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CREDIT NUMBER 3353-YEM

Development Credit Agreement

(Second Social Fund for Development Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF YEMEN

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated June 9, 2000

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DEVELOPMENT CREDIT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated June 9, 2000, between the REPUBLIC OF YEMEN (the Borrower) and the INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (the Association).

WHEREAS (A) the Borrower, having satisfied itself as to the feasibility and priority of the project described in Schedule 2 to this Agreement (the Project), has requested the Association to assist in the financing of the Project;

(B) the Project will be carried out by the Social Fund for Development (SFD) with the Borrower's assistance and, as part of such assistance, the Borrower will make the proceeds of the credit provided for in Article II of this Agreement (the Credit) available to SFD, as set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS the Association has agreed, on the basis, inter alia, of the foregoing, to extend the Credit to the Borrower upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and in the agreement of even date herewith between the Association and SFD (the Project Agreement);

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

General Conditions; Definitions

Section 1.01. The "General Conditions Applicable to Development Credit Agreements" of the Association, dated January 1, 1985 (as amended through December 2,

1997), with the modifications set forth below (the General Conditions), constitute an integral part of this Agreement:

(a) A new paragraph (c) is added to Section 3.04 to read:

"If the Association shall at any time receive less than the full amount then due and payable to it under the Development Credit Agreement, the Association shall have the right to allocate and apply the amount so received in any manner and for such purposes under the Development Credit Agreement as the Association shall in its sole discretion determine."; and

(b) Section 11.01 is modified by replacing, in the second sentence, the word "radiogram" with the word "facsimile" and adding a new sentence at the end of the said Section to read:

"Deliveries made by facsimile transmission shall also be confirmed by mail."

Section 1.02. Unless the context otherwise requires, the several terms defined in the General Conditions and in the Preamble to this Agreement have the respective meanings therein set forth and the following additional terms have the following meanings:

(a) "Eligible Categories" means categories (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) set forth in the table in Part A.1 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement;

(b) "Eligible Expenditures" means the expenditures for Sub-loans, Sub-grants, goods and services referred to in Section 2.02 of this Agreement;

(c) "Micro-finance Operations Manual" means the manual, dated December 26, 1999, specifying SFD's managerial, financial and administrative policies and procedures for the execution of the micro-finance and income generating activities, as the same may be amended from time to time with the agreement of the Association;

(d) "Operations Manual" means the manual, dated March 22, 1997, specifying SFD's managerial, financial, administrative, engineering and environmental policies and procedures for the execution of the Project and the eligibility criteria for selection of Sub-projects, as the same may be amended from time to time with the agreement of the Association;

(e) "Project Agreement" means the agreement between the Association and SFD of even date herewith, as the same may be amended from time to time, and such term includes all schedules and agreements supplemental to the Project Agreement;

(f) "Project Management Report" means each report prepared in accordance with Section 4.02 of the Project Agreement;

(g) "SFD" means the Social Fund for Development, established pursuant to the Borrower's Law No. 10 of 1997 as the same may be amended from time to time;

(h) "Special Account" means the account referred to in Part B of Schedule 1 to this Agreement;

(i) "Sub-grant" means a grant made or proposed to be made by SFD, out of the proceeds of the Credit, to finance a Sub-project (as this term is hereinafter defined) under Parts A and B (i) of the Project;

(j) "Sub-loan" means a loan made or proposed to be made by SFD out of the proceeds of the Credit, through a commercial bank, a financial institution or any other eligible intermediaries as defined in the Micro-finance Operations Manual, to finance a Sub-project (as this term is hereinafter defined) under Part B (ii) of the Project;

(k) "Sub-project" means a specific project to be carried out under Part A or Part B of the Project utilizing the proceeds of a Sub-grant or a Sub-loan, as the case may be;

(l) "Subsidiary Grant Agreement" means the agreement to be entered into between the Borrower and the SFD pursuant to Section 3.01 (b) of this Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time, and such term includes all schedules to the Subsidiary Grant Agreement; and

(m) "Action Plan" means the action plan referred to in Section 4.02 of the Project Agreement.

