ii. Promoting innovative, integrated, and inclusive development interventions:
• All interventions are grounded in community development, capacity building, knowledge sharing, and community-driven awareness campaigns.

iii. Promoting public-private partnerships in the transformation process, including partnerships with NGOs, philanthropists, academic institutions and research centers, charity organizations and individuals.

The scope of the SVP includes multi-sector investments in the following areas that directly feed into the process of achieving the MDGs:
• Agriculture and livestock;
• Primary education;
• Primary healthcare;
• Rural infrastructure;
• Business development;
• Empowerment of women;
• Preservation of the environment; and
• Trade for poverty reduction.

The tentative total cost of the SVP in each site is US$20.20 million over an implementation period of four or five years. The total cost of the programme is US$121.20 million (including loan and grant financing) in six Least Developed Member Countries (LDMCs) of the IDB. The ISFD and the IDB will finance US$61.20 million for the duration of the programme. The remaining amount of US$60 million will be raised from other partners.

During 2011, the SVP was launched in Chad (Salarat Region) and Sudan (Kulbus, West Darfur) and preparations are underway for implementing projects in Mozambique and Kyrgyz Republic during 2012. Two more countries will be selected in 2013.

Future Flagship Programmes
The ISFD is currently working on three new flagship programmes for 2012:
• Basic Education for the Poor (BEP);
• Renewable Energy for the Poor (REP);
• Social Business Initiative (SBI).

The concepts for these programmes are currently being developed.

Strategic Partners
• The Earth Institute at Columbia University and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Centre
• The World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY)
• The World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists (WCMP)
• The Qatar Red Crescent Society, and
• Other regional and multilateral developmental institutions, such as: The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) etc.

Future Flagship Programmes

Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD)
Poverty

The Fund views poverty as a multi-dimensional phenomenon, encompassing not only the lack of income and consumption, but also low achievement in fundamental human rights, including education, nutrition, primary health, water and sanitation, housing, crisis-crossing capacity, insecurity, and all other issues relevant to sustainable human development.

ISFD Flagship Programmes

Microfinance Support Programme (MFSP)

The main objective of the MFSP is to assist MFIs to redeem their poverty alleviation arm of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group. It is a primary vehicle for the implementation of the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) Flagship Programmes. It is expected to announce their financial contributions to the Fund and extend technical and moral support to its operations. The Fund’s priorities include:

- Human development (education, health, water and sanitation).
- Agricultural and rural development.
- Basic rural infrastructure development.
- Capacity building (cross-cutting theme).
- Women’s empowerment (cross-cutting theme).

The total cost of the programme is estimated at US$ 10.0 million annually over a five-year period. The IDB and the ISFD will contribute US$ 20 million annually with the remaining US$ 80 million expected to be provided from other sources. Five projects worth US$33.4 million have been approved up to the end of 2011, with the IDB/ISFD financing US$ 53.0 million of the cost and the rest being covered by other donors.

Vocational Literacy Programme (VOLIP)

The main objective of the Vocational Literacy Programme (VOLIP) is to reduce poverty in the rural populations, particularly among women, by equipping them with relevant functional literacy competencies and vocational skills. The VOLIP aims to reduce poverty by promoting access to microfinance funding to facilitate their own development.

The total cost of this programme is estimated at US$10.0 million annually over five years. The IDB and the ISFD will contribute US$ 20 million annually with the remaining US$ 80 million expected to be provided from other sources. Three projects worth US$33.4 million have been approved, up to the end of 2011, with the IDB/ISFD financing US$ 32.1 million of the cost and the rest being covered by other donors.

The key partners in implementing the VOLIP include governments, vocational institutions, non-governmental organisations, and microfinance institutions.

Sustainable Villages Programme (SVP)

Approved by the ISFD Board of Directors (BOD) in May 2011, the ISFD Sustainable Villages Programme (SVP) is an integrated, inclusive, and innovative approach to poverty alleviation targeted at small, impoverished communities aiming to help them achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015. The programme is being carried out in the landscape of comprehensive human development in the Muslim World, and the five-year strategic plan was inspired by the IDB’s 5-year Strategic Plan.

The primary objective of the SVP is to reduce extreme poverty in the selected cluster of villages in the poorest IDB Member Countries, utilising low-cost, sustainable, participatory strategies. High-impact multi-sector development interventions that are tailored to the villages’ specific needs and designed to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by the end of 2015.

The Sustainable Villages Programme (SVP) is guided by three core principles:

1. Ensuring ownership of the MOGs:

- Local communities take the lead in the programmes supported by governments working in close partnership with NGOs, civil society, community-based organisations, national and international development institutions and other donors.

The Launch and the Nature of the ISFD

The ISFD was officially launched during the 32nd Annual Meeting of the IDB Board of Governors (BOD) held on 12-13 June (+1432-29-30 May 2011) in Dakar, Senegal. The headquarters of the Fund is in Dakar, Senegal.

The ISFD was established as a Waqf (i.e. an endowment) under Islamic Law, as a vehicle for the implementation of Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) Flagship Programmes. The main activities of the ISFD include:

- Providing market-oriented training for the active poor in order to improve their technical capabilities and skills for small business development.
- Providing a vocational literacy programme for employment.
- Extending lines of financing and equity capital to banks and Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs).
- Building capacity of MFIs, banks, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and providing a vocational literacy programme for the active poor.
- Establishing Guarantee Funds to enhance the participating banks financing capacities.
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