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PLANNED PROJECT ACTIVITIES
2000-2001

GRANTS UNDER THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS FACILITY
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

1. At its Third Special Session held 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. Such grants would be provided to IFAD borrowers entitled to highly concessional terms and on the basis of strict priority criteria.
3. A description of five grants approved by the President of IFAD under the SOF, designated as Annex D of document EB 2000/71/R.28, is attached.

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Region	Country	Project Title	Amount (USD) ¹	Scope of the Grant
Africa I	Burkina Faso	Community-Based Rural Development Project (PNGT II)	60 000	To facilitate project effectiveness and early project start-up. Funds will be used to recruit a facilitator to assist the borrower in: (i) fulfilling conditions of loan effectiveness; (ii) preparing the institutional framework for project implementation (in particular in those areas where PNGT II will complement the activities of ongoing IFAD projects); (iii) drawing up the project's first-year annual programme of work and budget (APW/B); (iv) organizing a workshop to launch institutional collaboration between PNGT II and other IFAD-financed projects; and (v) supporting preparations for the baseline survey.
Asia and the Pacific	Cambodia	Community-Based Rural Development in Kampong Thom and Kampot	60 000	To facilitate project start-up and implementation. Proceeds of the grant will be used to: (i) prepare the APW/B and provide training to project staff in this area; (ii) organize a start-up workshop; (iii) establish the monitoring and evaluation system; (iv) provide training in financial management and procurement procedures; (v) translate the appraisal report and implementation manual into Khmer and arrange for their distribution; and (vi) arrange for overseas training and study tours on decentralization.

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



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	Pakistan	Southern Federally Administered Tribal Areas Development Project	60 000	To facilitate project effectiveness and early project start-up. Proceeds of the grant will be used to recruit consultants to assist the Project Management Unit in carrying out the following tasks: preparation of the implementation manual; review and preparation of the report of the Planning Commission I (PC-I); preparation of the first AWP/B in consultation with beneficiaries (including field visits and a meeting with beneficiaries); preparation of bidding documents; organization of the start-up workshop; design of a participatory monitoring system; management training, including study tours to learn about beneficiary-driven approaches and experiences of other IFAD-supported projects.
Near East and North Africa	Azerbaijan	Rural Development Programme for Mountainous and Highland Areas	80 000	To finance a number of pre-implementation activities in order to facilitate and accelerate programme implementation. Support will be provided for: recruitment of an expeditor to assist in meeting conditions for loan effectiveness and launching the programme until the Project Management Unit is in place; orientation and training; preparation of a start-up workshop; preparation of manuals, subsidiary agreements, service provider contracts and translation services.
	Georgia	Rural Development Programme for Mountainous and Highland Areas	80 000	To finance a number of pre-implementation activities in order to facilitate and accelerate programme implementation. Support will be provided for: recruitment of an expeditor to assist in meeting conditions for loan effectiveness and launching the programme until the Project Management Unit is in place; orientation and training; preparation of a start-up workshop; preparation of manuals, subsidiary agreements, service provider contracts and translation services.

