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## Editorial

The World Bank carried out two calculations in 1999 and 2004, which indicate the SFD has had the lowest unit costs in education compared to other development agencies implementing similar projects.

Also, a report commissioned in 2008 by the German Development Bank "KfW"—in partnership with Ministry of Education—on "School Construction Costs in Yemen" found SFD to be the most efficient in procurement, and as conditions generally have not changed much since then, this testimony is still valid.

The report emphasized that SFD enjoys many advantages that help it achieve both effective performance and cost-efficiency, including contracts & procurement planning & streamlining, functioning Management Information System that allows easy access to implementation status including SFD's nine Branch Offices (BOs) in governorates; thus, reducing the costs. Moreover, advantages include sufficient and transparent financial and M&E systems that work effectively and guarantee intensive supervision on projects and programs and lead to quality and cost & time efficiency.

The report also stressed on SFD's good reputation with contractors as a reliable partner with streamlined decisions and fast-payment cycles as well as its good command on construction-business management, thus gaining a comparative advantage to realize very competitive prices and conditions.

SFD's advantageous cost efficiency can also be attributed to its legal status and permanent institutional set-up, as it was founded by statute, and its operational and financial autonomy, institutional capacity and administrative structure and processes. SFD also works with well-trained supervisors and staff well distributed in the Main Office and BOs that cover the entire country—resulting in decentralized implementation and transparent procurement procedures.

## Meetings of the SFD Joint Donor Mission held

A Technical Support Mission was undertaken for the Social Fund for Development (SFD) programs in Amman, Jordan, on 17–20 June 2012. The objectives of the mission were to review overall progress; discuss SFD's strategy in response to Yemen current needs; discuss options for Labor Intensive Works Program (LIWP) expansion; discuss targeting and SFD 4<sup>th</sup> phase impact evaluation and the Complaints Handling Mechanism; and discuss the proposed conditional cash transfer nutrition pilot design.

As agreed with donor partners, the SFD prepared a strategy in response to the impact of 2011 events. It articulates SFD's key focus in 2012 and 2013 concerning employment generation, as a crosscutting indicator for various sectors and programs. The LIWP will be diversified and have much wider geographic coverage targeting communities who are most affected by 2011 events, with the program implementation accelerated and at least 5 million person/days added to the temporary employment output of SFD (increased from 20 million to 25 million). This increase will be achieved by simplifying the type of works undertaken. Nutrition and social harmonization themes will be introduced, fostered and mainstreamed through SFD's relevant operations and training packages. Based on the comments exchanged between SFD and its partners, the mission reached an agreement on the contents of this paper with SFD.

The mission's meetings were attended by delegations of the UK Department for International Development (UK DfID), the German Development Bank (KfW), and the World Bank (WB) and the SFD.

## A seven-million-Euro German grant agreement inked for SFD

A seven-million-Euro development grant agreement was signed on 21 May 2012 by the German Development Bank (KfW) and the Social Fund for Development (SFD), financing education projects to be implemented by the SFD under the education immediate response program.

The program aims at the restoration and rehabilitation of schools damaged during 2011 events in the Capital City and Sana'a, Aden, Lahj, Taiz, Sa'adah and Hajjah governorates and other conflict-affected areas.

The grant comes as part of the pledges of the Federal Republic of Germany to support education and poverty reduction in Yemen.

The agreement was signed by the SFD Acting Managing Director Mr. Abdullah Al-Dailami and KfW Sana'a Office Director Mr. Bernd Schoenwald. The ceremony was attended by H.E. the German Ambassador to Sana'a Mr. Holger Green and the Deputy Minister of Education for Projects Sector Mr. Abdulkarim Al-Jindari.

It is worth mentioning that, since 2004, the German Government has funded the SFD at a total sum exceeding €50 million, supporting the development process throughout Yemen.



# Unit News

## Education

During the quarter, 169 projects were approved worth more than \$39 million; direct beneficiaries exceed 567,300 people (41% female) and expected temporary jobs exceed one million workdays. This brings the total cumulative number of the sector's projects (1997 – end of June 2012) to 4,876 projects worth nearly \$674.6 million, benefiting directly about 3.2 million people (44% female) and providing 23.1 million workdays.

The quarter's projects were distributed over building, rehabilitating and equipping schools in various governorates, restoration of a number of schools affected by 2011 events and providing quality-program schools with furniture and educational equipment in four governorates. The projects comprise also building, furnishing and equipping a number of education offices, supporting education-excellence program activities and training Community Colleges' academic and administrative staff (in several governorates) in addition to other training courses and workshops.



Qarin School - Eyal Hatem – Jabal Yazid – Amran

## Cultural Heritage

### Restoration of the Great Mosque of Sana'a

Implementation of structural reinforcement for the deteriorated arches and restoration of the cracks that appeared after the plaster layers detection have been completed. All archaeological excavations in that area have been recovered after the completion of the study and analysis of its data. Work continues on the restoration of the wood-coffered ceilings. Furthermore, preparation for the project activities exhibition is going on and a special booklet about the restoration project has been prepared.

### Restoration of the Great Mosque of Shibam Kawkaban

Restoration and maintenance of the decorated wooden coffered and the wooden pieces found through the soundings and archaeological excavations continued. The safety of the foundations has also been ensured and moisture level identified, in addition to discovering remnants of old aqua ducts and channels showing the mosque evolution and all the remaining distorted buildings have been removed.

### Restoration of Al-Ashrafiya Mosque & Madrasa (Taiz)

The fifth stage of restoration of Qadad has been completed, and the remaining wooden doors, windows and Qamareas have been installed. The fine conservation of the mural paintings, gypsum decorations and Qamareas in the prayer hall and cleaning and consolidation at the shrines and the open courtyard have been completed, with works at the prayer-hall central dome reaching 85%. All works have been implemented by the local team with a continuous communication with the Italian specialists.

## Education Indicators

Results Indicators	Completed in 2011	2012				Total Completed 2011-2012	Targeted in phase IV (2011-15)
		App	UI	C	Total		
Number of classrooms constructed or rehabilitated	1,622	1,721	4,598	636	6,955	2,284	9,000
Number of students benefiting from SFD-supported basic schools (M, F)	39,172	51,143	159,485	25,693	232,888	614,432	201,600
	40,522	44,082	133,376	13,356	190,814	53,878	158,400
Children with special needs	612	391	2,163	197	2,751	809	5,000
Number of teachers trained (M, F)	32	15	0	11	26	43	100
	331	195	0	57	252	388	100
Number of admin. Staff trained (M, F)	197	221	271	75	567	272	782
	25	167	131	145	443	170	600

## Cultural Heritage Indicators

Results Indicators	Completed in 2011	2012				Total Completed 2011-2012	Targeted in phase IV (2011-15)
		App	UI	C	Total		
Master builders trained \ gained skills	69	-	330	35	365	104	510
Professionals trained (Architects\ chalogists \Engineers)	61	-	44	12	56	73	190
Sites and monuments documented, saved\conserved	71	-	1	5	6	76	50

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

## Restoration of Al-Ash'aer Mosque in the Historic City of Zabid, Al-Hudaidah (2<sup>nd</sup> phase)

Bill of quantities was re-prepared for the remaining works to be executed by Field Management Mechanism, with building materials provided. Archaeological excavations, soundings and documentation continued and channels were implemented to drain rainwater out of the excavation site, with repairing the windows discovered around the sides of the *Mihrab* started, in addition to following up the removal of unlicensed building.

