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**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS**  
**APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT**

1. At its Fifty-Second Session held on 6 and 7 September 1994, the Executive Board adopted a decision authorizing the President to approve all grants, up to a maximum of USD 100 000 for each proposal, and to report to the Executive Board on the use of such authority.
2. A description is attached of 25 grants approved under this arrangement in 2003, up to and including 31 December 2003. The grant criteria and approval process used were those of the policy now superseded by the revised IFAD Policy for Grant Financing approved in December 2003 (documents EB 2003/80/R.5/Rev.1 and EB 2003/80/C.R.P.1).



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PA	Advocacy and Communication Programme	70 000	This programme aims to increase the effectiveness of IFAD's catalytic role in raising awareness of rural poverty issues and potentially promising approaches for reducing poverty in Western and Central Africa by developing and disseminating media materials targeted at European and regional journalists, and elaborating a regional media and communications strategy. The campaign is designed to provide IFAD operational staff with experience in using the media and learning lessons that will enable IFAD to develop a strategy to increase its visibility in the region, raise awareness of its objectives and approaches, and reach a broader audience in its advocacy for the rural poor.
PA	Community-Based Development Projects in Western and Central Africa: Preparation of a Knowledge Management Exchange Network	95 000	The objective of this grant is to design a knowledge management (KM) system of community-based projects (CBPs) in Western and Central Africa. The KM system will promote processes for learning-by-doing and for the sharing of experiences of community-based approaches among all CBP stakeholders. A typology of design and implementation problems and of field-developed solutions will provide the basis for the KM system. KM systems in the region will rely on FIDAFRIQUE II, the Internet-based network of organizations and projects dedicated to fighting rural poverty in the region. The KM system will be designed to promote direct sharing of experiences at design, implementation and ex-post evaluation stages.
PA/PT	Stakeholder Consultation on Livestock Development for Rural Poverty Reduction	45 000	The purpose of this consultation workshop is to enlarge the knowledge base of international research institutions, national research and extension institutions, IFAD loan projects and participating farmers. It will provide participants with an opportunity to discuss livestock development issues in order to achieve a better understanding of the linkages between research and farmers' organizations – appreciating the role the latter can play in facilitating innovation among their members. Furthermore, the consultation aims at identifying conditions and modalities for the development of synergies with other partners (government, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the private sector, donors, etc.) in livestock development benefiting the poor.
PI	Advocacy Workshop on Natural Resource Management – Enabling Indigenous Peoples in South Asia to Manage Their Natural Resources: Policy Dialogue	50 000	The grant's objective was to organize an international conference in India in March 2004 on Indigenous Peoples and Natural Resource Management in order to share experiences among government agencies, NGOs and donors. The meeting was expected to help identify major issues related to access to productive resources and natural resource management, and to recommend legislative changes and other support needed to overcome the main obstacles.

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PN	Community Empowerment and Water Supply for the Dilla Community in Somaliland	50 000	Because water is a critical need for poverty reduction in dry areas of Somalia, the North Western Integrated Community Development Programme funded by the Belgian Survival Fund undertook a geophysical survey of underground water resources in the project area. The Dilla community in Somaliland has traditionally undertaken only rainfed agriculture, and household use of water is severely limited. A community development plan, developed using participatory techniques, emphasized the importance of water to the community. When the geophysical survey revealed the presence of water, the Dilla community urged IFAD to assist them in accessing it. The grant provides investment resources to enable the Dilla community to drill a borehole and for technical support to establish a sustainable operating and maintenance mechanism.
PN	Thematic Study of Comparative Advantages of, and Agricultural Marketing by, the Rural Poor in the Central European and Newly Independent States – Phase II	100 000	The main objective of the overall study is to recommend ways to enhance the competitiveness and marketing of key commodities produced by rural poor people in selected piloted countries: Albania, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova. A study on the marketing chain will identify bottlenecks to market access for small farmers in the subregion.
PT	Assistance in Developing Policies and Strategies to Improve Livestock Systems in Central Asia and the Caucasus (CAC)	55 000	The grant will support expansion of the experiences gained from IFAD support to CAC countries by assisting these countries in developing policies and strategies to improve livestock systems. Its specific objectives are to develop, with stakeholder participation, strategies and policies to improve natural resource management and farmer livelihoods.
PT	Enhancing Farmer Livelihoods through Improved On-Farm Management of Plant Genetic Resources: Developing an Innovative Conceptual, Methodological and Operational Framework	100 000	The grant will help develop an innovative methodology for strengthening farmers' own management of plant genetic resources while forging partnerships for future implementation in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger. The partnerships will be strategic, involving research centres, civil-society organizations and community-based organizations alike, in order to develop and foster sustainable use of crop varieties of relevance to the poor.
PT	Mitigating Poverty and Environmental Degradation through Nutrient Management for Paddy Production in South and South-East Asia	60 000	The goal of this grant is to lay a solid basis for a project building on the achievements of past research on an innovative, environmentally sustainable technology based on the deep placement of urea super granule. Its objectives include making use of continuing analyses of the socio-economic data and experiences from Phase I and building local capacity to help scale up innovative labour-surplus, resource-poor farming systems in South and South-East Asia.
PT	Programme against Africa Trypanosomiasis (PAAT): Strengthening Its Information System (IS)	92 000	The grant consolidates IFAD's role as a leading member of the Committee for the PAAT and an investor in pro-poor livestock development in trypanosomiasis-infested areas by assuring the rapid exchange of vital disease information among member countries and stakeholders. The PAAT-IS will enhance/organize cross-sectoral information (scientific, operational and policy); further the collection, analysis and exchange of information; and build local institutional capacity in trypanosomiasis control.
PT	Programme for Facilitating Strategic Partnerships and Research Priority Setting in International Agricultural Research through the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) 2003 Conference	100 000	The programme aims to facilitate the development of collaborative research programmes by stakeholders involved in agricultural research for development; contribute to ongoing efforts to strengthen and build up the capacity of regional and subregional forums; and facilitate the implementation of other components of the GFAR business plan and work programme for 2003.

