



## Editorial

The SFD has been facing increasing challenges and various requirements, while addressing impacts of the harsh conditions overwhelming the country for 6 years. New challenges have been added including the frequent fuel shortage, fluctuations of the local currency exchange rate and the precarious security conditions in areas of armed clashes. However, the SFD's operations continued at a very satisfactory pace, as the SFD's branch offices and head office capitalized their accumulated experiences in responding to the impact of recurrent crises and made additional efforts to ensure work continuity.

Yet, the slowdown and shortage of funding remains the SFD's largest challenge; subsequently, the SFD could only reach the lowest case scenario of delivering the objectives of the Crisis Response Plan II (2020 – 2018).

Despite the exacerbation of the already dire humanitarian and living conditions in Yemen, there are still manifestations of adaptation, resilience and self-help running at the level of local communities, families and businesses, which can be considered a phenomenon that encourages the shift to a more sustainable and stable reality. There are, in fact, opportunities for developmental work that would potentially contribute to breaking out the static circles of the food aid distribution and shifting to a more sustainable and stable reality. Nevertheless, the international aid—already limited and decreasing—is still almost completely focusing on the relief and humanitarian approach, which unfortunately is continuing to worsen.

On the other hand, the SFD has attained remarkable success in serving local communities. For instance, during the period 2016–Sep. 2020, the SFD developed 2,580 sub-projects at an estimated cost approaching 489\$ million, with direct beneficiaries expected to surpass 6 million people (%53 female) and job opportunities 21.4 million workdays approximately. Of those sub-projects, 1,700 have been completed at a contractual cost of 271.6\$ million, directly benefitting some 3 million people (%51 female) and creating 12.5 million workdays.

## Response Progress (2016 - Sep 2020)

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>People benefiting from cash transfer</b>  | 393,222    |
| Female   | 113,208    |
| IDPs/Returnees   | 56,796     |
| Youth aged 16-35   | 233,325    |
| <b>Pregnant women and mothers who received income assistance and nutrition services*</b> | 133,798    |
| <b>People provided with access to key services (from all interventions)*</b>             | 4,742,905  |
| <b>Working days created from all interventions *</b>                                     | 11,959,470 |
| <b>Number of beneficiaries received cholera and corona awareness messages</b>            | 2,085,808  |

\* This indicator reflects projects of LIWP and youth employment

## Preparations to improve environment and quality of education

As the new academic year starts, the SFD undertakes various educational activities that have contributed to preparing for the educational process throughout the country. One of the cases has been the completion of the construction and delivery of the second school out of a total of six schools that SFD is building in Hajjah governorate, after ensuring the operation of all of them. Al-Thawra School was an accomplished dream that 1,000 students from the Souk Al-Thaloth area in Aslam District could not believe until they roamed its classes and facilities.

On the same context, the SFD's teams continued to train contracted and formal male and female teachers in all governorates where the Education Support Project is operating. For example, through 35 training courses, 525 teachers, all of the educational staff in the Maswar District - Amran Governorate, were rehabilitated. The training focused on the skills of reading, spelling, mathematics and active learning in order to improve the quality of basic and secondary education in 65 basic schools in the district.

## SECTOR ACTIVITIES



### Education

The sector's activity during the third quarter of 2020 focused on implementing the components of the Vocational and Literacy Program to Alleviate Poverty (VOLIP) as follows:

#### Access to non-formal basic education

During the quarter, SFD continued abiding by the preventive measures against the outbreak of the Coronavirus (Covid19-) pandemic. In this regard, schools—including community education classes—have been shut down, with the first semester grades approved as final scores of the 2020/2019 academic year. Nearly 4 thousand (male & female) learners have succeeded in community-education classes, and coordination is underway with the MoE's Literacy and Adult Education Authority (LAEA) to issue certificates for successful learners so they could enroll in formal education.

The quarter also witnessed the implementation of several workshops in the areas targeted by the program (Sana'a, Al-Hudaidah and Lahj Governorates and Al-Mukalla City in Hadhramaut). These events, aiming to raise health awareness on Covid19-, were attended by 176 community-education supervisors and facilitators.

Similarly, some 7,100 (door-to-door) awareness sessions were carried out as part of Coronavirus awareness campaigns. The sessions were held in 14 districts of those areas with the participation of 31 supervisors and 145 facilitators, benefiting 43,671 people (including 16,512 women and 10,412 girls).

#### Training unemployed youth and working women

Training of more than a thousand unemployed youth and working women in the targeted areas has been completed. The trainees included 282 young women and 561 working women, with the training topics focusing on entrepreneurship and life skills.

#### Access to Microfinance services

Some 69 clients were funded with a total amount surpassing 641.5 million riyals and 276,500\$ to enable them to implement their own projects that include sewing, livestock raising, mobile-phone maintenance, honey trading, hairdressing, incense and perfumes.

#### Capacity building

As VOLIP's partner, the LAEA was supported by equipping the examination room in the latter's Main Office in Sana'a with ten computers, a server, a network and two printers, aiming to computerize the tests for literacy and community-education learners.

In addition, 22 training courses were conducted for 366 people (incl. 137 females) in Sana'a, Lahj, Al-Hudaidah and Aden Governorates. The trainees are technical trainers from the Ministry of Technical Education and Vocational Training and the LAEA's leaders

#### Education Indicators

| Indicator   | Achieved<br>(2016 - September 2020) |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Receptients of new jobs in social services        | 4,603                               |
| Teachers and facilitators trained                 | 2,356                               |
| Students benefiting from cash for social services | 278,752                             |
| Beneficiary schools ( girls schools %12)          | 1,375                               |



## HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

### Infrastructure

Under the European grant to strengthen community resilience, 7 health facilities affected have been completed. The civil works have been completed and handed over to the health offices in the respective districts. These projects provided 8,955 working days for 810 workers (of them 490 young workers were male consultants, and 5 females). The number of beneficiaries of the completed projects reached 9,605 (of them 2,819 women and 1,708 girls).