## Restoration of Dar Al-Ezz in Jiblah City (Ibb)

The SFD completed restoration of the important parts of the main building of the palace and the archaeological excavations and soundings at the palace and *Sidra* area. Scientific data, which have been collected during the project's various phases, were studied, analyzed and combined for a special book about the project. In Al-Najmia mosque annexed to the project, all architectural components' replacement and reconstruction have been completed as well as electrical & sanitation works and stone paving, in addition to the traditional plastering works for the mosque and the annexes, with Qadad works for the mosque's roof and walls continuing.

## Architecture-heritage preservation curriculum preparation

Communication with Athar Program Director of the Rome-based International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) was made, and an agreement was reached to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding between the Yemeni Government and the Center with SFD's support and assistance.

## Supporting manuscripts documentation and restoration

Within the third phase of the program of institutional support provided by SFD for manuscripts sector, the second specialized training course on manuscripts restoration, maintenance and documentation has been carried out on April 21–May 21, 2012. Sixteen people from *Dar Al-Makhtotat* (House of Manuscripts) in Sana'a, Al-Ahqaf Library in Tarim (Hadhramaut), Al-Asha'er Library in Zabid (Al-Hudaidah) and the National Center for Documents in Sana'a were trained on restoration of the old packaging and traditional methods for paper industry on vacuum table. On the other hand, the SFD carried out electric-network maintenance tender analysis and awarding for *Dar Al-Makhtotat* as well as surveillance-network, alarm and fire-fighting installation.

## Training and Organizational Support

Interventions in Training and Organizational Support Sectors aim at providing services through training and building human and institutional capacities of SFD partners—namely consultants, beneficiary committees, small contractors, technicians, local authorities, NGOs and governmental organs as well as SFD staff.

**Training:** 87 projects were approved with estimate cost of more than \$2.6 million, from which about 20 thousand people are expected to benefit (40% females); the accumulative total number of projects reached 917 worth more than \$22.5 million, with beneficiaries exceeding 160 thousand people (39% females).

**Organizational Support:** 20 projects were approved worth about \$0.4 million, with direct beneficiaries expected to exceed 3,200 people (32% females). The accumulative total number of projects reached 614 with the estimate amount of \$27.5 million, and direct beneficiaries mount to 659 persons (47% females).

### Local Authority

SFD carried out an institutional assessment study for the Supreme National Anti-Corruption Authority, and Taiz and Al-Ma'afer local authority (LA) main offices (MOs), besides preparation and coordination with Al-Shamayteen LA. Training was provided in institutional development for the Ministry of Local Authority (targeting 33 people) and in administrative skills for LAs of three districts in Ibb Governorate (30 participants).

Similarly, seven training courses for raising awareness about local authority and local councils' legislations were implemented in four districts of Amran Governorate (targeting 147 trainees). Moreover, training activities were conducted in computer basic skills for LA Main Offices' staff in Al-Mahweet (22 trainees), Al-Maharah and its Hasween District as well as Hijr in Hadhramaut (33), three districts in Amran (15) and 4 districts of Ibb (15).

Additionally, organizational support (furniture and equipment) was provided to the local authority of Kusmah and Bilad Al-Ta'am Districts (Raimah Governorate), Al-Maharah and Hasween, Hijr (Hadhramaut) and 3 districts of Amran Governorate.

The total number of trainees targeted within the various activities in this sub-sector reached 259 people.

Training and Organizational Support Indicators

Results Indicators	Completed in 2011	2012				Total Completed 2011-12	Targeted in phase IV (2011–15)
		App	UI	C	Total		
Number of village councils in pilot areas	322	-	1,200	836	2,036	1,158	-
Number of young volunteers trained (sex disaggregated): M/F	196	-	730	38	768	234	2,500
	166	-	730	38	768	204	1,500
Local Authority members trained	552	355	1,334	55	1,744	607	-
Individuals/consultants/contractors/others trained	1,117	370	4,166	922	5,458	2,039	1,000
NGOs supported	27	10	45	11	66	38	90
Government entities supported	5	1	28	-	29	5	40
Local authorities offices supported	6	7	12	-	19	6	90
Community Based Organizations formed	357	33	567	420	1,020	777	2,500

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## NGOs

On-site training activities were conducted in sewing, accounting, development basics, management and filing. Training targeted 12 associations and centers within SFD's Al-Mukalla and Al-Hudaidah Branch Offices (BOs), benefiting 160 individuals (of which 17 male), in addition to organizing a workshop by Sana'a BO for 14 NGOs trainers. Organizational support included providing equipment for Al-Mustaqbal Association in Kuhlun Afar (Hajjah Governorate) and establishing four libraries in Maifat Ans, Munqidha and Jabal Al-Sharq Districts (Dhamar).

## Local Communities

Beneficiary committees were formed and trained by SFD's Al-Mukalla, Hajjah and Amran BOs for water-harvesting and education projects besides organizing a practical training course by Amran BO on the mechanism of forming community committees and a course implemented by Sana'a BO on updated PRA. The total number of beneficiaries reached 129 individuals (64 females). Fieldwork was also conducted by 14 teams to verify the needs of 14 areas in various districts of Hajjah Governorate, and Dhamar Ans and Al-Husein Villages (Dhamar). Additionally, 28 assessments were conducted to verify the priorities of 2012 projects (Amran BO). Other activities included preparation and development of the manual of Local Community Organization within the Development Frame, drafting awareness manuals to promote community and local support for Al-Oudain Natural Protectorate (Wadi Anna and Wadi Al-Dour) in Ibb Governorate.

## Empowerment for Local Development (ELD)

Self-help initiatives were stimulated and activated as well as formation of villages' councils in some districts of Sana'a, Taiz, Hajjah, Amran and Al-Hudaidah Governorates, besides the implementation of institutional assessment for Taiz and its Al-Ma'afar District, supporting the local authority for planning with community participation in Tuban (Lahj)/1<sup>st</sup> phase, fieldwork to assess the sub-districts' status and development committees selection in Haifan (Taiz) and Al-Hudaidah.

Meetings were also held with the authorities concerned with ELD and those submitting project requests within the ELD in the districts of Tuban (Lahj), Al-Misrakh (Taiz), Jabal Al-Shark & Al-Manar (Dhamar), and Al-Baidha (Al-Baidha), with the total number of outputs reaching 2,717 individuals (1,235 female).

