



IFAD
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
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PLANNED PROJECT ACTIVITIES

GRANTS UNDER THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS FACILITY
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

1. At its Third Special Session on 17 January 1986, the Executive Board authorized the President to provide for preparatory activities directly related to the Fund's lending operations under the Special Programme for Sub-Saharan African Countries Affected by Drought and Desertification, to be undertaken before or after loan effectiveness, by assisting with funding up to the level of USD 600 000 and USD 250 000, respectively, for each proposal.
2. At its Eighteenth Session in January 1995, the Governing Council adopted Resolution 85/XVIII, which extended the authority of the President to approve Special Operations Facility (SOF) grants under the Regular Programme. These SOF grants would be provided to IFAD borrowers entitled to highly concessional terms and on the basis of strict priority criteria.
3. A description of four grants approved by the President of IFAD under the SOF, designated as Annex D of document EB 98/64/R.30, is attached.

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ANNEX D

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Region	Country	Project Title	Amount (USD) ¹	Scope of the Grant
Africa II	Malawi	Smallholder Flood Plains Development Programme	60 000	To support effectiveness and programme start-up activities. Funds will be used to finance recruitment of a project facilitator to assist the Government in the start-up of the programme, including the following: finalizing the first-year Annual Work Programme and Budget (AWP/B); drafting implementation guidelines; finalizing proposals for monitoring and evaluation reporting; setting up loan disbursement and procurement arrangements and training staff in procedures, preparing initial procurement documentation; preparing and conducting the start-up workshop.
	Uganda	District Development Support Programme	90 000	To undertake programme start-up activities, including preparation and distribution of implementation manuals, sensitization of communities, benchmark studies and a start-up workshop. Funds of USD 30 000 will be used to finance programme design and the preparation of detailed costings, a needs assessment and the development of workplans for the Kabarole District.
Asia and the Pacific	Pakistan	Barani Village Development Project	60 000	To expedite project implementation and smooth start-up. Funds will be provided to recruit consultants to assist in the preparation of the first participatory AWP/B, including field visits, and set up the procedure for preparation of future workplans with the beneficiaries; review and prepare PC1; assist in the design and preparation of a participatory monitoring system; and ensure timely preparation of tender documents. The SOF funds will also cover the cost of management training, including a study tour, and finance the preparation and conduct of a start-up workshop.

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Asia and the Pacific (continued)	Philippines	Western Mindanao Community Initiatives Project	45 000	To facilitate effective start-up of project implementation; a facilitator will be recruited to assist the process. Funds will also be provided for project and provincial/site workshops, studies, including a training needs study, recruitment and training of Project Management Office staff, and logistical and infrastructure support.

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