ARTICLE II

The Credit

Section 2.01. The Association agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in the Development Credit Agreement, an amount in various currencies equivalent to fifty six million Special Drawing Rights (SDR56,000,000).

Section 2.02. The amount of the Credit may be withdrawn from the Credit Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement for (a) amounts paid (or, if the Association shall so agree, amounts to be paid) by SFD on account of withdrawals made under Sub-grants under Parts A and B (i) of the Project and Sub-loans under Part B (ii) of the Project to meet the reasonable cost of goods and services required for Sub-projects in respect of which the withdrawal from the Credit Account is requested; and (b) expenditures made (or, if the Association shall so agree, to be made) in respect of the reasonable cost of goods and services required for Part C of the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be June 30, 2006 or such later date as the Association shall establish. The Association shall promptly notify the Borrower of such later date.

Section 2.04. (a) The Borrower shall pay to the Association a commitment charge on the principal amount of the Credit not withdrawn from time to time at a rate to be set by the Association as of June 30 of each year, but not to exceed the rate of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum.

(b) The commitment charge shall accrue: (i) from the date sixty days after the date of this Agreement (the accrual date) to the respective dates on which amounts shall be withdrawn by the Borrower from the Credit Account or canceled; and (ii) at the rate set as of the June 30 immediately preceding the accrual date and at such other rates as may be set from time to time thereafter pursuant to paragraph (a) above. The rate set as of June 30 in each year shall be applied from the next date in that year specified in Section 2.06 of this Agreement.

(c) The commitment charge shall be paid: (i) at such places as the Association shall reasonably request; (ii) without restrictions of any kind imposed by, or in the territory of, the Borrower; and (iii) in the currency specified in this Agreement for the purposes of Section 4.02 of the General Conditions or in such other eligible currency or currencies as may from time to time be designated or selected pursuant to the provisions of that Section.

Section 2.05. The Borrower shall pay to the Association a service charge at the rate of three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum on the principal amount of the Credit withdrawn and outstanding from time to time.

Section 2.06. Commitment charges and service charges shall be payable semiannually on April 15 and October 15 in each year.

Section 2.07. (a) Subject to paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) below, the Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Credit in semiannual installments payable on each April 15 and October 15 commencing October 15, 2010 and ending April 15, 2040. Each installment to and including the installment payable on April 15, 2020 shall be one percent (1%) of such principal amount, and each installment thereafter shall be two percent (2%) of such principal amount.

(b) Whenever: (i) the Borrower's per capita gross national product (GNP), as determined by the Association, shall have exceeded for three consecutive years the

level established annually by the Association for determining eligibility to access the Association's resources; and (ii) the Bank shall consider the Borrower creditworthy for Bank lending, the Association may, subsequent to the review and approval thereof by the Executive Directors of the Association and after due consideration by them of the development of the Borrower's economy, modify the repayment of installments under paragraph (a) above by: (A) requiring the Borrower to repay twice the amount of each such installment not yet due until the principal amount of the Credit shall have been repaid; and (B) requiring the Borrower to commence repayment of the principal amount of the Credit as of the first semiannual payment date referred to in paragraph (a) above falling six months or more after the date on which the Association notifies the Borrower that the events set out in this paragraph (b) have occurred, provided, however, that there shall be a grace period of a minimum of five years on such repayment of principal.

(c) If so requested by the Borrower, the Association may revise the modification referred to in paragraph (b) above to include, in lieu of some or all of the increase in the amounts of such installments, the payment of interest at an annual rate agreed with the Association on the principal amount of the Credit withdrawn and outstanding from time to time, provided that, in the judgment of the Association, such revision shall not change the grant element obtained under the above-mentioned repayment modification.

(d) If, at any time after a modification of terms pursuant to paragraph (b) above, the Association determines that the Borrower's economic condition has deteriorated significantly, the Association may, if so requested by the Borrower, further modify the terms of repayment to conform to the schedule of installments as provided in paragraph (a) above.

Section 2.08. The currency of the United States of America is hereby specified for the purposes of Section 4.02 of the General Conditions.