### The Conditional Cash Transfer in Nutrition

This is one of the projects responding to the nutrition needs, which contributes to providing temporary employment for young women of age group (35-18 years), and at the same time, contributes to providing cash assistance to pregnant and lactating mothers of children under five years from families benefiting from the Social Welfare Fund (SWF), as well as refers malnutrition cases to treatment facilities. The project responds to one of the urgent challenges, which is high unemployment among young women and urgent needs in communities suffering high rates of malnutrition, which has been exacerbated by the ongoing war in Yemen.

The project focuses on awareness providing counseling for pregnant and lactating mothers, stimulation of demands for maternal and child services, surveying and screening cases of malnutrition among children and pregnant and lactating mothers and provision of the logistical facilities for their access to nutritional services in the treatment centers.

Nutrition projects are being implemented in 16 districts in 10 governorates. 239,296 households were surveyed in the targeted districts, and the surveys showed that there are 148,668 eligible families, including 161,088 eligible women making up %63 of the total surveyed households, of which 16,108 are eligible women from SWF's beneficiary households and 6,965 households with persons with disabilities.

### Psychosocial support projects

The community response enhancement approach aims to integrate psychosocial aspects in responding to the basic needs of people, and targets the most vulnerable groups (women, youth and children). This approach helps provide short-term income opportunities for young people, and engage them in playing a key role in building resilience in their communities. It also creates safe and friendly spaces, where women and children feel comfortable and free to share their stories and hopes.

#### 1. Psychosocial support activities in schools:

Under these group of activities in Bajil District in Al Hodeida Governorate, 202 education staff (101 of management and 101 social workers in the targeted schools,) were trained on the educational psychological support guide as approved by the Ministry of Education.

#### 2. Supply of recreational bags to the targeted schools:

After completing the training of education staff, the target schools were provided with recreational kits (a kit for every 200 students group) according to the standards of the Ministry of Education. These bags contain recreational games tools applied through the recreation classes under the supervision of trained specialists. Some 153 recreational kits worth 26,000\$ were supplied to 71 schools in the Bajil District.

### Health Indicators

| Indicator   | Achieved<br>(2016 - September 2020) |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Health facilities constructed/rehabilitated and equipped                                | 84                                  |
| People benefited from access to health services   | 350,020                             |
| Number of trainees in identification of severe stress and trauma for psychosocial needs | 5,209                               |
| Youth recruited and received wages of working on construction services (Females %100)   | 5,761                               |
| Pregnant women and mothers received income assistance and nutrition services            | 133,798                             |
| Community female mobilizer  | 5,154                               |
| Children who benefited from the nutrition services                                      | 85,135                              |

## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

The number of completed subprojects during the quarter has reached to 38 subprojects, out of them 28 subprojects are in the water sector for an amount 3.831\$ million and 10 subproject is in the sanitation and hygiene sector for an amount 1,485 US\$.

The details of the completed subprojects are stated in the following sections:

### Water Sector

The activities achieved:

- 1- One subprojects financed by EKN Fund for SFD Water 1 Project Targeting Communities with High AWD/Cholera Attack Rate for total amount 44,000 US\$.
- 2- Two subprojects financed by Arab Fund Loan for SFD IV at a cost of 323,000 US\$.

3- Two subprojects financed Yemen Emergency Crisis Response Project IV- WB/UNDP at a cost 141,000 US\$.

4- Six subprojects financed by Yemen Emergency Crisis Response Project-UNDP at a cost 643,000US\$.

5- Seven subprojects financed by Germany \KFW Grant for SFD Water and Sanitation Programme at a cost 1,310 US\$.

6- Seven subprojects financed Germany \KFW Grant for SFD Water and Sanitation Programme II at a cost 927,000 US\$.

7- Two subprojects financed by Yemen Social Protection Programme (YeSP) - Phase I at a cost 388,000 US\$.

8- One subprojects financed by Kuwaiti Grant for Reconstruction at a cost 55,000 US\$.

Below are the detailed achievements in each water subsector:

#### Rooftop Rainwater Harvesting Cisterns:

During this quarter, 14 subprojects were completed for constructing 2,354 cisterns with total storage capacity 61,165 m3 providing water service to 128 ,17 persons while creating 176,346 working days.

#### Public Covered Rainwater Harvesting Cisterns:

Two subproject were completed for constructing 2 covered cistern of total storage capacity 2,600 m3 with the necessary components providing water service to 836 persons while creating 5,083 working days.

#### Labor Intensive Water Interventions:

8 subprojects were completed during this quarter, out of them 2 for building rooftop rainwater harvesting cisterns and 3 subprojects for building distribution water tanks, two rehabilitation water network and one fencing and reforestation. The outputs of these subprojects included 159 cisterns of total storage capacity 2,158 m3 ,3 distribution water tanks of total capacity 750 m3 all to provide water service to 32,369 persons. All these subprojects created temporary job opportunities 41,556 working days.

#### Groundwater based Water Schemes:

During this quarter four subproject is completed containing water pipes of total length 60,539 km and 1,729 house connections to provide water service to 8,577 persons while creating 5,404 working days.

## Water Indicators

| Indicator   | Achieved<br>(2016 - September 2020) |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Number of people provided with access to improved water sources | 396,866                             |
| Storage capacity for improved water (m3)                        | 990,649                             |



## Sanitation and Hygiene Sector

During this quarter ten subprojects were achieved:

1- Five subprojects financed by Yemen Emergency Crisis Response Project-UNDP at a cost 767,000US\$.

2- Two subprojects financed by Germany \KFW Grant for SFD Water and Sanitation Programme at a cost 266,000 US\$.

3- One subproject financed Germany \KFW Grant for SFD Water and Sanitation Programme II at a cost 221,000 US\$.

4- Two subprojects financed by Yemen Social Protection Programme (YeSP) - Phase I at a cost 231,000 US\$.

Below are the detailed achievements in each sanitation subsector:

#### Wastewater Management:

Five subproject were completed contained building 364 new latrines and improving 510 existing latrines at a cost \$717,000, consisting of 217 inspection chambers and 1,73 house connections. provided service to 10,213 people and created temporary jobs 46,946 workdays.

Five subproject were completed at a cost \$768,000 consisting of 772 inspection chambers and 3,163 house connections. The number of direct beneficiaries has reached to 28,485 people.