Moreover, local authority, local councils and district teams' members were trained in ELD mechanism & methodology, local authority legislations and laws, modern management skills and computer basic skills, with trainees reaching 434 (211 female). About 122 consultants from Aden and Dhamar BOs were also trained in ELD and its mechanisms and participatory rapid appraisal (PRA). Finally, a training manual was developed for the component of Community Monitoring and Accountability, and ToT provided for 33 males & females in SFD BOs.

## Rural University Graduates (RAWFD Program)

An information manual for RAWFD Program was prepared and a proposal submitted for amending the Art of Drafting CVs & Skills of Self Presentation, with collecting information about new development advocates finalized in Dhamar, Ibb, Al-Hudaidah, Taiz, Raimah and Hajjah Governorates under two projects targeting university graduates. Other projects were also approved targeting university graduates and development advocates in Al-Dhale', Shabwah, Abyan, Lahj and Sa'adah Governorates, including ToT projects.

# Health and Social Protection

## Health

During the quarter, 55 projects were developed at an estimated cost of more than \$3 million, with the number of direct beneficiaries exceeding 156 thousand people (76% female). This brings the cumulative total number of projects (1997–30 June 2012) to 1,122 worth more than \$91.2 million, directly benefiting about 7.3 million people (62% female).

## Partnership Enhancement

In its effort to strengthen partnership with the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MoPHP) and other partners to achieve the MDGs, the SFD organized a workshop to approve community midwives' job description and technical midwives. Two meetings were also held: the first with EU representative and the management of the Reproductive Health and Population Program-1 (RHPP-1), which targets Taiz, Lahj and Al-Hudaidah Governorates, with alternative projects to the program's plan in the latter discussed and approved. The second meeting was held with EU mission assigned to the technical aspects of RHPP-2 targeting Al-Mahweet, Hajjah and Al-Baidha Governorates, with discussions focusing on aspects of joint planning and coordination and benefitting from the experience of the EU previous programs supporting the health sector.

## Institutional Support

Under RHPP-1, funded by the EU, three projects were developed to improve primary healthcare (PHC) and reproductive health services. The projects included building, furnishing and equipping the Training and Skills Development Centers affiliated with the Health and Population Offices (HPO) in Taiz and Lahj as well as supplying an ambulance to the Emergency Management of Taiz HPO.

## Increasing access to PHC facilities

*This component aims to increase PHC services coverage through rehabilitating the existing health units and centers and constructing, equipping and furnishing permanent facilities.* Three projects were developed targeting building, equipping and furnishing health units in the districts of Maqbanah and Al-Waze'eyah (Taiz) and Kusmah (Raimah).

## Health Indicators

Results Indicators	Completed in 2011	2012				Total Completed 2011-12	Targeted in phase IV (2011-15)
		App	UI	C	Total		
Number of health personnel trained (sex disaggregated) M/F	316	347	1,119	98	1,564	414	1,450
	959	15	1,419	193	1,627	1,152	1,450
Number of health facilities constructed, renovated and/or equipped	38	7	72	14	91	52	800

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### Increasing the number of PHC services providers:

A project was developed for three-year qualification of 20 post-secondary students in Shabwah Governorate in vocational nursing.

### Improving PHC providers

This component aims to enhance the efficiency of PHC services providers through in-service training. In this aspect, three projects were developed: Two projects trained 47 paramedic staff on Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) in Kusmah and several districts in Al-Maharah; and a project aimed to improve health services quality in six health centers in Hadhramaut and Shabwah, targeting 70 health staff.

### Reproductive Health

**Reducing maternal and newborn deaths:** This component is designed to expand and improve reproductive health services by building and equipping basic & comprehensive emergency obstetric care (EmOC) centers and maternal & child health centers, and equipping premature and newborns' sections. Five projects were developed worth \$895,000 including one to improve maternal health services in the health center in Dhubbah of Maghreb Ans District (Dhamar); another project to build, equip and furnish a comprehensive EmOC section in Tarim hospital (Hadhramaut); and 3 projects to supply reproductive-health movable clinics for Taiz, Lahj and Al-Hudaidah Governorates within RHPP-1.

**Increasing deliveries under medical supervision:** The component focuses on providing pre- and on-the-job training for community midwives (CMWs) and aims to improve mothers and newborns' PHC. Seven projects were developed to train 148 CMWs (from several districts in Hadhramaut, Amran & Sa'adah and Al-Baidha City) on community-based healthcare provided to mothers and newborns.

### Mental Health (MH)

Four projects were developed to integrate MH in PHC through training 80 physicians and paramedics in psychiatric care in Al-Hudaidah, Raimah and Hajjah and to promote school MH in 10 schools in Al-Qaherah District (Taiz).

### Social Protection

During the quarter, 21 projects were approved worth \$0.4 million, benefiting directly nearly 1,340 people (42% female). Cumulatively, the number of projects reached 650 worth more than \$34 million and direct beneficiaries mount to about 179 thousand people (39% female).

### Inclusive and Special Education

Ten projects were approved in this program, aiming at integrating and rehabilitating 539 boys and girls with physical, hearing & mental disabilities and visual impairment and those with learning difficulties and autism as well as training 372 teachers, specialists, administrators and counselor in the Capital City and Taiz, Al-Hudaidah, Ibb, Al-Dhale' and Amran Governorates. The projects aim to enhance inclusive-education (IE) services and awareness about their concept, targeting 94 local settlements, education-office managers, schoolteachers and families as well as to train teachers, social workers, administrators and supervisor in a number of aspects, including the integration concepts & mechanisms and diagnosis of behavior disorders and problems of children with disabilities.

Two classrooms have also been added, 3 educational resource rooms equipped in six public schools, some IE schools provided with sports tools and examination conducted for children with disabilities in Al-Taiziyah District, Taiz. Some projects aimed to promote special education (SE) services

provided by associations working with disability and SE centers, with the Yemen Autism Center (Capital City) provided with gym equipment and two pre-school classrooms furnished in the Deaf Association in Amran Governorate.

### Early Childhood Development

This program aims to support early childhood development programs and national policies and strategies geared to the age group (0-9) years. Three projects were approved: The first aims to print practical manuals for early detection of disability. The second trained 24 staff working with children in 9 governorates to prepare them as national trainers for V.I.S.A program (an early intervention program helping blind and visually impaired children to maintain the maximum level of independence in their homes and communities). The third project supports establishing a kindergarten for visually impaired children in Al-Noor Blind Center in the Capital City.

### Institutional Support

The program aims to provide institutional support to governmental and non-governmental organizations to develop their performance and enable them to implement effective and sustainable development programs for people with special needs by supporting education and technical and vocational training programs. Two projects were developed to equip talking software (screen reader) for the Blind Association in Amran City and to complete furnishing and equipping the Yemeni Disabled Forum in the Capital City and train its monitoring team in evaluating implementation of the Convention for Persons with Disabilities, analytical report writing and monitoring & follow-up.

### Supporting Policies and Strategies

Within the framework of SFD's support to the policies and strategies geared for people with special needs, a project was approved aiming to support the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee following up with the National Strategy for Disability through seconding a regional/ international expert to provide technical support and training on monitoring the strategy action-plan implementation.