Section 2.09. The Managing Director of SFD is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of taking any action required or permitted to be taken under the provisions of Section 2.02 of this Agreement and Article V of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE III

Execution of the Project

Section 3.01. (a) The Borrower declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project as set forth in Schedule 2 to this Agreement, and, to this end, without any limitation or restriction upon any of its other obligations under the Development Credit Agreement, shall cause SFD to perform in accordance with the provisions of the Project Agreement all the obligations of SFD therein set forth, shall take and cause to be taken all action, including the provision of funds, facilities, services and other resources, necessary or appropriate to enable SFD to perform such obligations, and shall not take or permit to be taken any action which would prevent or interfere with such performance.

(b) The Borrower shall make the proceeds of the Credit available to SFD, on a grant basis, under the Subsidiary Grant Agreement to be entered into between the Borrower and SFD, under terms and conditions which shall have been approved by the Association.

(c) The Borrower shall exercise its rights under the Subsidiary Grant Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Borrower and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Credit, and, except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Borrower shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive the Subsidiary Grant Agreement or any provision thereof.

Section 3.02. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, procurement of the goods, works and consultants' services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit shall be governed by the provisions of Schedule 1 to the Project Agreement.

Section 3.03. The Borrower and the Association hereby agree that the obligations set forth in Sections 9.03, 9.04, 9.05, 9.06, 9.07 and 9.08 of the General Conditions (relating to insurance, use of goods and services, plans and schedules, records and reports, maintenance and land acquisition, respectively) shall be carried out by SFD pursuant to Section 2.03 (a) of the Project Agreement.

Section 3.04. The Borrower shall: (a) take all measures necessary on its part to enable SFD to carry out SFD's obligations referred to under Section 2.03 (b) of, and paragraph B of Schedule 2 to, the Project Agreement; and (b) except as the Association shall otherwise agree, undertake not to amend the Operations Manual in any manner so as to reduce the operational autonomy of SFD.

ARTICLE IV

Financial Covenants

Section 4.01. (a) For all expenditures with respect to which withdrawals from the Credit Account were made on the basis of Project Management Reports or statements of expenditure, the Borrower shall:

(i) maintain or cause to be maintained in accordance with sound accounting practices, records and separate accounts reflecting such expenditures;

(ii) ensure that all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing such expenditures are retained until at least one year after the Association has received the audit report for the fiscal year in which the last withdrawal from the Credit Account was made; and

(iii) enable the Association's representatives to examine such records.

(b) The Borrower shall:

(i) have the records and accounts referred to in paragraph (a) (i) of this Section and those for the Special Account for each fiscal year audited, in accordance with appropriate auditing principles consistently applied, by independent auditors acceptable to the Association;

(ii) furnish to the Association as soon as available, but in any case not later than six months after the end of each such year the report of such audit by said auditors, of such scope and in such detail as the Association shall have reasonably requested, including a separate opinion by said auditors as to whether the Project Management Reports or statements of expenditure submitted during such fiscal year, together with the procedures and internal controls involved in their preparation, can be relied upon to support the related withdrawals; and

(iii) furnish to the Association such other information concerning said records and accounts and the audit thereof as the Association shall from time to time reasonably request.

ARTICLE V

Remedies of the Association

Section 5.01. Pursuant to Section 6.02 (1) of the General Conditions, the following additional events are specified:

(a) SFD shall have failed to perform any of its obligations under the Project Agreement.

(b) As a result of events which have occurred after the date of the Development Credit Agreement, an extraordinary situation shall have arisen which shall make it improbable that SFD will be able to perform its obligations under the Project

Agreement.

(c) Law No. 10 of 1997 of the Borrower, the Operations Manual of SFD or the Micro-finance Operations Manual shall have been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived so as to affect materially and adversely the ability of SFD to perform any of its obligations under the Project Agreement.

(d) The Borrower or any other authority having jurisdiction shall have taken any action for the dissolution or disestablishment of SFD or for the suspension of its operations.