#### Participation in WASH Cluster:

The coordination with the WASH cluster continues to take place virtually with COVID19- preventative measures in place and most NGOs and UN agencies working form Yemen are still working from home. The coordination

meetings discussed the gaps and needs in implementing projects under COVID19- pandemic, in addition to discussing the major setback and obstacles in the field due **Labor Intensive Environmental Activities:**

to the preventative measures. The Wash cluster continued their technical sharing webinars under the subject of gender inclusion in WASH interventions. The webinar discussed the main gender concerns in WASH interventions. The next technical share webinar will be considering the building capacity. As for information sharing, SFD continuous to update the cluster with the completed interventions in addition to sharing the proposed intervention so as to avoid any conflict of targeting. The data shared through Activityinfo can be viewed in YWC dashboard of the completed interventions at the following link.

### Sanitation and Hygiene Indicators

| Indicator   | Achieved<br>(2016 - September 2020) |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Beneficiaries from access to appropriate sanitation | 82,342                              |
| No. of latrines created & rehabilitated             | 10,099                              |



## AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

### The Smallholder Agricultural Productivity Restoration and Enhancement Project (SAPREP)

The project, funded by the World Bank (through the FAO), aims to enhance agricultural productivity and contribute to improving food security in 21 districts of seven governorates.

Some 7 projects were completed, with an actual cost exceeding \$ 637,000. This brings the number of completed projects since the beginning of the grant to 78 projects at an actual cost of approximately USD 7 million, while 47 projects are still under implementation with an estimated cost of approximately 10 million USD. These projects aim to enhance agricultural productivity and improve food security in the targeted districts in the project (SAPREP), which targets 21 districts in seven governorates (Hajjah, Al Hudaydah, Taiz, Lahj, Abyan, Shabwah and Saada).

These sub-projects include many activities as follows:

#### A- Rehabilitation of agricultural terraces

During the quarter, 0.26 hectares of agricultural terraces were rehabilitated, bringing the total cumulative area of the terraces that were rehabilitated to 42.36 hectares.

#### B- Protection of agricultural lands:

7 projects were completed during this quarter, while the work is still ongoing in the rest of the projects to protect and irrigate agricultural lands in the targeted districts. 84 hectares of agricultural land have been rehabilitated and protected, bringing the total cumulative area protected to 1,325 hectares.

#### C- Water harvesting for supplementary irrigation:

Four project are still ongoing with the total storage capacity of water harvesting facilities reaching 51,523 m3.

#### D- Rooftop rainwater harvesting cisterns:

One project is under implementation, which has so far completed 2,385 cisterns since the beginning of the grant.

#### E- Wells and springs:

During the reporting period, one project has been completed bringing the number of completed water wells and springs up to 139.

#### F- Caravans:

This kind of projects is limited to Shabwah Governorate only, where the work is still ongoing in 3 projects, with the total cumulative number of completed caravans reaching 11.



### The British Humanitarian Response Grant

During this quarter, 3 projects were completed, with a contractual cost of approximately \$ 111,000. One of these projects is in the field of beekeeping training, in which 200 beekeepers and beekeepers were trained in 4 districts of Raymah governorate in order to enhance the quality and productivity of honey, improve practices in beekeeping, and prevent beehives from diseases.

The rest of the projects aims to improve food security, increase agricultural productivity and reduce the effects of climate change, as flood irrigation canals have been implemented and rehabilitated and land protected from flood damage. Meantime, 14 projects are still under implementation with a total estimated cost of more than \$ 1.2 million. It is expected that about 14,246 people (%30 are women) will benefit from it.

### The World Bank's additional and emergency grant (through UNDP)

During this quarter, 9 projects were completed, with a total contractual cost of approximately 918,000\$. All implemented activities aim to improve food security, increase agricultural productivity and reduce the effects of climate change, as flood irrigation canals have been implemented and rehabilitated, and lands are protected from flood damage. Some 21 projects are still under implementation with an estimated cost of about \$ 2.1 million. Most of its activities focus on protecting agricultural lands, rehabilitating terraces, improving flood irrigation canals, and improving animal productivity through the establishment of barns.

## Agriculture and Rural Development Indicators

| Indicator  | Achieved<br>(2016 - September 2020) |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Households supported with cash                                   | 28,715                              |
| Displaced households supported with cash                         | 1,841                               |
| Protected, irrigated and reclaimed agricultural land (ha)        | 7,029                               |
| Storage capacity (m3 )   | 47,859                              |
| Total area of created & rehabilitated agricultural terraces (ha) | 42                                  |
| Rainwater harvesting storage capacity (cubic meter)              | 266,348                             |
| Workers  | 47,854                              |
| Female workers   | 7,149                               |
| Workdays   | 1,047,946                           |
| Workdays (female)  | 135,824                             |



## Training & Organizational Support

Interventions in the Training & Organizational Support sectors aim to provide services through training and building the human and institutional capacities of SFD partners whose activities are linked to SFD's goals represented by local development and poverty reduction.

During the 3rd quarter 2020, a number of activities were implemented within the framework of different projects and programs related to the two sectors as well as the Integrated Interventions Program, as follows:

### Empowerment for Local Development (ELD) Program

Activities during the quarter varied to include the continuation of Villages' Cooperation Councils (VCCs) in the districts covered by the empowerment program, with SFD

support. Activities were effective despite the Coronavirus pandemic. In this respect, VCCs, sub-district development committees and district teams implemented a number of supported self-help initiatives and coordinated with health offices and emergency committees in different districts, besides working effectively in raising awareness concerning COVID19-.

VCCs' activities are summarized as follows:

**1. Formation of Villages' Cooperation Councils:** reactivation of 20 councils, and the preparation of 20 development plans for these VCCs in Qalansia district, Socotra governorate. This allowed the aggregate total number of VCCs' to reach 3,945 VCCs with the same number of development plans (since the beginning of the year 2018).

