Presentation On Achievements, Current Status and Future Strategic Action Plan
(10 Years of SAARC Development Fund)

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SDF was inaugurated in 2010 by heads of the eight SAARC Member States – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Year 2020: 10 YEARS Of SDF

As a regional funding institution for programmes and projects in all the eight SAARC Member States, our mandate is to promote the welfare of the people of SAARC region, to improve their quality of life, to accelerate economic growth, social progress and poverty alleviation in the region and to contribute to “Regional Cooperation and Integration Through Project Collaboration”.

Governance Structure of SDF

- **Governing Council**
- **Board of Directors**
- **SDF Secretariat**

**Finance Ministers of 8 SAARC Member States**

**Representatives from 8 Member States + SG, SAARC + CEO, SDF**

- SDF Senior Management consists of CEO, Directors and Assistant Directors
- SDF Secretariat consists of Managers, Program Officers & Support staff
SDF Funding Windows

❖ **Social Window funds** projects on poverty alleviation, social development focusing on education; health; human resources development; support to vulnerable/disadvantaged segments of the society; funding needs of communities, micro-enterprises, rural infrastructure development.

❖ **Economic Window** extends funding to projects in Trade and Industrial Development, Agriculture and allied sectors, Services Sector, Science and Technology, and other non-Infrastructure areas.

- **Micro Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) program:** SDF proposes to fund MSME program in SAARC Member States. MSME funding scheme within the Economic Window of SDF. The MSME Funding Scheme of SDF has recently been approved in the 30th SDF Board meeting.

❖ **Infrastructure Window** of SDF extends funding to projects in Energy, Power, Transportation, Telecommunication, Environment, Tourism and other Infrastructure areas.
SDF Funded Projects Geographical Representation

AFGHANISTAN

SOCIAL WINDOW
1. SABA
2. MCH
3. ZECS
4. SAEVAC
5. POST HARVEST
6. TOIL FREE
7. WASH
8. BAMBOO
9. NETWORKING
10. LIVELIHOOD
11. CAUCUS
12. SAARC BJB

NEPAL

INFRASTRUCTURE WINDOW
1. 37 MW Upper Tribhuvan Hydroelectric Power Plant
2. Expansion of Koshi Corridor 220 KV Transmission Line
3. 490 MW Upper Kamal Hydropower Project

SOCIAL WINDOW
1. SABA
2. MCH
3. ZECS
4. Cc
5. SAEVAC
6. POST HARVEST
7. TOIL FREE
8. WASH
9. BAMBOO
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13. SAARC BJB

BHUTAN

ECONOMIC WINDOW
1. Purchase of New ATR Aircraft

SOCIAL WINDOW
1. SABA
2. MCH
3. ZECS
4. Cc
5. SAEVAC
6. POST HARVEST
7. TOIL FREE
8. WASH
9. BAMBOO
10. NETWORKING
11. LIVELIHOOD
12. CAUCUS
13. SAARC BJB

PAKISTAN

SOCIAL WINDOW
1. SABA
2. MCH
3. SAEVAC
4. POST HARVEST
5. TOIL FREE
6. WASH
7. BAMBOO
8. NETWORKING
9. LIVELIHOOD
10. CAUCUS
11. SAARC BJB

BANGLADESH

SOCIAL WINDOW
1. SABA
2. MCH
3. Cc
4. SAEVAC
5. POST HARVEST
6. CRP
7. TOIL FREE
8. BAMBOO
9. NETWORKING
10. LIVELIHOOD
11. CAUCUS
12. SAARC BJB

PROJECTS - SOCIAL WINDOW
1. Strengthening the Livelihood for Home-based Workers in SAARC Region (SAHAM)
2. Strengthening Maternal and Child Health Including Immunization (MCH)
3. Scaling up of Zero Energy Cold Storage technology for the horticultural commodities in the high hills of SAARC countries (ZECS)
4. Empowering Rural Communities: Reaching the Unreached (Cc)
5. South Asia Initiative to Tackle Violence Against Children (SAIVAC)
6. Indo-Bangladesh Management and Value Addition in Production and Calculation in SAARC Countries (POST HARVEST)
7. Regional Inter-professional Master’s Programme in Rehabilitation Science (CRP) Phase I & II
8. Protecting Infants for Women and Children in SAARC Member States (TOIL FREE)
9. Strengthening of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene services in selected areas of SAARC Countries (WASH)
10. Promoting Integrated Bamboo Based Enterprise Development among SAARC Countries (BAMBOO)
11. Networking and Capacity Building of Women Entrepreneurs (SMEs) from SAARC Countries (NETWORKING)
12. Livelihood Enhancement of Small Farmers in SAARC Region through Small Agro-business Focussing on Value Chain Development (LIVELIHOOD)
13. Conservation for Scaling Up Climate Smart Agriculture in South Asia (C-SCUS)
14. SAARC BJB and E-Commerce Trade Portal (SAARC BJB)*

