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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 extending the authority of the President to approve Special Operations Facility (SOF) grants under the Regular Programme. These SOF grants were to be provided to IFAD borrowers entitled to highly concessional terms and on the basis of strict priority criteria.
3. A description of three SOF grants approved by the President of IFAD, designated as Annex D of document EB 98/65/R.32, is attached.

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Region	Country	Project Title	Amount (USD) ¹	Scope of the Grant
Africa I	Senegal	Agroforestry Project to Combat Desertification	75 000	To facilitate smooth start-up of implementation. Funds will be provided for preparatory, research and launching activities, including support for: (i) selection of key project staff; preparation of procurement documents and the first annual workplan and budget (AWP/B); and finalization of the implementation manual; (ii) applied research into animal-powered pumping systems, building on similar successful experiences in Chad and Mauritania; (iii) preparation of surveys for the selection of villages; and (iv) organization of a project start-up workshop, including recruitment of a facilitator.
Asia and the Pacific	Laos	Xieng Khouang Agricultural Development Project – Phase II	50 000	To facilitate the early implementation and start-up of the project. Funds will be provided for: (i) a study tour to Viet Nam for key project staff to learn participatory development methodology; (ii) recruitment of an M&E consultant to assist in the establishment of an M&E system based on the existing government reporting system, including training for M&E staff of the Provincial Project Management Unit (PPMU); (iii) a start-up workshop; (iv) an awareness-creation programme, including preparation and distribution of promotional literature to project beneficiaries; (v) translation and distribution of the appraisal report; (vi) training for project staff in IFAD procedures; and (vii) staff management and English language training.

¹ This figure is subject to revision in the light of actual expenditure, but will not exceed the amount stated.





Region	Country	Project Title	Amount (USD) ¹	Scope of the Grant
	Sri Lanka	Matale Regional Economic Advancement Project	50 000	To facilitate effective start-up of project implementation. Funds will be provided for: (i) recruitment of a local project expeditor; (ii) training; (iii) support in the selection and recruitment of key staff; (iv) equipment; (v) local surveys (including baseline) and planning meetings, particularly relating to a participative approach to the AWP/B.

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