2. **Self-help Initiatives** implemented by VCCs through over-all adoption, awareness raising, planning and implementation of these initiatives (viz. water tanks, refurbishment of school

3. **SFD Supported Initiatives:** about 240 supported initiatives were implemented with estimate cost reaching about 59.4 Million Riyals, with %50 contribution from SFD. This is besides 141 initiatives relating to livelihood skills in the form of providing training to about 6,340 persons (%90 female) in the components of agricultural guidance, maintaining motor-cycles, training methods for female teachers in teacher-training centers, dealing with COVID19- confirmed cases, manufacturing sanitizers, disinfectants, masks and protective sanitary suits. In this respect 160,000 masks and 2,400 suits were produced for use in the hospitals of Hajjah and Taiz Governorates. This is beside the implementation of training courses to manufacture sterilizers in Hadhramaut, and the organization of awareness campaigns in the governorates of Ibb and Dhamar. The masks and suits were put at the disposal of health offices, to be handed over to the health centers in hospitals.

### RAWFD Program

During the quarter, about 452 youths (206 females) were trained in the components of Basic Principles and Concepts of Development, Computer Basics, P.R.A. and Formation of Community Committees. Targeting included the governorates of Al-Mahweet, Sa'adah, Dhamar, Hadhramaut, Al-Maharah, Lahj, Abyan and Al-Dhale'.

About 464 RAWFD graduates (200 females) participated in the implementation of several youth voluntary self-help initiatives in 6 governorates to fight the spread of Coronavirus. Beneficiaries totaled 20,881 persons (10,480 females). The implementation of 9 new projects was also monitored through 6 SFD branches. This is beside following up the application of protective measures related to COVID19-. Also, the final report concerning survey results for youth expectations and aspirations was designed, drafted, edited and published.

On the other hand, SFD continued to develop the methodology of applying the advanced phase within RAWFD program. This methodology aims at empowering youth economically by means of employment increase. Also, a proposal related to the project "Employing RAWFD Youth for Fighting Coronavirus Pandemic" was promoted, with a workplan and a paper concerning the management of project risks. In this respect the Program completed the tests and interviews for a number of nominees from 3 governorates, correction and issuing of results, followed by

arranging a Training-of-Trainers (ToT) course for the successful candidates.



Arrangements were also made for the implementation of the ToT Course, beside the design of a website link with support from the IT Unit. The link will contribute in the facilitation of data collection related to what had been implemented in the component of the youth self-help initiatives in different governorates. The information concerning the dissemination of RAWFD activities continued to appear in the social media web-sites (Facebook, Twitter, Official E-Mail), beside publishing success stories and the different Program achievements. Also, during the period from January until September 2020 a number of RAWFD graduates secured work opportunities (short & long-term) with SFD branches and local and international organizations working in the country. The number of short work opportunities reached 1,043 (including 477 opportunities for females), while the number of long-term opportunities reached 19 (including 12 opportunities for females).

### Community Participation

About 86 community studies were implemented in accordance with the P.R.A. methodology for a total number of beneficiaries reaching 37,231 persons ( 17,578 females) in most SFD components, including water ( private water tanks , rehabilitation of irrigation canals and sanitation), agriculture ( rehabilitation and protection of soil , land reclamation , and agricultural terraces) , roads ( improvement, rehabilitation , and maintenance of rural roads). Studies and committees' formation were implemented for some sectors under the supervision and monitoring of training officers in the SFD branches. Also 86 community and voluntary committees were formed for the total of 298 members (75 female), besides the implementation of 15 on-site training courses targeting 370

consultant participants (127 females) including community engineers and technicians working with the community in the branches of Sana'a, Ibb, and Hajjah. The components concerned included Cash-for-Work and P.R.A. mechanisms of implementation.

### Integrated Interventions Program

Within the work and coordination with the Small & Micro Enterprise Development Unit, and the project of Formation, Training, and Monitoring of Rural Saving & Financing Groups, in the Program districts, activities included participation, preparation and monitoring of a number of training courses for group members. Components included handicrafts and beauty accessories (one training course in Al-Athlouth Sub-district, Wisab Al-A'ali in Dhamar Governorate), cosmetics and hair-dressing (one training course in Bani-Sa'ad, Hazm Al-Oudain, Ibb). Also, a project for technical training was prepared concerning the components of animal wealth, agriculture techniques, bee-keeping, sewing and handicrafts, incense and perfumes, hair-dressing, mobile telephone maintenance, construction and maintenance of solar energy systems. The project targeted the Program groups in two sub-districts, namely Al-Masharig (Tour Al-Baha, Lahj) and Maifa'a (Broom Maifa'a in Hadhramaut).

### Training & Organizational Support Indicators

| Indicator   | Achieved<br>(2016 - September 2020) |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Community based initiatives supported and implemented               | 2,847                               |
| No. of active VCCs during activities implementation                 | 4,172                               |
| Total number of youth trained and secured temporary job opportunity | 5,343                               |
| Females   | 2,729                               |



### Labor Intensive Works Program

The Labor Intensive Works Program (LIWP) targets poor communities in rural and urban areas focusing on IDPs, displaced and unemployed communities affected of the on-going war. These communities aim to have a double benefit once from the income generated of participated in the program's project to protect poor households against the current exacerbating conditions. Another benefit is to provide community assets that will generate future benefits and improve access of poor rural communities to centers that providing basic services by improving the status and development of the road. Thus, the program is a key component of the social safety net (SSN) and contributes to mitigate the negative effects of the crisis and improve the livelihoods and food security for poor and those affected in the targeted areas.

According to the current situation in the country, our targeting mechanism has expanded to include some areas affected by torrential rains and floods.

LIWP comprises the Cash-for-Work (CfW) and Road Sectors.

#### CfW sector

During fourth quarter of 95 ,2017 projects have been approved at an estimated cost nearly 14.3\$ million, with direct beneficiaries expected to be more than 114 thousand persons (%51 female) and job opportunities 987 thousand temporary workdays. Thus, the cumulative total number of CfW sector projects (1997 - September 2017) reached 1,068 at an estimated cost of 203\$ million and the direct beneficiaries expected to mount to 1.5 Million person approximately (%49 female), generating about 16.6 million temporary workdays. Of these projects, 814 have been completed costing around 148\$ million.

The cumulative number of benefiting households exceeds 381 thousand.