INDIA

SAARC Development Fund

AFGHANISTAN

MALDIVES

ROBERTS

SRI LANKA

SOCIAL WINDOW
1. SABA
2. MCH
3. Cc
4. SAEVAC
5. POST HARVEST
6. TOIL FREE
7. NETWORKING
8. LIVELIHOOD
9. CAUCUS
10. SAARC BJB

INFRASTRUCTURE WINDOW
1. 13.2 MW Waste to Energy Project in Bajawa
2. 37 MW Upper Tribhuvan Hydroelectric Power Plant for the SPV-Tribhuvan Hydro Power Project Ltd. with SDF financing of USD 45 millions.
4. 900 MW GMR Upper Kamal Hydropower Project in Nepal*
5. 13.2 MW Waste to Energy Project of Sewage Waste Management Private Limited in Sri Lanka*
## Financial Achievements

### SDF Capital Structure

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<td>SDF Authorized Capital</td>
<td>USD 1.5 Billion</td>
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<td>SDF Total Capital Base</td>
<td>USD 540.55 Million</td>
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<td>Cumulative Return on Investment (Unaudited Provisional Figure)</td>
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### SDF Fund Commitments

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<td>Under Social Window</td>
<td>USD 73.74 Million</td>
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### Fund Disbursement

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<td>Under Social Window</td>
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<td>Under Economic &amp; Infrastructure Windows</td>
<td>USD 13 Million</td>
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*SDF financials are audited by certified international external auditors*
The available fund under each window after deducting the fund commitment as on Dec 2019 (Unaudited figure) is furnished below:

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<th>Windows</th>
<th>Allocation (USD) in million</th>
<th>Commitment (USD) in million</th>
<th>Disbursement (USD) in million</th>
<th>Available Fund (USD) in million</th>
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<td>121.81</td>
<td>73.74</td>
<td>48.65</td>
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<td>194.47</td>
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<td>503.65</td>
<td>86.74</td>
<td>61.65</td>
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Achievements under the Social Windows

Projects Approved
Implementing 80 projects (in 12 areas) under the Social window.

Funds disbursed
Disbursed USD 48.86 million for Social Window projects in all the SAARC Member States

The regional Social Window projects include strengthening the livelihood of home-based workers (SABAH), reducing the mother and child mortality, addressing the needs of farmers, providing Zero-Energy Cold storage facilities for agricultural products, delivering connectivity and content of e-governance to rural folks through ICT, ending violence against children and women, supporting inter-professional Masters Programme in rehabilitation science, improving access to water, sanitation and hygiene in the SAARC region and setting up a consortium of climate smart agriculture in South Asia.

54 Projects completed and 22 successfully closed
# Status of SDF projects

## SOCIAL WINDOW PROJECTS

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<td>Afghanistan, Bhutan, India and Nepal</td>
<td>3.38</td>
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<td>Empowering Rural Communities : Reaching the Unreached</td>
<td>Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives and Nepal</td>
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<td>South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC)</td>
<td>All SAARC Member States expect India</td>
<td>2.60</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Post- Harvest Management and Value Addition of Fruits in Production Catchments in SAARC Countries</td>
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## Status of SDF projects

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SDF Funded Social Window Projects in Bhutan

