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ADDENDUM

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 nine grants approved by the President of IFAD under the SOF, designated as Annex D of document EB 2002/77/R.29, is attached.

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Region	Country	Programme/Project Title	Amount (USD) ¹	Scope of the Grant
Africa I	Mauritania	Maghama Improved Flood Recession Farming Project – Phase II	75 000	To finance key start-up activities. These will include: (i) the selection of the coordinator and of the administrative and financial officer of the project coordinating unit (PCU); (ii) selection of principal operation partners and key staff of the PCU; (iii) preparation of the draft implementation manual and the annual workplan and budget (AWP/B) for the first project year (PY); (iv) establishment of the project financial management and accounting system; and (v) launching of a project start-up workshop.
	Ghana	Rural Enterprises Project – Phase II	60 000	To support key preparatory activities for a smooth start-up of implementation of the second phase of the Rural Enterprises Project (REP-II). Funds will be used to: (i) carry out sensitization and motivation workshops, including a start-up workshop; (ii) initiate the strategy elaboration process for small and medium enterprises; (iii) appoint and inaugurate the national steering committee; (iv) appraise REP-I technical staff for possible recruitment in REP-II and recruit key REP-II staff; (v) develop the project financial management system, including a review of the internal and external audit systems; (vi) prepare the draft project implementation manual and the AWP/B for PY1, including procurement arrangements.
	Guinea	Sustainable Agricultural Development Project in the Forest Region	75 000	To facilitate project start-up and ensure timely project implementation. Funds will be provided for: (i) the recruitment of a facilitator to assist the Government in meeting the loan effectiveness and the disbursement conditions; (ii) the preparation of the draft implementation manual and the AWP/B for PY1; (iii) the organization and launching of the project's start-up seminar; and (iv) the selection of the project management unit staff.

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	Eritrea	Gash Barka Livestock and Agricultural Development Project	60 000	To speed up project effectiveness, the proceeds of the grant will be used to finance a number of start-up activities, namely: (i) project management assistance to (a) provide training for staff of <i>zoba</i> (administrative region) in the preparation, consolidation and revision of AWP/Bs; (b) assist the project staff in preparing the draft AWP/B for PY1; (c) help the <i>zoba</i> administration in Gash Barka prepare the project's initial procurement documents; (d) prepare the project implementation manual; and (e) design the project's monitoring system and provide initial training to project staff in the operation of the systems; (ii) a three-day start-up workshop in Barentu; (iii) an environmental assessment as required by the environmental laws of Eritrea; and (iv) the purchase of software for monitoring project progress and impact.
	Uganda	Rural Financial Services Programme	90 000	The proceeds of the grant will be used to undertake a number of start-up activities. These include: (i) the establishment and operations of a programme administration unit, including support for a programme facilitator for the initial three months (after which the position will be financed from the loan); (ii) preparation of a programme implementation manual and a financial operations manual; (iii) preparation of the AWB/P for PY1, and procurement plans and tender documents; (iv) initial preparation of programme start-up activities; and (v) acquisition of essential materials/equipment.



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Asia and the Pacific	India	Orissa Tribal Empowerment and Livelihoods Programme	60 000	To facilitate the early implementation and start-up of the programme. Financing will be provided to: (i) recruit a national expeditor for nine months to assist the programme support unit (PSU) in launching the programme and orienting the PSU to IFAD's approach to project implementation; (ii) hire an expatriate project management adviser to address specific issues; (iii) cover orientation visits of programme staff to other IFAD projects; (iv) undertake workshops for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to facilitate the NGO selection process; (v) cover initial recruitment costs (e.g. advertising, site visits, selection committee costs, etc.); and (vi) organize a start-up workshop.
	Laos	Oudomxai Community Initiatives Support Project	60 000	To facilitate early project implementation. Funds will be used to: (i) recruit a project facilitator; (ii) develop monitoring and evaluation and impact assessment software and training; (iii) undertake training in loan disbursement, financial management and APPAC accounting software, and in debt management for selected staff from the Ministry of Finance in the region; (iv) undertake a project start-up workshop; (v) provide training in procurement/bids and evaluation; (vi) prepare and publish a project brochure in Lao; and (vii) translate the project implementation manual into Lao (including printing and distribution).



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Latin America and the Caribbean	Haiti	Productive Initiatives Support Programme in Rural Areas	100 000	To assist the Government in meeting conditions for loan effectiveness and starting programme implementation. Funds will be used to recruit a programme coordinator and consultancy services related to the following preparatory activities: (i) fulfilment of effectiveness conditions; (ii) selection of person/firm responsible for financial control; (iii) preparation of the programme operations manual; (iv) establishment of the monitoring and evaluation system and definition of key indicators; (v) identification of programme partners and drafting of agreements; (vi) identification of consultants for technical assistance; (vii) preparation of the AWP/B for PY1 and bidding documents for required vehicles and equipment; and (viii) the organization of a start-up workshop.
Near East and North Africa	Yemen	Dhamar Participatory Rural Development Project	100 000	To undertake a number of start-up activities. Funds will be provided to: (i) recruit a project expeditor (PE) to assist the governorate in launching the project until the project management office (PMO) is in place. The functions of the PE include, inter alia: fine tune the terms of reference and the bidding documents for international NGOs and oversee the procedures for contracting; oversee the development of the village selection criteria and selection of initial village units; assist with processes for recruitment of PMO staff and for procurement of vehicles and equipment; (ii) develop the participatory planning methodology through the selected international NGOs; (iii) launch the processes for the selection of the initial village units; (iv) carry out a needs assessment survey for the World Food Programme; (v) conduct a training needs assessment survey; (vi) organize a start-up workshop; and (vii) develop a monitoring system based on a geographical information system.