#### Roads Sector

During this quarter, 20 projects have been approved at an estimated cost of 3.6\$ million, generating job opportunities exceed 147 thousand temporary workdays.



Thus, the cumulative total number of sector projects reached 870 projects at an estimated cost of 186.2\$ million and the total beneficiaries from the service expected to mount to 4.5 Million person approximately (%50 female), generating about 8.6 million temporary workdays. Of these projects, 789 have been completed costing around 170\$ million.

#### Street Pavement

During phase IV, 938 Thousand temporary workdays have been cumulatively generated from completed and ongoing projects of street pavement.

#### Main events and activities of Labor Intensive Works Program

During this quarter, several awareness workshops were held in most of SFD branches to clarify the concepts, standards and mechanism of CfW attended the workshops 30 male and 10 female participants from different governorates.

Moreover, all branches have conducted trainings for community, technical and accounting consultants on the mechanism of community, technical and accounting studies for CfW and roads projects' execution mechanism, attended the trainings 102 consultants.

#### Coordination with local communities

Meetings were held with local communities in targeted districts attended 114 members with the aim of involving them in the targeting process and to facilitate implementation of projects.

#### Trainings

Training is important and has a positive impact on the individuals to continue learning and developing their professional careers, which improve family economic and living conditions and get jobs later in the market.

The LIWP is implementing two types of training: on-the-job training and life skills.

**On-the-job training:** This kind of training focuses on qualifying unskilled and semi-skilled labors to be skilled labor, trainings were in different skills such as building, stone cutting and paving, cement plastering, etc., in addition to operate and make maintenance of produced assets. During this quarter, 1244 male and 25 female workers were trained during implementation of CfW and roads projects.

**Life skills:** This kind of training builds the capacity of the person, make him/her able to live with confident and understand himself as well as others. During this quarter, 60 male and 137 female beneficiaries trained from the cash-for-work projects.



### Health education and epidemiology

All branches focused on carrying out awareness workshops on prevention of corona and cholera epidemics, widespread diseases, qat damage, and improving health and environmental conditions, misconducts, and distributing sterilizers, facial masks, gloves, and follow social distancing instructions which mitigate spreading of these diseases and providing healthy environment with a high level of health education. During this quarter, 9,810 male and 8,663 female beneficiaries were aware during the implementation of the projects.

### Occupational safety awareness and complaints mechanism

All branches focused on carrying out awareness workshops on prevention of corona and cholera epidemics, widespread diseases, qat damage, and improving health and environmental conditions, misconducts, and distributing sterilizers, facial masks, gloves, and follow social distancing instructions which mitigate spreading of these diseases and providing healthy environment with a high level of health education. During this quarter, 9,810 male and 8,663 female beneficiaries were aware during the implementation of the projects.

### CFW Indicators (INCLUDING WASH, CH, ROADS, LIWP & AGRICULTURE)

| Indicator   | Achieved<br>(2016 - September 2020) |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Total number of direct beneficiaries of wage employment                         | 244,996                             |
| Female (%30 )   | 67,666                              |
| IDPs/Returnees (%20)  | 47,460                              |
| Youth (%35)   | 151,204                             |
| Number of working days created  | 7,323,847                           |
| Households benefitting from cash-for-work activities                            | 167,031                             |
| No. of household members benefitting from the services                          | 2,277,736                           |
| Area of agriculture land & terraces rehabilitated, protected and irrigated (ha) | 6,539                               |
| Irrigation channels constructed/rehabilitated (m)                               | 130,400                             |
| Cubic meters of water schemes constructed /rehabilitated                        | 339,176                             |
| Length of roads improved (km)   | 506                                 |
| Square meters of stone paved areas  | 783,684                             |
| Number of latrines constructed or rehabilitated                                 | 19,644                              |
| Number of IDPs houses and shelters protected, improved or rehabilitated         | 3,829                               |
| Number of home food gardens   | 5,324                               |
| Beneficiaries from access to appropriate sanitation                             | 173,259                             |



## Small and Micro Enterprises Development

The SMED unit continued in the third quarter of 2020 the implementation of its activities in support to the local small and micro enterprises sector, whether by financing small and microfinance programs and institutions, or by providing grants, training and technical support. These activities for the period are summarized as follows:

### First – Funding activities

#### 1. Loans:

Lately, Yemen's exposure to the global Covid19- pandemic wave has cast its shadow on the national economy, in general, and to a certain extent on the local microfinance sector as well. As such, MFIs have requested less funds from SFD during the quarter as part of a number of precautionary measures taken to reduce risks, as well as due to a general decrease in demand for loans by borrowers during the period. Consequently, borrowing from SFD has stopped during the quarter, contrary to what had been planned earlier on. During the quarter, the total number of loans issued by MFIs to their clients has reached 9,068, for the amount of YR 9.5 billion. The goal was to develop the activities of small and micro entrepreneurs, especially in the fields of alternative energies and agriculture. The total

volume of active loan portfolios held by MFIs has reached approximately YR 27.75 billion by the end of September 2020, distributed among nearly 88,000 beneficiaries. Since the establishment of the SMED unit, the cumulative number of loans issued by programs and institutions has reached 862,667, valued at more than YR 151 billion.

#### 2. Grants:

SFD has continued its activities in providing cash grants and non-financial services to its small and microfinance partners. Such funding has reached approximately YR 637 million during the quarter, of which %76 was spent on the microfinance component of the VOLIP program through Nama'a, NMF, Azal, Hadramout, and Al-Ittihad MF in Abyan. The project aims at empowering the beneficiaries of these entities economically and technically within the literacy and professional knowledge component of the program, and enroll them in the formal microfinance sector. The grants also included: support for the Small and Micro Enterprise Promotion Agency (SMEPS) in implementing its various activities in the fields of financial and non-financial services; supporting institutions and programs in compensating clients affected by the war; supporting and

expanding financial and training services in areas of integrated intervention (formation and training of savings and rural finance groups - VSLAs).

