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PLANNED PROJECT ACTIVITIES
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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 three grants approved by the President of IFAD under the SOF, designated as Annex D of document EB 2001/73/R.26, is attached.

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Region	Country	Project Title	Amount (USD) ¹	Scope of the Grant
Africa I	Sao Tome and Principe	Participatory Smallholder Agriculture and Artisanal Fisheries Development Programme	60 000	In order to accelerate programme effectiveness, grant funds will be used to finance the recruitment of consultants and a number of start-up activities, including: (i) follow-up on fulfilment of conditions for effectiveness; (ii) setting-up of the association to be responsible for managing the programme, including drawing up its statutes and drafting the terms of reference for key programme staff; (iii) preparation of the first year's annual work programme and budget (AWP/B), bidding documents for the first set of goods and services to be procured, and operational, financial and accounting manuals for the first phase; and (iv) preparation of a seminar on microfinance and the programme launching workshop.
Asia and the Pacific	Bangladesh	Sunamganj Community-Based Resource Management Project	100 000	To expedite project effectiveness and facilitate early implementation, financing will be made available to undertake the following activities: (i) preparation and approval of several project documents, including the project proforma, administrative orders relating to transfer of waterbodies, the first year's AWP/B, the subsidiary loan agreement and memoranda of understanding; (ii) identification of waterbodies for transfer, and expedition of their transfer; (iii) recruitment and sensitization of project staff; (iv) preparation of and training in the financial management and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems; (v) briefing of staff in loan administration and management procedures; (vi) the start-up workshop; and (vii) preparation of list of equipment to be procured. A number of local and international consultants will be recruited under the SOF to assist the Government with these activities.

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



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Near East and North Africa	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Livestock and Rural Finance Development Project	90 000	To assist with the initial start-up activities of the project, the SOF will be mainly used to engage the services of an international project expeditor in both the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republika Srpska. The project expeditor will: (i) follow-up on project ratification and ensure that formalities for establishment of the project steering committee and the project coordination unit (PCU) are complete; (ii) arrange selection process for project director and PCU staff; (iii) prepare operations manual and assist in preparation of preliminary AWP/B; (iv) set up PCU, including offices, vehicles and equipment; (v) plan start-up workshop; (vi) set up project accounts and oversee establishment of accounting system; (vii) prepare M&E system; (viii) assist in project locality selection; (ix) assist in recruitment of non-governmental organizations; (x) evaluate participating commercial banks and select bank for managing credit line; (xi) assist in formation of the project microcredit organization; and (xii) recruit the dairy development specialist and other dairy experts. Some funds will be used for orientation and training activities.