Section 5.02. Pursuant to Section 7.01(h) of the General Conditions, the following additional events are specified:

(a) The event specified in paragraph (a) of Section 5.01 of this Agreement shall occur and shall continue for a period of sixty (60) days after notice thereof shall have been given by the Association to the Borrower.

(b) The event specified in paragraph (c) or (d) of Section 5.01 of this Agreement shall occur.

ARTICLE VI

Effective Date; Termination

Section 6.01. The following event is specified as an additional condition to the effectiveness of this Agreement within the meaning of Section 12.01 (b) of the General Conditions, namely, that the Subsidiary Grant Agreement has been executed on behalf of the Borrower and SFD.

Section 6.02. The following are specified as additional matters, within the meaning of Section 12.02 (b) of the General Conditions, to be included in the opinion or opinions to be furnished to the Association:

(a) that the Project Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified by SFD, and is legally binding upon SFD in accordance with its terms; and

(b) that the Subsidiary Grant Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified by the Borrower and SFD and is legally binding upon the Borrower and SFD in accordance with its terms.

Section 6.03. The date one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date of this Agreement is hereby specified for the purposes of Section 12.04 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE VII

Representative of the Borrower; Addresses

Section 7.01. Except as provided for in Section 2.09 of this Agreement, the Minister of Planning and Development of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 7.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Borrower:

Ministry of Planning and Development P.O. BOX 175
Sana'a
Republic of Yemen

Cable address:

CENPLAN
Sana'a

Telex:

2266
CENPLAN YE

Facsimile:

967.1.250.665

For the Association:

International Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Cable address:

INDEVAS
Washington, D.C.

Telex:

248423 (MCI); or
64145 (MCI)

Facsimile:

(202) 477-6391

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting through their duly authorized representatives, have caused this Agreement to be signed in their respective names in the District of Columbia, United States of America, as of the day and year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF YEMEN

By /s/ Mohammed Abdullah Al-Batani

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By /s/ Inder K. Sud

Acting Regional Vice President
Middle East and North Africa

SCHEDULE 1

Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Credit

A. General

1. The table below sets forth the Categories of items to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit, the allocation of the amounts of the Credit to each Category and the percentage of expenditures for items so to be financed in each Category:

Category	Amount of the Credit Allocated (Expressed in SDR Equivalent)	% of Expenditures to be Financed
(1) Sub-grants under Parts A and B (i) of the Project	41,050,000	100% of amounts disbursed by SFD
(2) Sub-loans under Part B (ii) of the Project	2,990,000	100% of amounts disbursed by SFD
(3) Goods under Part C of the Project	1,500,000	100% of foreign expenditures, 100% of local expenditures ex-factory cost); and 95% of local expenditures for other items procured locally

(4)	Consultants' services and training under Part C of the Project	2,240,000	100%
(5)	Incremental Operating Costs	4,480,000	95%
(6)	Unallocated	3,740,000	
	TOTAL	56,000,000	

2. For the purposes of this Schedule:

(a) the term "foreign expenditures" means expenditures in the currency of any country other than that of the Borrower for goods or services supplied from the territory of any country other than that of the Borrower;

(b) the term "local expenditures" means expenditures in the currency of the Borrower or for goods or services supplied from the territory of the Borrower; and

(c) the term "Incremental Operating Costs" means the incremental expenses incurred by SFD on account of the implementation of the Project, management and monitoring, including office rental, office supplies, office equipment, vehicles maintenance, utilities, communications expenses, local contractual staff salaries, social benefits, travel and other allowances.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, no withdrawals shall be made in respect of payments made for expenditures prior to the date of this Agreement.

4. The Association may require withdrawals from the Credit Account to be made on the basis of statements of expenditure for expenditures for: (a) goods under contracts costing less than \$300,000 equivalent; (b) services of consulting firms under contracts costing less than \$100,000 equivalent; (c) services of individual consultants under contracts costing less than \$50,000 equivalent; (d) payments made by SFD on account of Sub-grants, each not exceeding \$300,000; (e) payments made by SFD on account of Sub-loans, each not exceeding \$300,000; and (f) Incremental Operating Costs, all under such terms and conditions as the Association shall specify by notice to the Borrower.

