	84	29,062	806	3.78	133,707	6,824	144	77	Dhamar, Aden, and Al-Hudaidah, Hadhramaut
3	Aden MF Foundation	14,757	92	12,025	980	0	68,005	4,164	85	45	Capital City, Taiz, Ibb, Thamar, Yarim, Hajjah, Lahj, Al-Hudaidah, Aden, Altawahe, Hadhramaut
4	MF Development Program (Nama')	9,964	55	3,018	667	2.67	76,508	6,676	114	76	Dar sad, Al-Buraikah, Al-Mukalla, Altawahe, Khor Maksar, Kerater, Aden, Lahj, Aldali
5	Altadhamon Bank	7,886	29	0	1,272	2.66	37,613	8,576	118	89	Capital City, Taiz, Ibb, Aden, and Al-Hudaidah
6	Alkuraimi Islamic Microfinance Bank	7,750	4	478,016	2,047	0.5	16,130	7,369	102	81	Capital City, Taiz, Al-Hudaidah, Aden, Ibb, Hajja, Shabwa, Mukalla, Seyun, Amran
7	Hadhramaut Microfinance Program	6,215	40	4,064	745	7.83	20,156	2,065	56	20	Capital City, Taiz, Ibb, Aden, Thamar, Al-Hudaidah, Almokala, Seyun, Rada'a, Yarim, Alkaeda, Amran, Aldali, Hajja, Lahj, Hadhramaut
8	Small Enterprise Development Fund (SEDF)	5,206	25	0	2,123	3	22,617	17,055	126	21	Hadhramaut (Seyun - Tarim, Al-Suom), Alkton, Shebam, Almahra, Shabwa
9	Azal Microfinance Program	4,500	65	2,876	356	7.82	45,843	2,473	82	35	Capital City, Taiz, Aden, Hadhramaut, Al-Hudaidah, Ibb
10	Aletehad Microfinance Program	4,036	100	0	413	0	47,324	2,263	82	30	Capital City, Almahweet
11	Al-Awa'el MF Company	1,464	81	0	52	14.18	59,831	2,133	39	19	Abyan, Almokala, Alshehr, Aden
12	Other Activities & IGPs						85,024	3,413			Taiz (Al-Camb, Hawdh Al-Ashraf, Al-Rahedah, Sainah, Al-Qada'edah)
	Total	120,839		622,114	12,226		726,245	71,650	1,224	629	Several areas

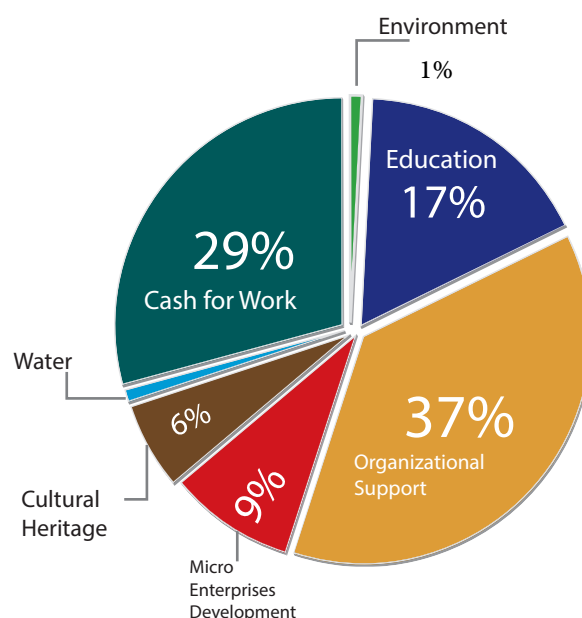
Achievements During Fourth Quarter 2014

Number of projects approved and estimated costs—4th quarter, 2014 (by governorate)