SAARC DEVELOPMENT FUND (SDF) FUNDED PROJECTS IN BHUTAN

THIMPHU
- SABAH
- CoC
- SAIDVAC
- NETWORKING

PUNAKHA
- MCH
- CeC

TRONGSA
- MCH
- CeC

TRASHIYANTSE
- CeC

MONGAR
- MCH
- CeC
- PTI
- BAMBOO

TASHIGANG
- MCH
- CeC

SAARC Development Fund

SAINTSE
- CeC
- WASH
- LIVELIHOOD

TSIRANG
- CeC

SAMDRUPJONGKAR
- MCH

ZHENGANG
- ZECS
- CeC
- BAMBOO

PEMAKATSHEL
- ZECS
- CeC

SAMRANG
- SABAH
- CeC

CHIKUKHA
- CeC
- PTI
- LIVELIHOOD

DAGANA
- MCH
- ZECS
- CeC

WANGDUEPHODRANG
- MCH
- CeC

LHUNSE
- MCH
- CeC

SOCIAL WINDOW - PROJECTS IN BHUTAN

- Strengthening the livelihood initiative for home-based workers in SAARC Region (SAABID)
- Strengthening Maternal and Child Health Including Immunization (MCH)
- Scaling up of Zero Energy Cold Storage (ZECS) technology for the horticultural commodities in the high hill of SAARC countries
- Empowering Rural Communities: Reaching the Unreached (CeC)
- South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children (SARVEC)
- Post Harvest Management and Value Addition of Fruits in Production Catchments in SAARC Countries (PHT)
- Strengthening of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services in selected areas of SAARC Countries
- Promoting Integrated Bamboo Based Enterprise Development among SAARC Countries (BAMBOO)
- Networking and capacity building of women entrepreneurs (MENA) from SAARC Countries (NETWORKING)
- Livelihood enhancement of small farmers in SAARC region through small agro-business focusing on value chain development (LIVELIHOOD)
SDF Funded Projects in Bhutan

Economic and Infrastructure Windows:
Purchase of ATR Aircraft for Druk Air : USD 13 M
Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) : USD 10 M

Social Window:
SDF’s fund commitment for Bhutan : USD 8.48 M
Total disbursement (as of June 2020) : USD 7.71 M
Projects supported and implemented : 10
Ongoing projects : 3
Closed projects : 7

Total: USD 39.19 M

Board-Approved project: IFAD - Consortium for Scaling Up Climate Smart Agriculture in South Asia
For Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Pakistan and Sri Lanka : USD 0.75 million

Board Approval is awaited for:
World Food Programme “Scaling up fortified rice through social safety net programs across Bhutan, Nepal & Sri Lanka.” : USD 2.25 M (Bhutan component)

Proposal from the Ministry of Health, Bhutan for COVID-19 Emergency Financial grant: USD 1 M
## SDF Funded Social Window Projects in Bhutan

### SAARC DEVELOPMENT FUND SECRETARIAT

#### SDF PROJECTS: Bhutan

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<tr>
<th>SL. No.</th>
<th>Name of Project</th>
<th>Implementing Agency in Bhutan</th>
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<th>Funding from SDF for Bhutan</th>
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<td>Strengthening the livelihood initiative for home based workers in SAARC Region</td>
<td>SABAH Bhutan</td>
<td>21,075,821</td>
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<td>15,039,129</td>
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<td>Empowering Rural Communities : Reaching the Unreached</td>
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<td>2,533,371</td>
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<td>National Commission for Women and Children (NCWC)</td>
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<td>National Post-Harvest Center, Department of Agriculture, MoAF</td>
<td>4,979,075</td>
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<td>Conversation and Sustainable Livelihood Program, Royal Society for Protection of Nature</td>
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<td>366,885</td>
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<td>65,311,813</td>
<td>7,972,847</td>
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Achievements under Social Window

115 Community e-Centers (CeCs) - CeC Project

52 Special Care Newborn Units - MCH Project

24 Community Facilitation Centers (CFCs) - SABAH Project

1 five-floor international students hostel - CRP Project

12 Zero Energy Cold Storage-ZECS project.

8 Trade Facilitation Centers (TFCs) - SABAH Project.

12 pack houses, 6 processing centers, 6 cold stores, 2 fruit ripening chambers and 3 banana value addition facilities - Post-Harvest Project.
Equipment installed in SAARC MS

Medical equipment for 52 District Hospitals, 242 Sub-district Hospitals and 1,180 Health Post Centers / Community Health Centers - MCH Project

Equipment for 8 TFC, 24 CFC, 391 CeC, 1 Computer Lab, 18 Packing and Processing Centers, Classroom equipment and furniture for MSc. in Rehabilitation Science - SABAH, CeC, CRP, Post Harvest Project.