### Protection

*The program aims to improve correctional and social-care centers' services, improve services for privileged groups, develop safe-childhood centers' services and support policies, strategies and programs targeting children in difficult circumstances.* Seven projects were developed aiming at supporting the establishment of an automated birth-registration system in a number of districts in Hadhramaut and Sana'a, training 18 workers of the interim social-protection center in Haradh (Hajjah) on alternate institutional and subsequent care, children social reintegration and developing children's life skills. In addition, the projects provided training to 230 specialists and basic-education teachers in Bilad Al-Rous District (Sana'a) and 3 other districts (in Hajjah) on school-punishment alternative educational methods.

### Water and Sanitation

The number of approved projects in the two sectors during the quarter reached 191 projects at an estimated cost of approximately \$19 million, which are expected to benefit about 430 thousand people. This brings the cumulative number of projects to 2,313 worth about \$244 million, benefiting more than 6.4 million people.

## Water

The sector aims to provide improved and adequate water for poor communities in accordance with the definition of water coverage, which was approved by all partners.

During the quarter, 149 projects were approved worth more than \$18 million to serve 178 thousand people. These projects include 13,338 rooftop rainwater-harvesting tanks "RRHTs" (private) with a total capacity of 633,170 m<sup>3</sup>, and 60 public rainwater-harvesting tanks (PRHTs) with capacity of 66,400 m<sup>3</sup>, and 6 *karifs* with a capacity of 31,000 m<sup>3</sup>.

The quarter witnessed the launch of the implementation of distinct water projects, including one containing 1,000 RRHTs in Taiz City aiming to highlight the rainwater harvesting as a lasting, viable and cheap option to alleviate water shortage faced by the city. The project also aims to develop a policy to support such tanks in urban areas. The distinctive projects also include 4 water projects in Al-Baidha Governorate, characterized by serving a large number of beneficiaries (more than 10,000 per project), and by that their source is manual wells fed directly from the barriers inexhaustible of water throughout the year.

On the other hand, as part of **partners' qualification**, SFD's Hajjah Branch Office (BO) implemented one-week training course for the qualification of consultants to oversee and prepare studies and designs for rainwater harvesting projects, with the participation of 26 consultants (22 of them were qualified).

Finally, within the Water Scarcity Program, since the beginning of 2011 until 30 June 2012, funding was approved for 200 projects worth \$23 million to serve 206 thousand inhabitants, with 75% of them located in the fourth category of poverty (the poorest) and 25% in the third. Implementation commenced in 97 projects, with five completed. The program's projects contain 87 PRHTs with a total capacity of 115,800 m<sup>3</sup> as well as 15,668 RRHTs with a total capacity of 723,747 m<sup>3</sup> in addition to twenty-three 88,500-m<sup>3</sup>-capacity *karifs* and pipes with a total length of 22,840 meters to bring the service closer to the beneficiaries.

## Sanitation

This sector aims to solve the pressing environmental problems affecting the poorest communities and to integrate with the water sector and other SFD's sectors in order to achieve a life free of water-related diseases for the targeted communities. During the quarter, 42 projects were approved worth \$0.9 million. These projects include nearly 1,000 awareness campaigns targeting 252 thousand people to make them aware of the importance of sanitation, hand washing and home water treatment.

To meet the requirements of awareness campaigns expansion, 4 training courses were held in May and June 2012 at SFD's Dhamar BO for 100 consultants (54 of them female) in hygienic and environmental awareness on the **Community-Led Total Sanitation** (CLTS) approach. The approach was also practically applied in 34 awareness campaigns in Dhamar, Ans, Maghreb Ans and Maifa'ah Ans districts. In Amran Governorate, awareness campaigns were completed in Al-Madan and Khamer districts. An assessment was also conducted regarding the results of the awareness campaigns carried out during the first quarter in the two districts in addition to Habour Dhulaimah, which showed the success of five villages in getting rid of open defecation.

Concerning the **infrastructure project of Shibam City (Hadhramaut)**, the completion rate during the quarter reached 5%, while the cumulative 45%

## Agriculture and Rural Development

Agriculture and Rural Development comprises Agriculture Sector and Integrated Interventions Program.

### Agriculture Sector

During the quarter, 12 projects were approved at an estimated cost exceeding \$1.3 million, benefiting directly about 21,860 people (44% female) and providing temporary employment of about 40 thousand workdays – thus, bringing the total cumulative number of the sector's projects to 367 worth approximately \$37.6 million, directly benefiting about 435 thousand people (49% female) and generating more than 918 thousand workdays.

**Rural Producer Groups:** In Al-Hudaidah Governorate, 4 rural producer groups and 4 intercommunity small rural producers' (SRPs) committees were formed and trained in Gabal Ras District, many groups in Bura' supported (Phase II), and 53 SRPs also supported in Al-Hujailah (Phase II, as well). Moreover, 7 training sites were opened within the project of training 161 groups' members on reading, writing skills and accounting in 3 districts, with implementation of emergency veterinary services commenced in the governorate's rainfed-agriculture districts. Similarly, 300 palm seedlings have been planted in Zurraiqat Al-Yaman (Al-Maqaterah, Lahj).

### Water for Agricultural Development

6 small dams were completed in Al-Jawf and Sana'a Governorates with a total storage capacity of 411,070 m<sup>3</sup> as well as a small dam in Al-Baidha, Al-Howaitain barrier (Al-Sabrah, Ibb) and another underway one in Wadi Al-Lub (Al-Ousha, Amran) with a capacity of 50,000 m<sup>3</sup>, 76,176 m<sup>3</sup> and 210,000 m<sup>3</sup> respectively.

Water and Sanitation Indicators

Results Indicators	Completed in 2011	2012				Total Completed 2011-12	Targeted in phase IV (2011-15)
		App	UI	C	Total		
Number of households benefiting from improved water sources	23,939	32,167	49,198	3,258	84,623	27,197	60,000
Volume of improved water stored (m <sup>3</sup> )	629,669	852,294	1,242,021	109,905	2,204,220	739,574	1,100,000
Volume of unimproved water stored (m <sup>3</sup> )	362,284	11,000	-	635,595	717,595	1,068,879	260,000
Number of households using improved sanitation facilities	2,113	1,721	16,750	2,350	20,821	4,463	43,000
Number of open defecation-free communities	26	-	-	13	13	39	261
Villages targeted with hygiene awareness	112	78	1,493	118	1,689	230	-

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



Moreover, three irrigation networks were supplied and implemented. Also, in the field of soil and water, flood protection walls were completed and agricultural terraces & barriers rehabilitated as well as pastures (forestation), supplementary irrigation tanks and irrigation networks developed.

In **Wadi Majbar Watershed** (Al-Rajem, Al-Mahweet), 110 kg of different seeds were planted over 5.6 hectares, and an area of 6.5 hectares fenced off as well as 55% (4,568 m<sup>2</sup>) of the total contracted terraces were completed as were 60% (2,050.5 m<sup>2</sup>) of the total flood braking barriers. Also, nearly 70% of the rehabilitation works of 48 tanks (with average capacity of 5,780 m<sup>3</sup>) have been completed and 8 other tanks (with average capacity of 6,870 m<sup>3</sup>) were set up and/or expanded.