## Second – SMED Internal activities

### 1. Supporting War-Affected Clients (Phase 2):

The project aims at compensating clients whose businesses have been damaged because of the war by writing off their debts, and allow them to restore their business, and improve their standard of living and the standard of living of their families. About 224 SME clients (of which 141 were women) were compensated in the third quarter of 2020, for the amount of approximately YR 41 million. In addition, the debts of 111 defaulting clients were dropped, amounting to another YR 18.9 million (USD 1.466 million). Thus, the cumulative number of beneficiaries from the project has reached 5,047, so far, (%48 of which were women) receiving compensations totaling USD 2,092 million by the end of the quarter.

### 2. The Rural Savings and Finance Groups (VSLAs) Program

The program has continued over the quarter its operations in the various governorates it has expanded to, as its activities have increased significantly during this quarter compared to the previous one. The number of village groups has increased from 93 to 174, and the number of members has reached 4,161 compared to 2,357 at the end of the previous quarter. Women accounted for %44 of the total. Accumulated savings until the end of the quarter have reached more than YR 66.1 million. During the quarter, hundreds of group members have received training in several areas, including: savings, rural finance, bookkeeping skills, administrative and organizational skills, and training in various agricultural activities.

### 3. Information technology and automated software systems

The unit's information technology team has continued to develop the SMED website by adding new reports and statistical charts. Work on updating the database of the web-based Credit Bureau and carrying out periodic maintenance has also continued. In addition, routine technical support was provided to those entities using the loan tracking system (Maeen), the HR system, and the automated accounting system, as well as making back-up copies of data to be kept at the SMED unit. Finally, during the period, the automatic issuance of monthly SEEP reports was activated in the National MF Foundation (NMF).

## Third – Yemen Microfinance Network (YMN)

During the third quarter of the year, YMN has continued implementing various activities aimed at supporting the development of the SME sector in Yemen. YMN accomplished the technical assistance in digital transformation during the first half of July, by carrying out separate meetings with each of those MFIs that had participated in the Digital Transformation Workshop held in June. In July, YMN coordinated between the "Vidanvi" consultancy company and the member institutions to discuss the digital transformation strategy of each party, separately. As part of these activities, YMN also developed its own digital transformation strategy. During the quarter, YMN has also implemented several training courses, in which a wide range of employees from the MFIs participated, including managers, administrators and field employees. A course on Loan Feasibility Study (July 5th12-th, 2020) was organized online, where 8 trainees (males and females) participated. Also, during the period July 20th23-rd, 2020, a course in Risk Management was held, in which 20 employees from the MFIs participated. In addition, a course on small loans was held during the period (July 13th17-th, 2020) for 17 participants from MFIs. Finally, a financial analysis course according to the SEEP Framework was held during September 19th24-th, 2020, with the participation of 21 male and female trainees from the participating MFIs.





### Loan portfolio indicators for microfinance programs and institutions until the end of September 2020

| Ser. No. | Program                              | No. of disbursed loans | Active number of clients |           |                  | Outstanding loan portfolio (Million YR) | Amount of Disbursed loans (Million YR) | PAR (%)  | Cumulative numbers |                           | OSS      | FSS      | No. of Personnel | No. of loan officers | No. of Branch Offices |
|----------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------|---|--|----------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------|----------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|          |                                      |                        | Borrowers                |           | Savers           |   |  |          | Number of loans    | Loan amounts (Million YR) |          |          |                  |                      |                       |
|          |                                      |                        | Total                    | Women (%) | Total            |   |  |          |                    |                           |          |          |                  |                      |                       |
| 1        | Al-Kuraimi Islamic Microfinance Bank | 684                    | 7,209                    | 10        | 1,304,191        | 10,735                                  | 1,586                                  | 2        | 39,786             | 38,626                    | 105      | 95       | 129              | 95                   | 65                    |
| 2        | Al-Amal Microfinance Bank            | 610                    | 34,377                   | 34        | 190,102          | 3,428                                   | 161                                    | 57       | 142,068            | 15,147                    | 357      | 210      | 230              | 53                   | 16                    |
| 3        | Nama Microfinance Foundation         | 598                    | 6,971                    | 22        | 130              | 2,065                                   | 406                                    | 6        | 98,539             | 13,113                    | 107      | 88       | 153              | 74                   | 12                    |
| 4        | National MF Foundation               | 342                    | 11,967                   | 25        | 20,850           | 3,814                                   | 315                                    | 21       | 161,692            | 18,952                    | 95       | 54       | 171              | 78                   | 20                    |
| 5        | Hadhramaut Microfinance Program      | 324                    | 6,556                    | 30        | 5,843            | 1,001                                   | 142                                    | 18       | 41,057             | 6,908                     | 112      | 102      | 75               | 37                   | 8                     |
| 6        | Azal Microfinance Program            | 265                    | 3,420                    | 30        | 2,766            | 1,270                                   | 287                                    | 9        | 56,903             | 9,367                     | 110      | 68       | 100              | 41                   | 8                     |
| 7        | Al-Tadhmon Microfinance Program      | 244                    | 5,152                    | 23        | 0                | 2,690                                   | 340                                    | 3        | 45,649             | 14,986                    | 141      | 141      | 77               | 36                   | 22                    |
| 8        | Al-Ittihad Microfinance Program      | 121                    | 2,919                    | 68        | 0                | 676                                     | 65                                     | 19       | 53,379             | 4,317                     | 55       | 36       | 100              | 42                   | 8                     |
| 9        | Yemen Kuwait Bank                    | 16                     | 142                      | 31        | 0                | 1,409                                   | 301                                    | 0        | 164                | 2,141                     | N.A      | N.A      | 24               | 16                   | 11                    |
| 10       | Aden MF Foundation                   | 0                      | 9,802                    | 66        | 7,065            | 666                                     | 0                                      | 77       | 54,019             | 4,376                     | 68       | 43       | 65               | 34                   | 5                     |
| 11       | Other Activities & IGPs              | -                      | -                        | -         | -                | -                                       | -                                      | -        | 169,411            | 23,168                    | -        | -        | -                | -                    | -                     |
|          | <b>Total</b>                         | <b>3,204</b>           | <b>88,515</b>            | <b>-</b>  | <b>1,530,947</b> | <b>27,754</b>                           | <b>3,603</b>                           | <b>-</b> | <b>862,667</b>     | <b>151,101</b>            | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>1,124</b>     | <b>506</b>           | <b>175</b>            |