Trainings for:
16,080 Home-based Workers,
638 CeC Operators/entrepreneurs, 454 doctors, nurses and bio-medics.
Sustainability
• 9,755 home-based workers (HBW) got regular work from the TFCs- SABAH project
• USD 2.16 million sales proceeds of home-based workers’ products & 23 sales outlets run by Women HBWs- SABAH Project

Advocacy:
• 251,700 outreach/awareness material on Child Protection printed and distributed- SAIEVAC Project
• Developed 2005 IEC materials on Child Projection- SAIEVAC Project
• 5,243 people (media, parents, students, parliamentarian) sensitized on Violence against Children (VAC)- SAIEVAC Project
Highlights

1. Total Projects Received: **15 Proposals**
2. How many considered for this meeting: **11 Project Proposals (7 COVID 19 and 4 Social Window)**
3. How many on hold: **2 Proposals**
4. Who are the proponents: **Mostly Government Ministries/Agencies, and Autonomous Bodies/ International Agencies**
5. How much funding in total is being requested for COVID-19 projects and SW new projects: **USD 20.9 million**
   - COVID-19: **USD 7.7 million**
   - Social Window New projects: **USD 13.2 million**
6. Total fund available under Social Window: **USD 48.06 million out of 121.81 million total allocated for Social Window**
**Recently approved project under Social Window**