In **Wadi Shareem Watershed** (Bura', Al-Hudaidah), 14,050-m<sup>2</sup>-area terraces and the construction work of 62 supplementary irrigation tanks – out of 87 (71%) – with a total capacity of 4,340 m<sup>3</sup> have been completed

### Integrated Intervention Program (IIP)

The program targeted more than 145 villages (of the poorest areas) in 9 different sub-districts of various governorates. During the quarter, 25 projects (in different interventions, and based on the target areas' development plans) were approved, worth approximately \$2.9 million. Thus, the total cumulative number of the IIP's projects - mounts to 262 projects at an estimated cost of \$20.6 million, benefiting directly about 275 thousand people and generating nearly 552 thousand workdays.



Repairing watershed of Wadi Majbar- Almahwit

### Interventions in animal health and livestock production:

Two two-week ToT training courses in animal health and livestock production were held for 44 people (of both sexes) from SFD Al-Hudaidah, Hajjah, Ibb and Dhamar Branch Offices (BOs).

### Interventions in education, literacy and community education:

The implementation of Om Amarah School project (in Wade'ah Village, Bani Sareem, Amran) has been followed up, with completion reaching 46%. Also, the establishment and equipping of 15 classrooms in a number of target areas was approved. Moreover, a concluding course was held (on 7–20 May 2012) for 21 participants within the training program preparing female and male trainers in community education. Similarly, the quarter witnessed the conclusion of a nine-month training course to qualify 23 girls as literacy teachers in Al-Mateenah (Al-Tehtiyah, Al-Hudaidah), with the trainees becoming able to implement the literacy program and open classrooms efficiently. The SFD also carried out a preliminary study of the community education program in Wad'ah Sub-district, and preparation are underway to carry out a basic course for female and male teachers implementing the program. Moreover, two training courses were implemented in June 2012, targeting 12 female participants from SFD's Amran BO. The first in literacy and adult education (educational concepts, methods and techniques) and the second in awareness of the importance of literacy and girls' education within a program aiming to prepare female trainers in literacy for SFD BOs.

### Interventions in community-based rehabilitation (CBR):

A training course in child development-delay early detection and intervention was held for 15 CBR Program volunteers (of both sexes) in Al-Outnah (Haradh, Hajjah).

Similarly, in Al-Mashareeg (Tour Al-Baha, Lahj) 7 Community Committee (CC) members as well as the CBR Program Director were trained on NGOs' simplified accounting system, and training was also provided to 15 female and male CC members & CBR workers on the management of the program's activities. **Interventions in health:** A training course was held for 80 hygienic and environmental awareness teams' members, of both sexes, in Al-Mashareeg and Ara'erah (Tour Al-Baha, Lahj), with training focusing on implementing awareness-campaign and delivering awareness messages to all community members.

Finally, 20 traditional birth attendants were selected to be trained on appropriate delivery skills, in addition to the approval of qualifying 40 community midwives in a number of target areas.

### Water for Agricultural Development

Results Indicators	2012				Targeted in Phase IV (2011–15)
	App	UI	C	Total	
Storage capacity of dams (Cubic meters)	1,500,000	1,540,000	76,176	3,116,176	3,000,000
Areas covered by irrigation (Hectare)	850	832	18	1,700	2,000

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

### Integrated Interventions Program (IIP) Indicators

Community Level	Number of groups formed, trained and organized				Number of groups / projects financed			
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2009	2010	2011	2012
	Community	653	1485	-	-	229	633	249
Intercommunity	-	-	-	52	-	-	-	34
<b>Total</b>	653	1485	-	52	229	633	249	343

Indicators	Achieved/ Targeted	
Target sub-districts	9	
Population	75,674	
Number of community structures formed and trained (Development committees - community formations)	84	
Number of trained persons in technical, agriculture, and education -Health - crafts	Male	Female
	69	81

## Labor Intensive Works Program “LIWP”

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

### Cash for Work

During the quarter, 110 projects were approved at an estimated cost of approximately \$22.7 million. These projects are distributed over three sub-sectors including diverse interventions, preliminary studies and agricultural lands protection and reclamation. The number of benefiting households reached about 25,000 (nearly 152,000 individual beneficiaries – half of them female) and the temporary job opportunities created exceed 2.1 million workdays (0.4 million of them for females).

**Workshops and Training Courses:** During the quarter, a workshop was held and attended by SFD Unit Heads, Branch Offices (BOs) Managers and the program’s staff in the BOs to discuss the program’s strategy in order to increase absorption capacity and respond to the aftermath of 2011 events. Three workshops were also held in Al-Mukalla (Hadhramaut) targeting 101 consultants, accountants and engineers (of both sexes) in addition to another workshop in Ibb on employing the non-employed in cities’ centers, targeting 26 resident technicians, engineers and accountants. Moreover, 10 training courses on the Cash-for-Work Program’s mechanism were carried out in Amran, Sana’a, Al-Hudaidah, Aden and Ibb BOs, targeting male and female resident technicians, engineers and accountants in addition to two training courses in Sana’a on vegetation management attended by 51 female and male consultants. Finally, SFD’s Ibb BO organized two training courses on watersheds, targeting 24 engineers, resident technicians and community consultants.

### Roads

The quarter witnessed the approval of 32 projects worth more than \$10 million, benefiting directly nearly 112,000 people (50% female), and generating more than 357,000 temporary jobs. The projects are distributed over rural roads (27 projects, 174-km-long), city streets pavement (5 projects, with an area of 57,948 m<sup>2</sup>).

Thus, the cumulative number of the Road Sector’s projects reached 796 at an estimated cost exceeding \$171 million. These projects benefit directly about 4.3 million people, and generate temporary employment reaching around 8.7 million workdays. These projects are distributed over rural roads (505 projects with a total length of 3,362 km), streets paving (234 projects, with a total area of more than 2.7 million m<sup>2</sup>), training (54 projects) and bridges (3). During the quarter, 21 projects were visited – distributed over under-implementation projects (to assess the quality of works) and projects from 2012 Annual Work Plan (for assessing targeting quality and conformity to the established criteria). Thus, 246 projects were cumulatively visited.



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## Small and Micro Enterprises Development (SMED)

The Small and Micro Enterprise Development (SMED) Unit carried out several activities in providing technical support and funding for a number of microfinance institutions and programs (MFIs) to enable them to continue to provide and sustain their financial services as well as outreach to a greater number of small and micro entrepreneurs. The total funding of Sana’a Microfinance (Azal), Wadi Hadhramaut for Credit and Savings and Microfinance Development Program (Nama’) amounts to YR266 million (equivalent to about \$1.2 million). The Yemen Microfinance Network was funded with approximately YR19.2 million (approximately \$90,000) to cover the cost of operating expenses and training activities and the development of operational manual for the second quarter. A field loan-portfolio audit for Sana’a MF (Azal) was also conducted.