B. Special Account

1. The Borrower shall open and maintain in dollars a special deposit account, in a commercial bank acceptable to the Association, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Association, including appropriate protection against set-off, seizure and attachment.

2. After the Association has received evidence satisfactory to it that the Special Account has been opened, withdrawals from the Credit Account of amounts to be deposited into the Special Account shall be made as follows:

(a) until the Association shall have received (i) the first Project Management Report referred to in Section 4.02 (b) of the Project Agreement and (ii) a request from the Borrower for withdrawal on the basis of Project Management Reports, withdrawals shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Annex A to this Schedule 1; and

(b) upon receipt by the Association of a Project Management Report pursuant to Section 4.02 (b) of the Project Agreement, accompanied by a request from the Borrower for withdrawal on the basis of Project Management Reports, all further withdrawals shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Annex B to this Schedule 1.

3. Payments out of the Special Account shall be made exclusively for Eligible Expenditures. For each payment made by the Borrower out of the Special Account, the Borrower shall, at such time as the Association shall reasonably request, furnish to

the Association such documents and other evidence showing that such payment was made exclusively for Eligible Expenditures.

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part B.2 of this Schedule, the Association shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account:

(a) if the Association determines at any time that any Project Management Report does not adequately provide the information required pursuant to Section 4.02 of the Project Agreement;

(b) if the Association determines at any time that all further withdrawals should be made by the Borrower directly from the Credit Account; or

(c) if the Borrower shall have failed to furnish to the Association within the period of time specified in Section 4.01(b)(ii) of this Agreement, any of the audit reports required to be furnished to the Association pursuant to said Section in respect of the audit of (A) the records and accounts for the Special Account or (B) the records and accounts reflecting expenditures with respect to which withdrawals were made on the basis of Project Management Reports.

5. The Association shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account in accordance with the provisions of Part B.2 of this Schedule if, at any time, the Association shall have notified the Borrower of its intention to suspend in whole or in part the right of the Borrower to make withdrawals from the Credit Account pursuant to Section 6.02 of the General Conditions. Upon such notification, the Association shall determine, in its sole discretion, whether further deposits into the Special Account may be made and what procedures should be followed for making such deposits, and shall notify the Borrower of its determination.

6. (a) If the Association determines at any time that any payment out of the Special Account was made for an expenditure which is not an Eligible Expenditure, or was not justified by the evidence furnished to the Association, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Association, provide such additional evidence as the Association may request, or deposit into the Special Account (or, if the Association shall so request, refund to the Association) an amount equal to the amount of such payment. Unless the Association shall otherwise agree, no further deposit by the Association into the Special Account shall be made until the Borrower has provided such evidence or made such deposit or refund, as the case may be.

(b) If the Association determines at any time that any amount outstanding in the Special Account will not be required to cover payments for Eligible Expenditures during the six-month period following such determination, the Borrower shall, promptly upon notice from the Association, refund to the Association such outstanding amount.

(c) The Borrower may, upon notice to the Association, refund to the Association all or any portion of the funds on deposit in the Special Account.

(d) Refunds to the Association made pursuant to sub-paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this paragraph 6 shall be credited to the Credit Account for subsequent withdrawal or for cancellation in accordance with the provisions of the Development Credit Agreement.

Annex A to SCHEDULE 1

Operation of Special Account When Withdrawals Are Not Made On the Basis of Project Management Reports

1. For the purposes of this Annex, the term "Authorized Allocation" means an amount equivalent to \$7,500,000 to be withdrawn from the Credit Account and deposited into the Special Account pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Annex; provided, however, that, unless the Association shall otherwise agree, the Authorized Allocation shall be limited to an amount equivalent to \$4,000,000 until the aggregate amount of withdrawals from the Credit Account, plus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Association pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions shall equal or exceed the equivalent of SDR8,000,000.