| **Title** | **Consortium for Scaling Up Climate Smart Agriculture in South Asia**  
| IFAD- International Fund for Agricultural Development |
| **Objective** | To promote sustainable and resilient agricultural intensification in south Asia through enhanced capacity to scale up CSA strategies and technologies. |
| **Implementing Agency** | 1. National Agricultural Research and Extension Systems (NARES)  
| | 2. SAARC Agricultural Centre (SAC) |
| **Proposed Budget** | Total fund commitment of USD 3.65 million (Cash and In-Kind)  
| | **Total fund**- USD 3.65 million (Cash and In-Kind)  
| | **SDF- Cash** USD 0.75 million  
| | **IFAD – cash contribution** USD 1.5 million  
| | In-kind Contribution: USD 1.4 m (USD 0.25m SAARC Agricultural Centre, USD 0.25m International Food Policy Research Institute, USD 0.6m Global Program on climate change adaptation & Food Security, USD 0.3 m National Agricultural Research & Extension Systems).  
| | **Cash Contribution**: USD 2.25 million |
| **Beneficiaries** | Small holder farmers in SAARC Member States |
| **Project Duration** | 3 Years (2020 – 2022) |
| **MS participation** | Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. |
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| **1. World Food Programme (WFP) Regional Bureau for Asia and Pacific, Thailand** | 1. USD 25,655,222 2. USD 8,589,222 3. USD 17,066,000 | (3 years) | **Bhutan**  
Led by Dept of Agriculture of Ministry of Agriculture and Forests through Bhutan Food Fortification Taskforce comprising of below agencies:  
- Ministry of Health (MoH), Ministry of Education (MoE), Gross National Happiness Commission, Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regulatory Authority, Food Corporation of Bhutan Ltd.  
- National Food Promotion Board, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt of Sri Lanka (Cash): USD 4,200,000.00 | 1. To provide technical assistance and capacity strengthening support to the government for expanding the distribution of fortified rice through national social safety net programs;  
2. To provide technical assistance and capacity strengthening support to the regulatory and food safety agencies for an enabling policy and regulatory environment for rice and other staple food fortification; and  
3. To increase awareness about healthy diets and adequate nutrient intake among the target population. |
| **“Scaling up fortified rice through social safety net programs across Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka.”** | RGOB (Cash): USD 6,722,000.00 WFP Bhutan (Cash): USD 110,000.00 WFP Nepal (Cash): USD 245,000.00 GON (Cash): USD 5,789,000.00 | **Nepal**  
- WFP Nepal  
- Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies, Govt of Nepal  
- Nepal Food Corporation, Govt of Nepal  
- Dept of Food Technology and Quality Control/Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock Development, Govt of Nepal  
- National Food Promotion Board, Ministry of Agriculture, Sri Lanka (Cash): USD 200,000.00 | **Sri Lanka**  
- WFP, Sri Lanka  
- National Food Promotion Board, Ministry of Agriculture, Sri Lanka | **Beneficiaries:**  
- approximately 800,000 school children in Sri Lanka and Bhutan by introducing fortified rice through school feeding programme and in Nepal  
- 200,000 beneficiaries among vulnerable groups through the social safety net programme in remote geographies. In addition to the above beneficiaries the project will also benefit:  
  - 1,000 government officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, NFPB and MPCS will receive training on standard setting, food safety and quality assurance (50 percent female, 50 percent female)  
  - 5,000 schoolteachers and school caterers will receive training on rice fortification and food safety practices (70 percent female, 30 percent male) |
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<td><strong>2. Water Aid</strong>&lt;br&gt;“Strengthening poor and vulnerable communities in Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan impacted by extreme climate risks and disasters with climate resilient, inclusive and sustainable water and sanitation services.”</td>
<td>1. USD 6.8 Mn</td>
<td>2. USD 3.4 Mn</td>
<td>3. USD 3.4 Mn</td>
<td>(3 years)</td>
<td>Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan</td>
<td>1. Climate impacted vulnerable communities supported to plan and implement resilient, inclusive, water and sanitation services, including environmental sanitation. 2. Local government institutions at sub-district/district level provided with technical support to improve climate resilient water and sanitation services for target communities. 3. Climate resilient WASH models, research, documentation and evidence based advocacy to influence policy and practice at state/provincial/national and South Asia regional level. <strong>Beneficiaries:</strong> Communities in the 4 countries with poor and excluded socio-economic backgrounds (women, children, people with disabilities, ethnic minorities, tribal and low caste communities) who are most exposed to climate and disaster risks, and suffer from underlying vulnerabilities associated with low levels of access to essential services including WASH and health, education and livelihood/income generation opportunities.</td>
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| **3. International Solar Alliance**<br>“Technical Assistance to SAARC Member Countries for Large Scale Solar Deployment.” | 1. USD 986,453 | 2. USD 503,003 | 3.483,450 | 18 months | Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka | **Primary Beneficiaries**<br>The direct beneficiaries of the project will be the relevant Ministries/Departments of each member country. In all five countries will be benefitted. The indirect beneficiaries of the project will be the other stakeholders in the solar and renewable energy sector. Understand the role for solar energy and identify scalable solar interventions in each country. 1. Strengthen eco-system for implementing these interventions through policy and regulations in each country. 2. Design large scale programs for solar intervention for each country. |
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| **4. Water Aid – Bangladesh** Strengthening Hygiene and Healthcare to fight COVID-19 Pandemic in South Asia | 1. USD 1,65,9134 | 2. USD 829,567 | 3. USD 829,567 | ❖ 8 months | ❖ WaterAid Bangladesh  ❖ Jal Seva Foundation  ❖ WaterAid Nepal  ❖ WaterAid Pakistan | ❖ Objective: To support a comprehensive Hygiene and Health system package aimed at mitigating the risk of COVID-19 spread in its four countries through: (i) Hygiene promotion; (ii) Provision of hygiene facilities in HCFs, quarantine centers, public spaces and communities; and (iii) Advocacy and technical support to government to integrate hygiene measures in national response mechanisms.  ❖ **Beneficiaries**  
  **Bangladesh** - 21.9 million people reached through hygiene promotion activities. 0.6 million people reached through provision of improved and inclusive hygiene facilities  
  **India** - 1,800,000 people reached through hygiene promotion activities to prevent spread of COVID-19. 200,000 people reached through provision of improved and inclusive hygiene facilities in key institutions/locations to prevent spread of covid-19 |
## COVID-19 Proposal For Emergency Financial Grant
(under Active Consideration)

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| 1     | **Afghanistan** Proposal for COVID-19 Emergency response | Ministry of Public Health Afghanistan | 1.54 Mn | 5 months | Health  
Supply of Equipment  
Health promotion  
Preventive measures |
| 2     | **Bangladesh** Proposal for COVID-19 Emergency Response | Ministry of Health and Family welfare | 1Mn | 5 months | Health  
Supply of Equipment  
Health promotion |
| 3     | **Bhutan** Emergency assistance to support the coronavirus pandemic response in Bhutan | Ministry of Health, Royal Government of Bhutan | 1Mn | 2 years | Health  
Response to COVID strengthened  
ICU for COVID center at Eastern Regional Referral Hospital strengthened |
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<td>Maldives</td>
<td>Awaiting submission</td>
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<td>Nepal</td>
<td>Health service strengthening for diagnosis, treatment and critical case management of COVID-19</td>
<td>Ministry of Health and Population, Government of Nepal.</td>
<td>Total 1.9 Mn</td>
<td>8 months</td>
<td>Health Strengthened hospital capacity for diagnosis, treatment and critical case management of COVID infected persons</td>
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<td>SDF - 1Mn</td>
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<td>Co-financing GON-0.9 Mn (cash)</td>
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<td>Pakistan</td>
<td>Standard package for strengthening the preventive and curative activities for Mental health and Non-communicable diseases against COVID-19 and conduction of COVID-19 research activity nationwide through SDF</td>
<td>Ministry of National Health Services Regulations &amp; Coordination</td>
<td>1 Mn</td>
<td>1 year</td>
<td>Health - serological research survey - Preventive - Curative</td>
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<td>Sri Lanka</td>
<td>Establishment of new isolation building for Infectious Diseases at National Hospital Kandy.</td>
<td>National Hospital, Kandy, Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medical Services</td>
<td>1.2Mn</td>
<td>6 months</td>
<td>Health - Construction of isolation facility - Supply of Equipment</td>
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Achievements under the E&I Windows