The total amount of MFIs’ outstanding loan portfolio reached around YR4,656 billion (\$21.8 billion), with the number of active borrowers exceeding 72,888 and the number of savers reaching 109,330.

### Roads Indicators

Results Indicators	Completed in 2011	2012 Projects				Total Completed 2011-12	Targeted in phase IV (2011–15)
		App	UI	C	Total		
Total length of roads improved / built (km)	138	306	872	79	1,257	217	1,825

### Cash-for-Work Program Indicators

Results Indicators	2012 Projects				Targeted in phase IV (2011–15)
	App	UI	C	Total	
Number of people directly benefiting from multi-year workfare assistance	-	161,475	136,328	297,803	300,000
Number of working days employment created under workfare assistance program	-	2,206,785	2,006,633	4,213,418	24,000,000
Land: Total area of rehabilitated agricultural land and terraces (m <sup>2</sup> )	-	1,384	159	1,507	4,980
Indirect beneficiaries from community livelihood assets	-	193,770	163,594	357,364	-

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



## Small & Micro Enterprise Promotion Services (SMEPS) Agency

SMEPS carried out several training courses and other activities. Training within Abyan IDPs Relief Project: Within the framework of Abyan Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Relief Project,

the agency implemented – in cooperation with Aden-based training institutes and centers – several short training courses targeting 500 young female and male people displaced from Abyan Governorate to Aden (as well as participants from the latter). Training, focusing on vocational & technical issues and personal skills development, aimed to qualify trainees and facilitate their employment in the labor market. The agency has also purchased the necessary tools for the trainees for practical application to help them become self-reliant. Similarly, SMEPS has carried out – in collaboration with the Project's human resources consultants' team – 9 short training courses in sewing, embroidery, human development, nursing, hairdressing, hospitality and tourism and mobile phone maintenance. The courses, targeting 92 people (including 33 women), aimed to raise the standard of living of the displaced and equip them with the necessary skills and expertise.

The agency also organized in April 2102 in Aden City two training courses on effective techniques of communication with the host community, groups leadership skills and decision making. The courses targeted 2 groups of officials in charge of the displaced persons' schools, with 60 trainees attending (and 16 of them hired as communication consultants). The Agency – in coordination with the Project's communication team – has also established (in April and May 2012) administrative boards for the displaced in all the districts of Aden Governorate in order to organize the displaced persons' schools within each district.

Moreover, SMEPS – in collaboration with a psychiatrist – organized in Aden in April and June 2012 two training courses for social workers and psychologists to support Abyan displaced people. The training provided participants with knowledge and skills on the application of psychological and social support methods and tools on post-disaster trauma. Participants included 20 specialists (10 of them were selected to provide psychosocial support for Abyan IDPs).

**Training of Fishermen on Quality:** The Agency implemented 5 training courses on April 7 – May 9, 2012, targeting more than 70 fishery associations' fishermen and fish-landing sites' workers in Al-Mukalla and Al-Shehr Cities, with training aiming instruct traditional fishermen on maintaining fish product quality, and teaching landing fish-landing workers on fish-trading proper ways – with 17 trainers further qualified to continue providing this type of training to other fishermen.

Likewise, SMEPS has also conducted – in cooperation with the Yemeni Seafood Exporters Association (YSEA) – a workshop on 10 April 2012 (in Aden City) with the participation of 6 Yemeni fish and marine-product exporting companies. The workshop focused on identifying new international markets and building commercial communication channels between the Yemeni seafood exporters and major fish-importing companies. The YSEA's website was also developed to keep up with international exhibitions news and continue communicating with companies with respect to fish techniques updates and developments, with one of YSEA's employees trained on the site.

### **Use of Modern Agricultural Inputs to Develop Vegetable Crops**

**Planting:** The Agency organized field (on-the-job) training to zucchini growers on 11–12 April 2012, with 90 farmers participating representing Hadhramaut, Al-Hudaidah and Al-Dhale' Governorates as well as a number of wholesalers and retailers and agricultural technicians. The training focused on raising awareness in the use of improved agricultural inputs, linking farmers with the best input-providing companies and activating the companies' role in the provision of extension services.

Within watermelon planting development project in the Tihama region, the Agency implemented – in collaboration with Al-Hudaidah consultants – a workshop on April 22, 2012, targeting 70 farmers and

a number of engineers and extensionists of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. The workshop focused on reviewing the findings of the monitoring and evaluation of watermelon modern agricultural inputs (compared to traditional irrigation methods) and enhancing the efficiency of the use of pesticides and fertilizers – along with reducing the quantities utilized. SMEPS has also carried out a training course in Al-Zaidiyah (Al-Hudaidah) on 6-14 May 2012 in the same field, targeting 30 farmers and 5 agronomists and extensionists.

**Female Entrepreneurs Training:** The Agency continued providing training to female entrepreneurs by organizing – in collaboration with training institutes – several training courses in Sana'a, Aden, Al-Hudaidah, Dhamar and Abyan, targeting 250 female small-project-owner MFIs' clients. The training focused on capacity building and management skills development, and aimed to develop and expand businesswomen's projects and increase income.

**Consultants' Site Launch:** SMEPS (with partners) launched on June 30, 2012 consultants' site with the attendance of more than 300 relevant participants and organized a consultants' exhibition for the first time ever in Yemen. The launch targeted local consultants, businessmen, small & micro entrepreneurs, donors and youth.

## Yemen Microfinance Network (YMN)

YMN carried out in Sana'a Governorate a training course and a workshop in the Client Protection Smart Campaign, targeting 12 male and female employees from MFIs operating in the governorate, and aiming to qualification of MFIs staff and the adoption of MF clients protection initiative and smart campaign, which includes the seven MF principles. The network also conducted in Sana'a on 21-25 April 2012 – in collaboration with a trainer and specialized training institute – a training course in computer skills for 8 MF staff to equip them with skills of dealing with Microsoft Office.

The YMN also organized in Sana'a on May 29, 2012 a panel discussion for donors, during which the importance of information exchange in the microfinance industry and donors' support were discussed.

## Al-Amal Bank Promotes Financial Literacy in Schools

Al-Amal Microfinance Bank launched on April 7, 2012 the financial literacy campaign, targeting more than 2,000 school children in a number of public and private schools in the Capital City and aiming at encouraging children to absorb and practice savings culture.