Governorate	No. of projects	Estimated cost (USD)	Estimated SFD's contribution (USD)	Percentage (%)
Ibb	15	2,073,039	2,073,039	7.5
Abyan	14	2,877,420	2,877,420	10.4
Several Governorates	6	12,184,935	12,184,935	43.9
Capital City	4	742,416	742,416	2.7
Al-Baidha	1	143,791	143,791	0.5
Al-Hudaidah	3	926,358	926,358	3.3
Al-Dhale	2	550,260	550,260	2.0
Al-Mahweet	1	585,000	585,000	2.1
Taiz	5	980,199	840,199	3.5
Hajjah	10	1,158,069	701,858	4.2
Hadhramaut	4	793,200	793,200	2.9
Dhamar	3	276,277	276,277	1.0
Raimah	1	232,700	232,700	0.8
Shabwah	2	334,666	334,666	1.2
Sa'adah	1	242,200	242,200	0.9
Sana'a	1	5,104	5,104	0.0
Amran	7	1,243,097	1,194,320	4.5
Lahj	10	2,240,460	2,240,460	8.1
Socatra	2	176,500	176,500	0.6
Total	*92	27,765,691	27,120,703	100.0

* The total includes 24 projects with no funding source

Percentage of Commitments by Sector



Number of projects & estimated costs and number of expected beneficiaries & estimated employment—4th quarter, 2014 (by sector)

Sector	No. of Projects	Estimated Cost (\$)	Est. SFD Contribution (\$)	Direct Beneficiaries		Temporary Job Opportunities
				Total	Female(%)	
Environment	11	308,436	308,436	99,426	49	4,780
Education	8	4,822,500	4,822,500	1,834	58	279,414
Organizational Support	20	10,292,417	9,787,429	57,468	51	175,744
Agriculture	1	5,104	5,104	60	33	27
Micro Enterprises Development	3	2,425,351	2,425,351	11,860	62	221
Cultural Heritage	8	1,623,200	1,623,200	142	0	33,781
Water	1	216,800	76,800	542	51	1,447
Cash for Work	40	8,071,883	8,071,883	45,705	49	620,087
Total	*92	27,765,691	27,120,703	217,037	50	1,115,501

* The total includes 24 projects with no funding source

SFD's achievements in 2014

Given the sharp decrease of funding received by SFD from the Yemeni government and external donors, SFD has developed 243 projects in 2014 worth approximately \$81 million (compared to 2013: 1,444 projects; \$332 million). The 2014 projects are expected to benefit directly about 477 thousand people (50% female) and generate employment opportunities exceeding 3.2 million workdays.

Number of projects completed in 2014 and contractual costs (by sector)

Main sector	No. of projects	Contractual cost (USD)
Environment	47	2,084,742
Integrated Intervention	30	2,358,429
Training	100	2,872,603
Education	342	64,068,469
Organizational Support	30	1,022,776
Agriculture	114	9,333,470
Health	82	6,210,273
Roads	83	25,936,127
Special Needs Groups	51	2,279,226
Micro Enterprises Development	6	5,017,334
Cultural Heritage	15	2,949,921
Water	153	22,446,992
Cash for Work	195	46,379,207
Business Development Services	3	1,220,272
Total	1,251	194,179,842

Number of projects & estimated costs and SFD's estimated financial contribution, 2014 (by governorate)

Governorate	No. of projects	Estimated cost (USD)	Estimated SFD's contribution (USD)
Ibb	30	5,241,442	5,241,442
Abyan	28	9,086,875	9,086,875
Socatra	3	301,166	301,166
Capital City	7	849,056	849,056
Al-Baidha	6	3,127,665	1,155,465
Al-Hudaidah	17	8,422,834	8,422,834
Al-Dhale	4	852,760	852,760
Al-Mahweet	1	585,000	585,000
Taiz	30	8,869,361	8,720,561
Hajjah	28	3,691,781	3,230,970
Hadramaut	5	1,798,553	1,798,553
Dhamar	8	2,242,837	951,657
Raimah	6	1,426,709	1,426,709
Shabwah	7	1,041,832	1,041,832
Sa'adah	7	1,608,355	1,608,355
Sana'a	1	5,104	5,104
Amran	10	1,330,841	1,282,064
Lahj	10	2,240,460	2,240,460
Several Governorates	35	28,136,257	28,136,257
Total	*243	80,858,888	76,937,120

* The total includes 40 projects with no funding source

Number of projects & estimated costs and SFD's estimated financial contribution, 2014 (by sector)