Projects Approved

1. Transmission line project of the Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) under a sovereign loan of USD 15 million to the Government of Nepal.

Funds disbursed

- Disbursed USD 13 million loan to Drukair Corporation Ltd. for the Procurement of the ATR for Druk Air under the sovereign guarantee extended by the Royal Government of Bhutan.

Projects at negotiation stage for disbursement

- SDF is currently considering some cross-border regional connectivity projects in renewable energy, transport, telecom and Information Technology & Communication (ICT) under the Economic and Infrastructure Windows of SDF.
Achievements under the E&I Windows

Launching of the Co-financing of Micro Small Medium Program in SAARC Member States

1. SDF proposes to launch its MSME program in order to upgrade Micro Small Medium Enterprises in the SAARC region by providing line of credit.

2. SDF would create access to financial services which can in-turn boost job creation, raise income, reduce vulnerability and increase investments in human capital in SAARC Member states.

Objective:

1. Considering limited resources of the SDF, Co Financing under MSME programme is strategically advantageous.
2. SDF is proposed to be positioned as a REGIONAL FUNDING INSTITUTION for funding MSME Sector in SAARC Member States.
Fund Mobilization

Fund Mobilization: Social Window

- Voluntary contributions from Member States and other institutions (within and outside SAARC region)
- Through CSR from Corporate
- “Line of Credit or Grant” and TA from potential Investors/ Banks/ FIs/ MDBs/RDBs etc for funds by availing
- Grants and Concessionary Loans combination from Member States and MDBs.
- Internal transfers from the surplus generated by the Economic and Infrastructure Windows of the Fund.
- Interest income from investment of surplus funds; recycling of loan funds.
- Advisory fees from managing other agencies funds/activities.

Fund Mobilization: Economic & Infrastructure Windows

- SDF to get rated by International Rating Agency.
- Availing Line of Credit from MDBs and IFIs.
- Avail Fund from International Capital and Debt Market.
- Issuance of Bond to raise Fund.
Strategy for International Collaboration and Strategic Alliances

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Leading Institutions
To Co-Finance the cross-border projects and leverage resources in the SAARC Member States, through the MoU, SDF has developed working relationships with many organizations as follows:

MoUs signed:
1. Asian Development Bank. (ADB)
2. SAARC Bodies like South Asian University, SAARC CCI, SAARC Arbitration Council etc.
3. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
4. United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
5. UNICEF

MoUs to be signed in nearest future:
1. WFP
2. IFAD
3. Agence Française De Développement (AFD)
4. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
5. European Investment Bank
6. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
7. New Development Bank (NDB)
8. The World Bank
9. UNESCAP
Strategy for Credit/Risk & Investment

Strategy for Department Activities

“To strengthen the Credit Portfolio of SDF and implementing the robust RISK Management practices adhering towards the international lending norms”.

Core Scope of Work: Pre Sanction Credit Appraisal, Post Sanction Credit Appraisal, Post Sanction Risk Management.