## Graduation of SWF Beneficiaries

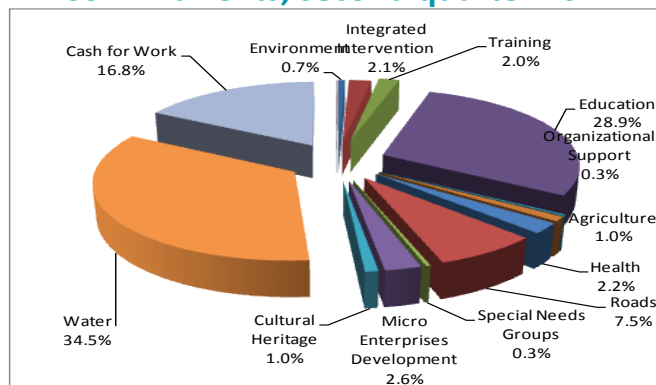
SFD continued implementing the project of graduating beneficiaries from the services of the Social Welfare Fund (SWF) and linking them to MFIs. During the quarter, 34 refresher courses were organized in animal health and marketing, targeting 154 beneficiaries in Aden, Taiz and Lahj Governorates as well as a training course for field supervisors and specialists on training techniques and methods, with the project's staff providing the training. Also, 436 mosquito nets (obtained from the Ministry of Public Health and Population) were distributed for all beneficiaries to protect them from mosquitoes. The project also carried out – in collaboration with UNICEF and SWF – a one-week training course for 17 people in the delivery of health messages to beneficiaries, with the project's specialists and supervisors targeted.

## SFD-Supported Microfinance Programs as of End of June 2012

Program	Active number of clients			Outstanding loan portfolio Million YR	PAR (%)	Cumulative numbers		NO. of Personnel	No of Loan Officers	Area of Operation
	Borrowers		Savers			Number of loans	Loan amounts Million YR			
	Total	Women (%)	Total							
Alamal Microfinance Bank	23,792	53	42,548	793	0.9	50,884	2,608	135	70	Capital City , Taiz, Ibb, Dhamar, Al-Hudaidah, Al-Mu'alla, Aden
National MF Foundation	12,241	94	19,313	439	0.7	97,847	4,114	114	55	Capital City, Taiz, Ibb, Al- Qa'edah, Yarim, Hajjah, Lahej, Dhamar, and Al-Hudaidah
Abyan S & C	7,258	96	7,620	246	76	41,415	1,418	33	23	Zingibar, Ahwar (Abyan), Al-Mukalla, Al-Shihr
Aden MF Foundation	6,774	97	9,685	249	0	43,300	1,770	46	19	Dar Sa'ad, Al-Buraikah, Al-Mu'alla, Al-Tawwahi, Crater, Khormaksar, Sheikh Othman, Aden, Lahej
MF Development Program	6,689	41	1,779	341	6.2	53,669	3,040	93	62	Capital City, Taiz, Aden, Hajjah, Al-Hudaidah
Altadhamon Bank	4,990	45	0	681	1.8	20,741	4,008	95	38	Capital City, Taiz, Al-Hudaidah, Aden, Ibb, Al-Mukalla
Sana'a MF – Azal	4,267	56	2,696	303	2.4	35,550	1,086	46	22	Capital City
Al-Awa'el MF Company	3,561	86	0	75	17.8	50,767	1,685	47	25	Taiz (Al-Camb, Hawdh Al-Ashraf, Al-Rahedah, Sainah, Al-Qada'edah)
Small Enterprise Development Fund (SEDF)	2,838	0	0	1,149	31	15,299	12,250	115	21	Capital City, Taiz, Aden, Al-Mukalla, Al-Hudaidah, Ibb, Dhamar
Wadi Hadhramaut	1,559	13	2,917	88	17.6	11,397	763	25	15	Hadhramaut (Seyun – Tarim, Al-Suom)
Social Institution for Sustainable Development (SIFSD)	1,488	72	0	149	3.6	16,250	1,521	26	14	Capital City
Alkuraimi Islamic Microfinance Bank	1,433	1.6	30,774	464	1.8	2,322	986	49	41	Capital City, Aden, Taiz, Al-Hudaidah, Dhamar, Ibb
Other Activities & IGPs	0		0	0		67,495	1,690			Several areas
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76,890</b>		<b>117,332</b>	<b>4,977</b>		<b>506,936</b>	<b>36,939</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>405</b>	

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

## Commitments, second quarter 2012



## Number of beneficiaries and job opportunities, second quarter 2012,

Sector	Direct beneficiaries		Temporary job opportunities
	Total	Female (%)	
Environment	252,193	54	13,285
Integrated Intervention	9,378	49	50,640
Training	19,591	40	36,297
Education	567,350	41	1,005,250
Organizational Support	3,254	32	6,013
Agriculture	21,861	44	39,636
Health	156,116	76	66,280
Roads	111,694	50	357,263
Special Needs Groups	1,336	42	5,731
Micro Enterprises Development	13,232	50	9,260
Cultural Heritage	0	-	84,180
Water	177,165	51	585,235
Cash for Work	151,373	50	2,109,864
Business Development Services	310	-	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,484,853</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>4,368,955</b>

## Commitments, second quarter 2012

Governorate	No. of projects	Commitments(\$)	Distribution (%)
Ibb	90	25,747,820	19.1
Abyan	4	254,970	0.2
Capital City	19	1,862,110	1.4
Al-Baidha	13	1,153,265	0.9
Al-Jawf	1	300,000	0.2
Al-Hudaidah	55	8,919,911	6.6
Al-Dhale'	6	1,515,370	1.1
Al-Mahweet	22	3,644,499	2.7
Al-Maharah	7	149,694	0.1
Taiz	116	26,807,955	19.9
Hajjah	58	8,558,760	6.3
Hadhramaut	25	4,978,944	3.7
Dhamar	77	13,166,202	9.8
Raimah	35	5,149,275	3.8
Shabwah	8	1,192,532	0.9
Sa'adah	32	6,830,207	5.1
Sana'a	15	1,988,914	1.5
Aden	11	4,194,627	3.1
Amran	57	9,798,458	7.3
Lahj	25	2,782,305	2.1
Mareb	3	321,176	0.2
Several Governorates	54	5,539,499	4.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>134,856,493</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Cumulative number of projects, commitment, contracted amounts, beneficiaries and temporary employment as of 30/06/2012

Sector	No. of projects	Commitments (USD)	Contracted amount(USD)	Direct beneficiaries*		Indirect beneficiaries*		Temporary Job Opportunities
				Male	Female	Male	Female	
Environment	335	39,957,384	27,566,124	1,464,990	1,457,711	201,311	190,508	1,311,721
Integrated Interventions	262	20,584,382	12,937,752	156,798	117,642	60,551	47,897	551,557
Training	917	22,535,728	14,590,545	97,376	62,660	415,623	449,827	334,531
Education	4,876	674,576,478	491,792,224	1,775,844	1,411,262	1,923,138	1,610,514	23,064,296
Organizational Support	614	27,489,020	22,523,096	352,502	306,730	318,674	282,999	680,895
Agriculture	367	37,592,926	18,287,778	221,518	213,423	359,913	322,122	918,312
Health	1,122	91,207,785	69,753,587	2,744,366	4,547,531	2,057,630	2,683,403	2,135,265
Rural Roads	796	170,919,703	133,376,703	2,148,937	2,120,709	844,275	834,700	8,658,103
Special Needs Groups	650	34,207,610	27,624,387	108,867	70,090	68,449	52,389	810,186
Micro Enterprises Dev.	163	26,670,352	21,732,695	63,331	269,517	380,528	867,875	53,269
Small Enterprise	32	8,852,031	7,772,604	18,334	22,071	59,529	44,686	17,816
Cultural Heritage	269	58,419,804	46,018,040	194,363	169,760	60,261	68,741	2,308,170
Water	1,978	296,019,396	122,343,747	1,702,159	1,716,308	157,079	94,630	6,865,016
Food Price Crisis Response	474	76,927,612	67,692,320	361,058	347,358	712,634	756,169	6,774,737
Business Development	54	6,346,823	6,261,099	45,618	20,855	63,917	39,119	2,416
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,909</b>	<b>1,592,307,034</b>	<b>1,090,272,702</b>					<b>54,486,290</b>