## Number of under-implementation projects and estimated cost - third quarter 2020 , by governorate

| Governorate          | No. of Projects | Estimated Cost (%) | Percentage (%) |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Ibb                  | 12              | 3,624,828          | 14.7           |
| Abyan                | 1               | 24,000             | 0.1            |
| Socatra              | 2               | 188,000            | 0.8            |
| Capital City         | 6               | 859,773            | 3.5            |
| Al- Baidha           | 4               | 269,944            | 1.1            |
| Al-jawf              | 1               | 161,040            | 0.7            |
| Al- Hudaidah         | 15              | 9,071,905          | 36.9           |
| Al- Dhale            | 1               | 158,300            | 0.6            |
| Al-mahrah            | 2               | 3,601,816          | 14.6           |
| Taiz                 | 5               | 429,000            | 1.7            |
| Hajjah               | 6               | 815,500            | 3.3            |
| Hadrmout             | 2               | 144,850            | 0.6            |
| Dhamar               | 3               | 260,000            | 1.1            |
| Raimah               | 5               | 949,702            | 3.9            |
| Shabwah              | 6               | 1,494,775          | 6.1            |
| Sa'adah              | 3               | 319,011            | 1.3            |
| Sana'a               | 2               | 114,187            | 0.5            |
| Aden                 | 5               | 435,080            | 1.8            |
| Amran                | 3               | 471,550            | 1.9            |
| Lahjj                | 2               | 254,500            | 1.0            |
| Mareb                | 1               | 198,210            | 0.8            |
| Several Governorates | 5               | 752,900            | 3.1            |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>92</b>       | <b>24,598,871</b>  | <b>100 %</b>   |

## Number of under-implementation projects, - third quarter 2020, by sector

| Sector                        | No. of Projects | Estimated Cost (%) | Direct Beneficiaries |            | Temporary Job Opportunities |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
|                               |                 |                    | Total                | Females %  |                             |
| Environment                   | 9               | 1,182,199          | 11,948               | 49         | 65,792                      |
| Education                     | 21              | 6,950,864          | 10,859               | 42         | 264,553                     |
| Orgnizational Support         | 1               | 50,000             | 19,294               | 49         | 600                         |
| Agriculture                   | 6               | 447,271            | 4,338                | 48         | 25,554                      |
| Health                        | 14              | 11,381,847         | 197,415              | 56         | 264,459                     |
| Roads                         | 2               | 472,000            | 8,959                | 50         | 13,790                      |
| Special Needs Groups          | 11              | 582,473            | 122                  | 34         | 4,610                       |
| Micro Enterprises Development | 2               | 300,000            | 2,000                | 50         | 1,610                       |
| Cultural Heritage             | 6               | 663,780            | 1,508                | 41         | 28,404                      |
| Water                         | 11              | 1,636,690          | 32,048               | 51         | 63,648                      |
| Cash for Work                 | 9               | 931,747            | 8,242                | 49         | 67,764                      |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>92</b>       | <b>24,598,871</b>  | <b>296,733</b>       | <b>54%</b> | <b>800,784</b>              |



### Number of under-implementation and completed projects, for the period 2016 - third quarter 2020, by governorate

| Governorate          | No. of Projects | Estimated Cost (%) | Est. SFD Contribution (\$) | Contractual Cost (USD) |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Ibb                  | 156             | 28,519,504         | 28,514,004                 | 22,069,890             |
| Abyan                | 93              | 13,719,996         | 13,719,996                 | 11,095,459             |
| Socatra              | 35              | 3,331,293          | 3,331,293                  | 2,520,021              |
| Capital City         | 77              | 15,555,679         | 15,172,468                 | 12,492,065             |
| Al- Baidha           | 87              | 13,469,163         | 13,469,163                 | 8,677,528              |
| Al-jawf              | 48              | 6,427,881          | 6,427,881                  | 5,729,071              |
| Al- Hudaidah         | 212             | 67,612,430         | 67,595,530                 | 61,568,961             |
| Al- Dhale            | 55              | 11,254,326         | 11,254,326                 | 9,419,725              |
| Al- Mahweet          | 75              | 11,450,238         | 11,450,238                 | 9,677,609              |
| Al-mahrah            | 46              | 4,608,559          | 4,608,559                  | 3,425,002              |
| Taiz                 | 215             | 37,161,729         | 37,103,729                 | 33,801,528             |
| Hajjah               | 289             | 33,256,610         | 33,103,610                 | 30,546,700             |
| Hadrmout             | 104             | 12,054,210         | 12,054,210                 | 10,251,989             |
| Dhamar               | 148             | 24,865,757         | 24,865,757                 | 22,410,696             |
| Raimah               | 65              | 8,486,714          | 8,486,714                  | 6,511,186              |
| Shabwah              | 125             | 13,059,857         | 12,939,857                 | 10,778,967             |
| Sa'adah              | 122             | 16,843,467         | 16,843,467                 | 14,983,923             |
| Sana'a               | 94              | 10,719,522         | 10,719,522                 | 9,592,703              |
| Aden                 | 86              | 13,278,417         | 13,278,417                 | 11,371,053             |
| Amran                | 122             | 15,842,680         | 15,758,679                 | 14,200,079             |
| Lahjj                | 151             | 27,218,821         | 27,218,821                 | 23,273,844             |
| Mareb                | 50              | 8,825,658          | 8,325,658                  | 6,248,448              |
| Several Governorates | 124             | 91,235,262         | 91,235,262                 | 86,385,508             |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>2,579</b>    | <b>488,797,773</b> | <b>487,477,161</b>         | <b>427,031,955</b>     |

### completed projects, for the period 2016 - third quarter 2020, by sector

| Sector                        | No. of Projects | Contractual Cost (USD) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Environment                   | 94              | 9,934,206              |
| Integrated Intervention       | 2               | 110,408                |
| Training                      | 28              | 1,538,183              |
| Education                     | 109             | 7,662,784              |
| Orgnizational Support         | 55              | 9,488,236              |
| Agriculture                   | 133             | 14,469,738             |
| Health                        | 139             | 53,552,043             |
| Roads                         | 114             | 17,549,719             |
| Special Needs Groups          | 8               | 430,240                |
| Micro Enterprise Development  | 45              | 26,038,552             |
| Cultural Heirtage             | 38              | 3,582,990              |
| Water                         | 424             | 42,047,481             |
| Cash for Work                 | 508             | 67,881,886             |
| Business Development Survices | 7               | 17,308,629             |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>1,704</b>    | <b>271,595,093</b>     |