Main sector	No. of projects	Estimated cost (USD)	Estimated SFD's contribution (USD)
Environment	21	552,801	552,801
Integrated Intervention	1	67,072	67,072
Education	11	6,276,743	6,276,743
Organizational Support	27	12,213,705	11,708,717
Agriculture	2	2,187,104	2,187,104
Health	6	6,382,883	6,382,883
Roads	3	562,300	548,900
Micro Enterprises Development	14	11,367,460	11,367,460
Small Enterprise Development	1	130,000	130,000
Cultural Heritage	15	2,876,000	2,876,000
Water	10	5,144,060	1,740,680
Cash for Work	122	27,354,817	27,354,817
Business Development Services	10	5,743,943	5,743,943
Total	*243	80,858,888	76,937,120

* The total includes 40 projects with no funding source

Cumulative Achievements

Cumulative number of completed projects and contractual costs as of the end of 2014 (by sector)

Main sector	No. of projects	Contractual cost (USD)
Environment	329	23,908,512
Integrated Intervention	228	13,155,509
Training	911	15,160,698
Education	4,662	556,945,889
Organizational Support	595	20,622,082
Agriculture	322	19,435,962
Health	1,097	71,869,947
Roads	708	146,812,456
Special Needs Groups	661	28,573,054
Micro Enterprises Development	164	27,807,550
Small Enterprise Developmen	32	7,721,490
Cultural Heritage	228	37,453,564
Water	1,759	135,438,915
Cash for Work	548	97,391,752
Business Development Services	52	6,913,708
Total	12,296	1,209,211,089

Cumulative number of approved, under-implementation & completed projects and estimated & contractual costs, expected beneficiaries and estimated employment as of the end of 2014 (by governorate)

Governorate	No. of Projects	Estimated Cost (\$)	Est. SFD Contribution (\$)	Contractual cost (\$)
Ibb	1,411	202,336,807	168,829,380	157,313,977
Abyan	349	68,419,628	56,542,469	44,092,330
Socatra	51	5,934,626	5,699,921	5,803,298
Capital City	712	107,076,051	101,627,176	92,249,383
Al-Baidha	312	40,112,160	35,629,516	32,477,061
Al-Jawf	160	19,430,794	18,534,393	15,870,912
Al-Hudaidah	1,251	185,360,802	179,853,074	155,518,109
Al-Dhale	298	49,765,230	43,588,696	36,669,929
Al-Mahweet	441	62,231,570	54,308,103	48,845,861
Al-Maharah	107	8,470,100	7,970,344	7,224,523
Taiz	1,809	260,929,492	207,090,777	194,469,086
Hajjah	1,181	165,822,058	148,123,865	130,091,566
Hadhrmaut	683	78,622,764	75,995,203	62,907,042
Dhamar	974	130,181,942	102,733,805	99,640,937
Raimah	366	57,514,330	36,435,829	39,841,558
Shabwah	306	33,382,548	32,087,630	28,719,886
Sa'adah	355	56,592,502	55,548,197	51,323,477
Sana'a	539	67,106,657	62,594,077	54,162,146
Aden	325	48,333,060	45,786,804	39,376,388
Amran	927	124,511,907	110,452,311	99,966,318
Lahj	730	118,593,251	89,459,199	82,138,411
Mareb	130	11,891,497	11,234,150	10,833,807
Several Governorates	1,322	122,824,168	121,042,665	89,751,086
Total	*14739	2,045,443,946	1,771,167,585	1,579,307,092

* The total includes 233 projects with no funding source

Cumulative Number of Projects, Commitment, Beneficiaries and Temporary Employment as of the end of 2014 (by sector)