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| 1.   | Credit Management   | a) Execution of ‘end-to-end Project Appraisal’ from concept to approval including project due diligence, debt structuring and defining the Credit Terms and Conditions under the Project Financing.  
      b) Referring the approved Credit Policy to define Credit Terms and Conditions.  
      c) Getting the Credit outlook and Credit Report on the borrowers from Secondary Data sources. |
      b) Identification of Credit Default Risk, Operational Risk, Market Risk, Maturity Risk, Country Risk, FX Risk, Political Risk, Legal Risk, Social & Environmental Risk, etc in the Projects to be financed by SDF.  
      c) For the in-principle approved projects, conducting Site Visits and Enhanced Due Diligence as the Risk Management activity. |
| 3.   | Investment Management | Actively involved in identifying the options for the Investment of Funds in the Market Driven Products assuring MINIMUM ASSURED RETURN with Zero Risk and better return than FDs. |
Strategy for Admin & Finance

- Timely Preparation of Financial Statements based on IFRS
- Getting Financial Statements Audited - Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants firm from Sri Lanka – SDF’s Auditor for FY 2019-2021 (Former Auditor was Deloitte Haskins & Sells, Kolkata, India)
- Effective Fund Management to maximize the Return with least Risk assumption
- Preparation of Budget (2020 Budget of the Secretariat has been approved by the Board)
- Procurement of Goods/Services as per Rules
- Active involvement in various committees formed for the evaluation of proposals
- Recruitment, Performance Appraisals and HR management
- Organization of various need based In-house training
- Active support with required logistics for various meetings (Project, Counterpart Agencies & Board Meeting) and events
- Adherence to Charter, Bylaws, Regulations & Policies while discharging day to day activities
Strategy for Internal Audit

Objectives:

- Manage internal oversight activity of SDF
- Provide objective assurance to the SDF Management and Board
- Improve the SDF’s operations
- Help to establish a systematic & disciplined approach to achieve objectives
- Improve the effectiveness of risk management, governance & control process
- Promotes organizational values and ethical culture
- Provide advice and insight on policy, procedures & concurrent issues
Achievements:

- Added value to the organization
- Completed internal audit of SDF Secretariat for FY 2017 & 2018
- Conducted audit of SDF funded 12 projects in 2018 and 1 in 2019
- Conducted field review mission of 20 projects in 2019
- Improved the policy based approach at entity wide operations
- Improved the governance, risk management & internal control process
- Provided advisory services to the management on concurrent issues

Plan for 2020

- Conduct internal audit of SDF Secretariat for 2019 (in progress)
- Carry out audit of SDF funded projects in its Member State
- Report to the board on observations and other audit results
Current activities under Monitoring & Evaluation

Independent Third-party Evaluation of SDF funded project in MS

1. Strengthening the livelihood initiative for home based workers in SAARC Region
2. Strengthening Maternal and Child Health Including Immunization
3. Post-Harvest Management and Value Addition of Fruits in Production Catchments in SAARC Countries
4. Strengthening of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services in selected areas of SAARC Countries.

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Strategies for other departments of SDF

1. **IT** - For eg. Implementation of an ERP - Enterprise Resource Planning for the automation of various in-house process and Business Intelligent report generations
   
   - Governance of the SDF funded projects by providing tech gadgets to the project people performing ground work for instant transfer of the task, validating in SDF and enter into the database system

2. **Legal** - Legal department is responsible for all kinds of legal services to our stakeholders and ensure legal compliance at SDF Secretariat

3. **Communications**: To strengthen visibility and credibility of SDF in all the eight SAARC Member States through strengthened project communications
## Way Forward

### Co-financing
Soliciting Cross-Border Projects for Co-financing with various Multilateral Development Banks/ International or Regional Financial Institutions, Scheduled Commercial Banks etc under the Economic & Infrastructure Windows of SDF in SAARC Member States. Also Co-Finance the various projects ‘On-Going ‘ with various MDBs /RFIs/ Banks etc.

### Fund Mobilization
Continue to Build partnerships with various Multilateral Development Banks/ International or Regional Financial Institutions for Fund Mobilization and Investments in SAARC Member States.

### Line of Credit & Grants
Availing Line of Credit & Grants from various Multilateral Development Banks/ International or Regional Financial Institutions for On-Lending the various projects in SAARC Member States.

### MSME Programs
Disbursements under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Program of SDF.

### Technical Assistance
Getting Technical Assistance from various Multilateral Development Banks/ International or Regional Financial Institutions on the Concept Development & Project Financing under the major program running at SDF viz Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Program.

### Credit Rating of SDF
Building a Quality Credit Portfolio through Project Financing in SAARC Member States and get SDF rated by International reputed Rating Agencies.

### Capital Market
To enter into the Capital Market for fund mobilization and investments.
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