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PT	Sustainable Parasite Control for Small Livestock in South-East Asia	98 000	IFAD was among the first international institutions to support developing an integrated and environmentally friendly approach for the control of small ruminant diseases in South-East Asia. This grant will, among other outputs, maximize the impact of the Fund's previous research by generating technical advisory notes that are highly specific to the participating countries and by developing an innovative organizational mechanism and participatory framework for improving capacity for the evaluation and implementation of sustainable parasite control projects.
EAD	Microcredit Summit 2004	100 000	This grant was awarded to the Palli Karma Sayhayak Foundation (PKSF) of Bangladesh to meet expenses related to the Microcredit Summit in Dhaka, 16-19 February 2004. PKSF used the grant to finance: the participation of a number of representatives of IFAD Member States in the region; costs of the venue; advertising, publicity and communications; local transport; audio visual and audio taping services; and report preparation. PKSF will provide a full report of costs met through the grant.
EC	Advocacy and Promotion to Support the Placement of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Exhibit at Major Meetings and Prime Venues in 2003	100 000	This grant was used to raise awareness of rural poverty issues and solutions by mounting a rural poverty exhibit at major global meetings and prime venues in 2003, e.g. the High-Level Segment (HLS) of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) from 30 June to 2 July 2003 in Geneva on "promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development". The exhibit was also featured at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. It will appear in several locations in 2004, including in Rome during "Africa Week".
EC	Communications Initiatives to Support the High-Level Segment of ECOSOC on Integrated Rural Development	90 000	This grant was used for advocacy work at the HLS of ECOSOC in June/July 2003. ECOSOC, the second-highest deliberative body in the United Nations system, has named IFAD as one of the core agencies for shaping the process of promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development. The grant, which was used to produce communications tools to support education and advocacy at the event, helped IFAD to raise awareness of the need for increased and better-targeted investment and for the development of pro-poor policies at all levels.
EC	Research, Writing, Design, Editing and Translation for the Sixth Conference of Parties (COP)	30 000	The grant was used for advocacy work during COP.6 in support of the Global Mechanism and the Fund's efforts to implement the Convention to Combat Desertification (CCD). IFAD is an executing agency of the Global Environment Facility, a partnership that was highlighted during COP.6. The meeting provided IFAD a unique opportunity to mount an exhibition on land degradation and desertification as part of its strategy to inform delegates and civil society about the urgency of combating desertification. IFAD participated in a round table of parliamentarians, which the President of IFAD addressed. International media attending the meeting showed interest in the Fund's work, and IFAD organized briefing sessions for them so that they could accurately report on the problem of desertification in the media.
EC	Engage in Policy Dialogues through the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) III Process	61 000	TICAD III took place in October 2003, in observance of the tenth anniversary of the TICAD process. IFAD participated in this conference, reconfirming TICAD goals and supporting the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). TICAD and NEPAD both promote the sustainable development of Africa by creating synergies through African-owned economic, political, social and cultural frameworks. TICAD III provided the platform for IFAD to be involved in policy dialogue on Africa's development, in particular to be part of the TICAD process and to contribute to the implementation of the TICAD III vision and plan of action. The grant was used to engage civil society in dialogue on IFAD's work in Africa and Asia. The Fund