Sector	No. of Projects	Estimated Cost (\$)	Estimated SFD's contribution (USD)	Contractual cost (USD)	Expected direct beneficiaries		Expected indirect beneficiaries		Total estimated employment
					Male	Female	Male	Female	
Environment	412	46,135,319	39,725,333	37,516,574	1,812,093	1,804,832	213,442	210,668	1,392,974
Integrated Intervention	350	32,243,791	26,718,250	22,398,959	157,995	165,289	111,048	114,156	802,708
Training	1,075	29,085,914	29,047,313	20,902,767	120,845	80,716	430,351	462,592	425,458
Education	5,282	763,581,023	738,811,425	646,746,728	1,527,730	1,286,214	1,918,868	1,630,541	25,001,235
Organizational Support	677	40,660,996	38,037,984	24,162,249	394,944	348,875	326,174	290,559	916,525
Agriculture	469	58,677,603	53,813,270	41,294,928	255,580	218,711	469,094	369,989	1,467,501
Health	1,218	108,375,330	105,560,927	88,360,657	2,858,075	4,977,376	864,802	1,504,510	2,319,300
Roads	845	192,819,354	186,655,682	180,326,618	2,203,231	2,179,652	843,899	834,600	9,064,918
Special Needs Groups	717	37,929,648	37,175,752	31,496,646	112,005	72,532	68,482	52,431	863,939
Micro Enterprises Development	198	49,369,185	49,206,083	39,438,248	87,356	370,469	515,911	1,511,056	173,386
Small Enterprise Developmen	33	8,982,031	8,981,031	7,851,490	18,434	22,101	60,129	44,866	17,828
Cultural Heritage	284	64,205,216	63,465,810	54,887,746	192,475	178,579	64,366	69,413	2,513,559
Water	2,297	429,287,902	210,720,175	212,654,805	2,038,570	2,055,480	156,474	137,117	8,910,054
Cash for Work	803	167,307,114	166,465,032	155,726,410	643,320	626,204	952,711	1,005,279	14,373,706
Business Development Services	79	16,783,518	16,783,518	15,542,267	66,183	26,417	93,317	68,419	3,478
Total	*14,739	2,045,443,946	1,771,167,585	1,579,307,092					68,246,569

* The total includes 233 projects with no funding source

Dreams of the poor in Al-Dhale' realized by SFD's CfW

The Social Fund for Development (SFD) launched the Cash-for-Work (CfW) Program in 2008, and in late 2013 the program kicked off in Al-Dhale' Governorate, targeting 126 villages. It is worth to mention that according to the Government statistics, the number of poor people in this governorate is estimated to be 224 thousand (45% of the governorate's population of half a million people).

One of the beneficiaries from Al-Dhale' CfW, Amer Ahmed Hussein (45 years) lives in Mashabeb Village (in Gihaf), which lacks the simplest means for livelihood and is separated from the surrounding villages by rugged roads. Supporting a family of 10 people and is occasionally employed in construction piece-works, Amer spends most of time unemployed, due to the lack of jobs. Recently, the village was included in the cash-for-work target areas. Each household chooses a person to participate in any development work in the area and receive money. Amer says that he would not be able to earn the amount of money he gets now should this project did not exist in his town. He noted that he bought food for his family who is facing many life difficulties in the area's harsh environment.

Similarly, in Al-Riamah Village located in Gihaf high mountains, many families also suffer from poverty and cruel conditions. The beneficiary Abdullah Ali Mohammed (33 years), provider of a six-member family recalls, "I have been overwhelmed by feelings of despair and frustration due to our difficult situation and lack of jobs or sources of income. However, when the CfW Program entered our village, I became happy as it offers us jobs." Abdullah said that with the money he received last month from SFD he built a kitchen inside the house, as they could not afford for one before. He adds, "The amount of money our work yields in this project might seem insignificant for others, but we consider it much; this new property (the kitchen) means a lot to me, as we—the poor—have simple dreams".

Another beneficiary living in Thamad Village, Naji Sa'eed Kassem says his family is big and he works on a daily-wage basis, often travelling outside of his area in search of work as the sole breadwinner of his family. Kassem believes that the existence of the CfW project in their area is "a golden chance, as we earn money by working in the project to obtain our basic needs".

Also, in Al-Azareq area, the locals' life does not look much better than that in the other villages of Al-Dhale', as says Zaid Ahmed Hussein says, a young man working as a driver of a car owned by a relative, transporting people from the surrounding villages to Al-Dhale' City (the governorate's capital). Although he does earn money from this job, he believes that the needs and demands of his family of 13 people, mostly children, cannot be sometimes covered by what he gains from working as a driver. Hussein used his vast knowledge of the villages covered by SFD's initiative by transferring the needed materials from one area to another. He notes that he work continuously to ensure providing the demands of his family. "Work in SFD-supported project provides me with enough money to spend on the family's needs and even to save some for the future", he concluded.

And about the project, Fares Muhammad Sa'eed, CfW consultant in Al-Dhale' said SFD launched this initiative to strengthen SFD's role in supporting poor families, contribute to filling their consumption gaps, create temporary employment opportunities, and implement useful projects that serve the target communities. "The program, lasting for 6 months, benefits about 3,500 families in the governorate", he adds.



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