*The same beneficiaries might repeatedly benefit from more than one sector*

### Cumulative commitments & contracted amounts as of 30/06/2012

Governorate	No. of projects	Commitments (\$)	Contracted amounts (\$)
Ibb	1,254	164,624,455	105,224,955
Abyan	220	29,410,186	21,585,585
Capital City	678	97,533,917	76,727,450
Al-Baidha	292	34,317,393	25,014,619
Al-Jawf	150	17,799,710	12,335,612
Al-Hudaidah	1,091	145,130,446	109,970,927
Al-Dhale'	239	36,100,140	24,190,845
Al-Mahweet	380	49,430,770	35,415,845
Al-Maharah	99	6,256,217	4,997,459
Taiz	1,630	230,036,808	140,063,476
Hajjah	947	125,087,336	80,614,999
Hadhramaut	643	71,883,106	51,488,139
Dhamar	860	96,833,181	67,658,703
Raimah	350	55,154,290	26,736,353
Shabwah	278	27,332,221	20,278,188
Sa'adah	307	44,350,445	29,954,562
Sana'a	497	55,863,465	39,719,602
Aden	285	41,830,523	29,210,562
Amran	800	94,114,700	68,285,773
Lahj	566	77,212,020	50,810,338
Mareb	117	10,581,179	8,112,836
Several Governorates	1,226	81,424,525	61,875,874
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,909</b>	<b>1,592,307,034</b>	<b>1,090,272,702</b>

### Cumulative completed projects as of 30/06/2012

Sector	No. of projects	Cost (\$)
Environment	212	19,183,215
Integrated Intervention	165	9,321,231
Training	714	11,488,101
Education	3,900	422,213,221
Organizational Support	511	17,808,988
Agriculture	126	3,852,124
Health	896	60,452,216
Roads	548	100,189,195
Special Needs Groups	528	24,458,255
Micro Enterprises Development	143	15,319,208
Small Enterprises Development	31	7,735,395
Cultural Heritage	193	30,594,422
Water	1,420	92,623,021
Cash for Work	181	19,679,933
Business Development Services	27	2,118,978
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,595</b>	<b>837,037,504</b>



### SFD Offers Jobs for the Poor in 2011

The SFD 2011 annual report (posted in SFD website) outlined its performance during 2011 that was full of difficult events since its inception in 1997. The report said that the SFD developed 1,347 projects at an estimated cost of nearly \$234.5 million expected to serve about 1.93 million people (52% females) and generate temporary employment exceeding 5 million working days.

In that year, the SFD spent about \$132 million on more than 2,390 under-implementation projects distributed over 94% out of 330 districts of Yemen. The SFD completed 980 projects at a cost of more than \$106 million that provided 4.3 million temporary jobs. The SFD Acting Managing Director Eng. Abdullah Al-Dailami stated the SFD responded to the impacts of the 2011 events by focusing 70% of projects during the second part of the year on the Cash-for-Work Program generating 1.7 temporary job opportunities for 27818 poor households providing more 10,000 jobs to the SFD 2011 plan. He added that the SFD also focused on using the community contracting mechanism that engages the local community in implementing projects, and managing it financially and administratively. The mechanism supported employment by offering about one million working days..

### SFD's Cash-for-Work Program Supports Al-Mukalla Poor Families

A meeting was organized in late May 2012 by SFD's Al-Mukalla Branch Office (BO) with the participation of BO Manager and the Head of the National Women Committee (NWC) in Hadhramaut Governorate. The meeting discussed SFD's intervention through the Cash-for-Work Program to target poor and needy families in Al-Mukalla City as well as the cooperation between the SFD and the NWC. Attendants also reviewed the implementation and objectives of the cash-for-work program, which started in the governorate in 2009 and achieved many positive results to cope with the consequences of the economic crises experienced by the country in recent years. The meeting also aimed to discuss ways to continue supporting poor families— specially, those who have no breadwinner – by taking advantage of the NWC's lists (as they have previous experience). Moreover, discussions included means of and further involvement of women in the program and supporting them to improve their economic and living conditions so that they can face the difficult economic situation and lead a decent life through providing employment opportunities – especially after expanding the program to include urban communities in addition to the rural. Additionally, the attendees explored identification of potential programs to target pockets of poverty in Al-Mukalla and its suburbs through Cash-for-Work initiatives, which provide valuable services for the poorest people. In this course, the NWC – in cooperation with Hadhramaut University's Studies Centre – is currently conducting field surveys on the city households' economic status.

On the other hand, the BO held on 26 May a refresher workshop in Al-Mukalla, focusing on the field targeting of the poorest communities and identifying their needs. The workshop reviewed the tasks of the work team in conducting field visits to the villages targeted by the Cash-for-Work Program and the mechanism and nature of obtaining information needed for the program's projects benefitting those communities.

It is worth mentioning that the current phase of the program targets Al-Dees Al-Sharqiyah, Al-Shihr, Al-Soum, Al-Dhulai'ah, Hajer, Hudaibo and Ariyaf Al-Mukalla Districts (Hadhramaut) as well as Rudhoum District (Shabwah).

### SFD's Efforts for Education Blooming in Bani Asa'ad

The villages of sub-district of Bani Asa'ad (Hazm Al-Udain - Ibb governorate), are a typical model for several areas of Yemen, where illiteracy blankets 96% of its women and girls undermining the community's social, economic and health fabric. Addressing this alarming figure, one of the SFD integrated intervention projects in this area has focused to solve this problem. The project began with community-based motivation and outreach. It made the community aware of the multiple and sustainable gains that the community would enjoy if women have been educated and their capacities have been built. No sooner had the working groups have finished their mission until most of the villagers undertook unexpected self-initiatives. A villager started the initiatives opening his simple one-room house as an evening-classroom for adult literacy. Other initiative carried on with opening 21 classrooms for adult literacy where 43% illiterate women over 15 years enrolled. 27 female villagers volunteered in teaching and the village council members communicated with the local council to provide the necessary stationary and textbooks. As part of this interaction and in order to continue efforts to achieve the goal and prevent dropping out, the SFD developed a project to provide the initiative with simple requirements for the classrooms and training for volunteer facilitators in order to link teaching process there with the methodologically oriented education. Such a kind of education does not only deal with the writing and reading illiteracy, but it addresses social issues facing women in life. All these efforts target illiteracy drop by 40% if the same social interaction continues at the same pace

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