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			organized a briefing meeting at the United Nations University in Tokyo, Japan, where its liaison office is housed. It also distributed targeted information to delegates and members of civil society. The President of IFAD briefed a group of Japanese parliamentarians on the Fund's role in implementing the CCD in Africa.
EO	Alternative Voices, Seminars	12 000	<p>This grant contributed to the launching of the Alternative Voices Seminar Series. The aim of these seminars is to enhance the Fund's outreach to diverse civil-society stakeholders and development actors, and familiarize IFAD staff with a variety of perspectives and positions on crucial issues relating to poverty, poverty reduction and development. The seminars are also open to staff of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the World Food Programme and representatives of Italian civil society.</p> <p>Two seminars were held in 2003. The first, entitled <i>The Inhuman Face of Globalization</i>, had as speaker Ms Aminata Traoré, renowned author on African development issues, former Minister for Culture of Mali and presently member of the United Nations Secretary General's Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations. The second seminar, entitled <i>Water: for Life or for Profit?</i>, had as speakers Dr Vandana Shiva, an environmental activist and prolific writer, and Dr Riccardo Petrella, author of <i>The Water Manifesto: Arguments for a World Water Contract</i>. Both speakers addressed policies governing the access of the rural poor to water.</p>
EO	Hunger Report 2004	50 000	<p>Since 1999, IFAD has provided yearly grants of USD 50 000 to support the annual Bread for the World Institute (BFWI) <i>Hunger Report</i>. The <i>Hunger Report 2004: Are We on Track to End Hunger?</i> shows that the world community is falling behind in the fight against hunger and poverty, and in the commitment made to reach the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The report analyses current trends in, and causes for, food insecurity and hunger, and assesses international aid and how it could become more effective. The <i>Hunger Report 2004</i> will be a valuable vehicle for joint advocacy outreach by BFWI and IFAD. It supports the Fund's contention that the realization of the MDGs, such as reducing by half the proportion of people living in extreme poverty and hunger, empowering women and ensuring environmental sustainability, will depend on the extent to which rural poverty is confronted by empowering the poor as agents of change in their own lives.</p>
EO	More and Better Aid for Agriculture to Eradicate Hunger and Rural Poverty	20 000	<p>This grant was provided to the Italian NGO <i>Volontari nel Mondo</i> (Volunteers in the World)-<i>Federazione Organismi Cristiani Servizio Internazionale Volontario</i> (Federation of Christian Organizations for the International Voluntary Service) to launch an NGO international advocacy campaign to improve the level and quality of development assistance directed to agriculture and rural development as a prerequisite for the achievement of the MDGs. The campaign, entitled <i>More and Better</i>, was launched on World Food Day in the context of the International Alliance Against Hunger, the World Food Day theme of 2003.</p>
EO	World Rural Women's Day 2003	5 000	<p>The Women's World Summit Foundation (WWFS) organizes an annual World Rural Women's Day to promote global awareness of the contributions rural women make worldwide to food security and rural development. Since 1997, IFAD has provided financial support to this initiative every year. Its grant in 2003 contributed to the printing costs of posters and stickers for the World Rural Women's Day 2003. All materials produced for the event, including 16 000 open letters to governments, NGOs, grass-roots organizations, development institutions and the media, carried the logo of IFAD.</p>

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OE	Customization of the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Guide in the Near East and North Africa Region	100 000	Funds provided through this grant became available in July 2003. They are programmed for use during the period March-December 2004 to finance the preparation and start-up of a larger three-year regional programme for the Near East, North Africa, and Central and Eastern Europe to support IFAD projects in the application of the approaches recommended in the guide. This programme will be patterned after the Programme for Strengthening the Regional Capacity for Monitoring and Evaluation of Rural Poverty-Alleviation Projects in Latin America and the Caribbean, and tailored to fit within the newly approved Framework for a Results Management System for IFAD-Supported Country Programmes. Preparation of the programme will involve the identification of a suitable international institution to implement the programme and national institutions with whom to collaborate. It will also include a participatory workshop in which stakeholders will be invited to work together to finalize the design of the programme for presentation to the IFAD Executive Board in September 2004.
OE	Indonesia Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)	40 000	The purpose of the grant is to finance the national round-table workshop for the CPE of Indonesia. The workshop is being held to discuss key conclusions and lessons learned from the CPE, and to formulate the evaluation's Agreement at Completion Point. More specifically, the grant is being used, inter alia, to recruit workshop facilitators and to prepare an issues paper for the deliberations and the workshop summary.
OE	Publication of the Monitoring and Evaluation Guide in all IFAD Official Languages	75 000	This grant will be used entirely in 2004 to complete the translation, editing, proofreading, graphic design and all printing-related costs, so that the M&E guide can be made available in all official languages. The grant will also be used to produce a guide in Portuguese in collaboration with IFAD operations and some other donor Member States.
OE	Support the Customization of the Monitoring and Evaluation Guide in the East and South Africa Region	100 000	On the basis of the M&E needs assessment of selected projects carried out by the Eastern and Southern Africa Division in 2003, the grant will (i) finance upgrading of the effectiveness of project-level M&E systems in the ongoing portfolio; and (ii) support the development of a medium-term divisional strategy aimed at operating effective monitoring systems for new projects in the region, paying special attention to enhancing M&E during the project design, pre-implementation and start-up stages.

Notes: EAD = External Affairs Department  
 EC = Communications Division  
 EO = Policy Division  
 OE = Office of Evaluation  
 PA = Western and Central Africa Division  
 PI = Asia and Pacific Division  
 PN = Near East and North Africa Division  
 PT = Technical Advisory Division