2. Withdrawals of the Special Account's Authorized Allocation and subsequent

withdrawals to replenish the Special Account shall be made as follows:

(a) For withdrawals of the Special Account's Authorized Allocation, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association a request or requests for deposit into the Special Account of an amount or amounts which in the aggregate do not exceed the Authorized Allocation. On the basis of each such request, the Association shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Credit Account and deposit into the Special Account such amount as the Borrower shall have requested.

(b) For replenishment of the Special Account, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association requests for deposit into the Special Account at such intervals as the Association shall specify. Prior to or at the time of each such request, the Borrower shall furnish to the Association the documents and other evidence required pursuant to Part B.3 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement for the payment or payments in respect of which replenishment is requested. On the basis of each such request, the Association shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Credit Account and deposit into the Special Account such amount as the Borrower shall have requested and as shall have been shown by said documents and other evidence to have been paid out of the Special Account for Eligible Expenditures. Each such deposit into the Special Account shall be withdrawn by the Association from the Credit Account under one or more of the Special Account's Eligible Categories.

3. The Association shall not be required to make further deposits into the Special Account, once the total unwithdrawn amount of the Credit allocated to said Special Account's Eligible Categories minus the total amount of all outstanding special commitments entered into by the Association pursuant to Section 5.02 of the General Conditions in respect of expenditures to be financed out of the proceeds of the Credit allocated to said Categories, shall equal the equivalent of twice the amount of the Special Account's Authorized Allocation. Thereafter, withdrawal from the Credit Account of the remaining unwithdrawn amount of the Credit allocated to said Categories shall follow such procedures as the Association shall specify by notice to the Borrower. Such further withdrawals shall be made only after and to the extent that the Association shall have been satisfied that all such amounts remaining on deposit in the Special Account as of the date of such notice will be utilized in making payments for Eligible Expenditures.

Annex B to SCHEDULE 1

Operation of Special Account When Withdrawals Are Made On the Basis of Project Management Reports

1. Except as the Association may otherwise specify by notice to the Borrower, all withdrawals from the Credit Account shall be deposited by the Association into the Special Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Agreement. Each such deposit into the Special Account shall be withdrawn by the Association from the Credit Account under one or more of the Special Account's Eligible Categories.

2. Each application for withdrawal from the Credit Account for deposit into the Special Account shall be supported by a Project Management Report.

3. Upon receipt of each application for withdrawal of an amount of the Credit, the Association shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Credit Account and deposit into the Special Account an amount equal to the lesser of: (a) the amount so requested; and (b) the amount which the Association has determined, based on the Project Management Report accompanying said application, is required to be deposited in order to finance Eligible Expenditures during the six-month period following the date of such report; provided, however, that the amount so deposited, when added to the amount indicated by said Project Management Report to be remaining in the Special Account, shall not exceed the equivalent of \$15,000,000.

SCHEDULE 2

Description of the Project

The objective of the Project is to improve the range of services and economic opportunities available to the poorer segments of the population through the carrying

out of community development, micro-finance and capacity building programs.

The Project consists of the following parts, subject to such modifications thereof as the Borrower and the Association may agree upon from time to time to achieve such objectives:

Part A: Community Development

Provision of Sub-grants for the carrying out, by regional authorities, non-governmental organizations and local communities, of Sub-projects consisting of labor-intensive works and the delivery of community services.

Part B: Income Generation and Micro-finance Schemes

Provision of: (i) Sub-grants to any eligible intermediaries as defined under the Micro-finance Operations Manual to build up the institutional capacity of such intermediaries to manage and deliver financial services; and (ii) Sub-loans to such intermediaries for carrying out income-generating and micro-finance Sub-projects.

Part C: Capacity Building

1. Carrying out, through the provision of goods, training and consultants' services, Sub-projects to develop the institutional and monitoring capacity of non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations and improve their effectiveness in identifying and implementing Sub-projects.
2. Carrying out, through the provision of goods, training and consultants' services, a program to strengthen the institutional capacity of SFD and its capacity to monitor and evaluate the implementation of Sub-projects.
3. Carrying out, through the provision of goods, training and consultants' services, Sub-projects to enhance capacity, at the national level, to carry out social protection programs and formulate social policies.

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The Project is expected to be completed by December 31, 2005.

