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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 10 grants approved by the President of IFAD under the SOF, designated as Annex D of document EB 2002/75/R.32, is attached.

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| Region | Country | Programme/Project Title | Amount (USD) ¹ | Scope of the Grant |
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| Africa I | Benin | Participatory Artisanal Fisheries Development Support Programme | 75 000 | To finance start-up activities. These include: following up on fulfilment of effectiveness conditions; assisting the Government in staff selection and establishing a Project Coordination Unit (PCU); preparing a two-year procurement plan, bidding documents, selection of biddings and choice of suppliers, selection of NGO partners, documentation for programme headquarters, first year's annual work programme and budget (AWP/B) and implementation manual; carrying out the baseline survey; setting up the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system; establishing the financial and accounting system and preparing guidelines; facilitating inclusion of the programme in the Government's Priority Investment Plan; organizing the start-up workshop; and launching the Information and Education Campaign. |
| | Cameroon | Community Development Support Project | 75 000 | To finance start-up activities and enhance timely programme implementation. Activities include: following up on fulfilment of effectiveness conditions; assisting the Government in staff selection and establishing a PCU; preparing a two-year procurement plan, bidding documents, selection of biddings and choice of suppliers, selection of NGO partners, documentation for project headquarters, first year's AWP/B and implementation manual; carrying out the baseline survey; setting up the M&E system; establishing the financial and accounting system and preparing guidelines; facilitating inclusion of the programme in the Government's Priority Investment Plan; organizing the start-up workshop; and launching the Information and Education Campaign. |

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



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| | Ghana | Northern Region Poverty-Reduction Programme | 60 000 | To assist in financing preparatory activities. Funds will be used to: carry out sensitization and motivation workshops; strengthen the financial management system and prepare two implementation manuals; facilitate review and agreement on an operations manual and resource coordination; hire a start-up expeditor; and prepare the first year's AWP/B. |
| Africa II | Ethiopia | Rural Financial Intermediation Programme | 100 000 | In the context of institutional capacity-building, the SOF grant will be used to assist the Development Bank of Ethiopia, the main programme coordination and management agency, to undertake a comprehensive staff training needs assessment for the microfinance industry. A microfinance specialist and training associate will be financed to perform the assessment, which will include preparation of a training manual and implementation plan, and a human resource development plan. Study tours will be arranged for key stakeholders to familiarize them with practical and successful arrangements for staff training, regulation and supervision of microfinance institutions. |
| | Mozambique | Sofala Bank Artisanal Fisheries Project | 60 000 | To support pre-implementation activities that will facilitate project start-up, funds will be used to recruit an international M&E consultant in order to assist the PCU in establishing the project M&E system. Specific activities include: review of logical framework; design of the M&E system; initial baseline-survey data collection; developing a framework and format for the project implementation manual; preparing an indicative AWP/B and procurement plan for the first year; and holding launch workshops. |



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| | Rwanda | Umutara Community Resource and Infrastructure Development Twin Project | 100 000 | To expedite project start-up and undertake a number of pre-implementation activities. The proceeds of the grant will be used for: updating and finalization of implementation and procedural guidelines; organization of a capacity-building and training workshop; preparation of the first year's AWP/B; preparation and advertisement of tender documents for staff recruitment; organization of the start-up workshop; and the initial operating costs of additional PCU staff. |
| Asia and the Pacific | India | Livelihood Security Project for Earthquake-Affected Rural Households in Gujarat | 90 000 | To facilitate early implementation and project start-up. The Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) will directly execute activities funded under the SOF. Funds would be used to recruit a national project expediter, who will orient SEWA to IFAD's approach to project implementation, and short-term consultancy inputs from an international rural development adviser, who will share experiences of participatory natural resource management approaches. SEWA and Government of Gujarat staff will receive initial orientation training and participate in orientation visits to other IFAD projects. In addition, a preliminary review of the financial systems and preparatory work related to the capacity and capability needs assessment analyses will be carried out. |
| | Nepal | Western Uplands Poverty-Alleviation Project | 60 000 | To support project implementation. Consultants will be recruited to: assist in preparing the implementation manual, first year's AWP/B, district agreements and memoranda of understanding; prepare and conduct a start-up workshop; provide support for recruitment, procurement and PCU site selection; coordinate pre-implementation forestry support activities; secure cofinancing with partner NGOs and coordinate workplans; and establish financial and M&E systems. |



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| | Philippines | Northern Mindanao Community Initiatives and Resource Management Project | 100 000 | To assist the Government in expediting project start-up and effective implementation of initial activities. A technical assistance team will be recruited nationally and internationally to carry out the following activities: prepare three project implementation manuals; assist in recruitment (project, regional and provincial staff); prepare tender documents, contracts and memoranda of agreement; prepare initial withdrawal applications; prepare the start-up workshop; carry out assessment of staff training needs and subsequently train staff; and conduct a team-building-cum-engagement workshop. |
| | Viet Nam | Rural Income Diversification Project in Tuyen Quang Province | 60 000 | To expedite start-up activities. Funds will be used to recruit a gender mainstreaming advisor (who will also train project staff), a vocational training advisor (who will finalize the design of the vocational training sub-component), and a financial decentralization advisor. The latter will establish the cost norms for project implementation and preliminary specification of additional financial regulations and procedures to be developed for the implementation of the Women's Livelihood Fund and Village Infrastructure Development Fund programme. |