The total includes 827 projects completed during the Emergency Period (2016 - 2019), while funded before

## Number of under-implementation and completed projects , for the period 2016 - third quarter 2020, by sector

| Sector                        | No. of Projects | Estimated Cost (%) | Est. SFD Contribution (\$) | Contractual Cost (USD) | Direct Beneficiaries |            | Expected Indirect Beneficiaries |                  | Total Estimated Temporary Job Opportunities |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---|
|                               |                 |                    |                            |                        | Total                | Females    | Males                           | Females          |   |
| Environment                   | 137             | 19,894,286         | 19,394,286                 | 14,881,795             | 391,599              | 50%        | 13,593                          | 13,861           | 1,064,023                                   |
| Integrated Intervention       | 2               | 151,000            | 151,000                    | 110,408                | 5,475                | 53%        | 200                             | 0                | 2,523                                       |
| Training                      | 43              | 3,383,617          | 3,383,617                  | 2,676,557              | 6,105                | 47%        | 3,470                           | 3,468            | 53,336                                      |
| Education                     | 267             | 36,876,639         | 36,876,639                 | 21,518,377             | 221,766              | 51%        | 81,823                          | 90,777           | 2,209,746                                   |
| Organizational Support        | 122             | 22,374,965         | 22,086,965                 | 18,404,518             | 1,049,273            | 50%        | 369,620                         | 365,050          | 454,221                                     |
| Agriculture                   | 221             | 29,723,170         | 29,723,170                 | 27,263,050             | 231,039              | 45%        | 9,769                           | 6,175            | 1,644,705                                   |
| Health                        | 194             | 101,061,902        | 100,555,691                | 94,780,632             | 1,718,099            | 62%        | 308,447                         | 3,484,438        | 2,909,276                                   |
| Roads                         | 192             | 29,530,510         | 29,530,510                 | 26,640,519             | 626,729              | 50%        | 1,489                           | 1,549            | 1,198,617                                   |
| Special Needs Groups          | 24              | 1,293,377          | 1,293,377                  | 723,439                | 122                  | 34%        | 0                               | 0                | 15,962                                      |
| Micro Enterprise Development  | 78              | 46,728,552         | 46,728,552                 | 44,717,155             | 98,908               | 45%        | 302,302                         | 254,586          | 125,066                                     |
| Cultural Heiritage            | 77              | 7,909,416          | 7,909,416                  | 6,812,902              | 40,027               | 49%        | 63,798                          | 38,827           | 395,232                                     |
| Water                         | 538             | 66,331,353         | 66,304,953                 | 53,456,131             | 962,752              | 50%        | 3,353                           | 3,873            | 4,258,147                                   |
| Cash for Work                 | 670             | 90,513,769         | 90,513,768                 | 82,568,330             | 727,149              | 50%        | 177,959                         | 187,201          | 6,289,800                                   |
| Business Development Survices | 14              | 33,025,216         | 33,025,216                 | 32,478,143             | 27,171               | 39%        | 59,016                          | 412,326          | 749,990                                     |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>2,579</b>    | <b>488,797,773</b> | <b>487,477,161</b>         | <b>427,031,955</b>     | <b>6,106,214</b>     | <b>53%</b> | <b>1,394,839</b>                | <b>4,862,131</b> | <b>21,370,644</b>                           |

The total includes 827 projects completed during the Emergency Period (2016 - 2019), while funded before

## SFD's ELD Program Transforms Road of Death into a lifeline

When people are isolated for centuries by the hardness of mountains, which brings about great tragedies, they need to work hard to tame the harsh topography and defeat its cruelty, changing ugliness to beauty and making life and development prevail.

This is what happened to what was known as the ' Road of Death' in Wadi Sham area of Kahlan Al-Sharaf District (Hajjah Governorate). The road's horrible name came as a result of its narrowness, steepness and difficulty in passing through. The road had caused many traffic accidents that led to the death of a number of residents in that area, with the area's people suffering for a long time from the road's ruggedness and thus lack of access to basic materials. They were carrying basic items on women's heads and by donkeys. In addition, they were helping the sick ones by carrying them on their shoulders for more than 800 meters to reach the main road.

Consequently, as this road is the main artery of the village, the Social Fund for Development "SFD" (Empowerment for Local Development "ELD" Program) trained and qualified the villagers to carry out development initiatives, and supported them to undertake the initiative of paving the road and building retaining walls for their village.

For a moment, residents were overwhelmed by suspicion of being able to play major technical roles at work, as most of them had not previously tried to engage in such works. Nevertheless, the members of their Village Cooperation Council and the SFD's team convinced them that they could do so as long as the required resources were available, hands together and the hearts glowing with enthusiasm.

The villagers, with the contribution and support of the ELD Program, have paved and leveled—with their hands and manual equipment—the rugged areas of the -380meter-long road. They worked to level the torrents' runoffs that had previously blocked the road completely. The villagers cut the stones (1,940 stones) and transferred them on cars to the place of pavement. The road was then expanded in preparation for the entry of a mid-size truck into the village to transport the rest of the stones. It was the first time ever for nearly 35 years (when the road had been first constructed) that they were able to bring large vehicles into the village.

About 300 square meters of the road's rugged areas were paved and 39 square meters in dangerous areas protected by building retaining walls; and as a self-initiative by villagers, six supportive walls were built for the parts prone to collapse.

As the road construction was completed, Mohammed Ahmed, a villager, said that it was the first time in his life he saw vehicles of different sizes entering the village and the first time he felt that the villagers had overcome their doubts about the ability of their skills and resources to overcome what they always thought that no one could do, i.e. implement this road without the government support or huge funding. "They have realized now their ability and power to achieve what they were afraid of beforehand," he concluded.

