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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 five grants approved by the President of IFAD under the SOF, designated as Annex D of document EB 2001/74/R.26, is attached.

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Region	Country	Programme/Project Title	Amount (USD) ¹	Scope of the Grant
Africa I	Mauritania	Poverty Reduction Project in Aftout South and Karakoro	75 000	To expedite project effectiveness and facilitate early implementation, financing will be made available to undertake the following activities: (i) selection of staff of the project coordinating unit (PCU) (coordinator and administrative and financial officer); (ii) selection both of principal operating partners and of other key PCU staff; (iii) preparation of the draft project implementation manual; (iv) preparation of the first year's annual work plan and budget (AWP/B); (v) establishment of the project's financial management and monitoring system; and (vi) organization of the project's launching and implementation workshop.
	Nigeria	Community-Based Agricultural and Rural Development Programme	100 000	To facilitate programme effectiveness and assist the Government in undertaking key pre-implementation activities, the proceeds of the grant will be used to finance: (i) preparation of the first year's AWP/B; (ii) preparation of the programme implementation manual; (iii) review and harmonization of the accounting system; (iv) sensitization/mobilization workshops to provide training in participatory planning and community-driven development methodologies and in field implementation; (v) recruitment of a programme coordinator to coordinate pre-implementation activities; (vi) facilitation of more effective linkages between the Government and IFAD during the pre-implementation phase; and (vii) recruitment, on a short-term basis, of a pre-implementation facilitator and a financial management accountant.

¹ Figures are subject to revision in the light of actual expenditure, but will not exceed the amount stated.



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Africa II	Malawi	Rural Livelihoods Support Programme	70 000	To facilitate programme effectiveness and early programme start-up, funds will be made available to: (i) advertise and select a programme manager and financial controller; (ii) prepare for the establishment of a programme facilitation unit; (iii) establish the accounting system for subsequent integration into the overall programme management and information systems; (iv) prepare key implementation documents, including the first year's AWP/B and preliminary procurement plans; (v) assist in the identification of suitable sources of supply for the field management services team and technical advisory panel; (vi) organize a start-up workshop; and (vii) recruit a programme expeditor.
	Tanzania, United Republic of	Agricultural Marketing Systems Development Programme	90 000	To assist the Government in preparing and facilitating essential programme start-up activities, short-term consultants will be recruited to: (i) arrange for the recruitment of key programme staff needed to initiate programme work, including the establishment of a programme steering committee and a programme coordinating unit; (ii) prepare the programme implementation manual; (iii) draw up the first year's AWP/B; (iv) prepare the procurement plan, including basic tender documents; (v) establish a financial reporting system; and (vi) organize a start-up workshop, including awareness-raising campaigns with potential partner agencies.



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Latin America and the Caribbean	Honduras	National Programme for Local Development (PRONADEL)	60 000	To speed up programme effectiveness and facilitate early implementation, the proceeds of the grant will be used to: (i) establish a small task force, consisting primarily of national consultants with some international consultants, to assist national counterpart institutions in meeting conditions of effectiveness, and to provide support for the finalization of job descriptions, preparation of international bidding documents and preliminary tendering (for vehicles and equipment), and finalization of the implementation manual and operational procedures for the programme management unit; (ii) undertake baseline surveys and participatory rural appraisals; and (iii) organize start-up workshops.