European Community

News Release

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FUNDS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The European Economic Community announced recently the allocation of a total of \$42,849,448 (CAD) to finance, through the European Development Fund, the following projects in a number of developing nations:

SUDAN

Sudan trade promotion

Grant: \$416,691

The project aims at strengthening the major institutions involved in export development and export promotion in Sudan. This is to be achieved by:

| (i) | strengthening the export promotion department of the Ministry |
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| | of Cooperation, Commerce and Supply with a trade promotion |
| | adviser; |
| (ii) | providing training; |

(iii) supporting Sudan's participation in international trade fairs.

TANZANIA

Coffee development programme

Grant: \$16,951,005

The aim of the project is to improve the methods of cultivation and the average yield of coffee so as to increase the country's potential foreign currency earnings and planters' income. The project will involve civil works (housing, stores and pulperies), the supply of transport, materials and equipment and also technical assistance.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Fisheries resource assessment

Grant: \$1,411,328

This project involves supplementary financing for the purchase of two multi-purpose fisheries resource assessment vessels, one of medium size capable of operating on the high seas and a smaller one intended for

Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities Press and Information Service inshore fishing. Since the 1960s, Papua New Guinea has substantially increased its exports of fishery products and its potential resources are very considerable.

ACP PACIFIC STATES

Forum Fisheries Agency Headquarters

Grant: \$816,159

The aim of the project is to construct permanent headquarters for the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency. This agency, set up in 1979, currently has a membership of 12 island and coastal Pacific states. Its role is to coordinate fisheries management policies and ensure maximum utilization of the marine resources of the region.

GRENADA

Reconstruction of Hillsborough jetty

Grant: \$404,312

The purpose of the project is to improve transport and communications with the island of Carriacou by constructing a jetty at Hillsborough to replace the only existing jetty on the island which has been out of use for the last five years. The new jetty will be able to accommodate cargo vessels of up to 500 tonnes.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

East End water supply project

Loan on special terms: \$ 627,815

Under the development plan for water resources and supply for the British Virgin Islands, this project caters for the needs of the East End population living in Tortola's second largest urban area after the capital, Road Town. The project involves the construction of four wells, a 900 m3 reservoir and distribution pipework throughout this densely populated area.

SOMALIA

Somalia trade promotion

Grant: \$841,272

The project involves strengthening the country's institutional structures in the field of trade promotion through training and assistance with participation in trade fairs. Trade promotion will be directed towards two export sectors in particular: frankincense, where the prospects are very promising, and the livestock sector which, although revealing signs of weakness, remains the backbone of the country's exports.

SWAZILAND

Science pre-entry courses and the science teacher upgrading programme at UOS

Grant: \$882,707

The object is to assist the close cooperation between the Free University of Amsterdam and the University of Swaziland in upgrading science education. This cooperation will focus upon:

 (i) continuing the existing science pre-entry courses at UOS, mainly by providing scholarships for some 120 students each year;

(ii) continuing the science teacher upgrading programme by providing technical assistance.

SENEGAL

Multiannual training programme (1981-83)

Grant: \$1,883,445

The purpose of the programme is to finance two years of training covering the academic years 1981/82 and 1982/83. It is designed to cover the cost of study and training awards, vocational training and the organisation of seminars or retraining courses, particularly in the technical and agricultural sectors.

ZAMBIA

Rural townships' water supply

Grant: \$6,529,276

The Third National Development Plan gives high priority to the expansion and rehabilitation of the country's rural townships' water supply. The project will rehabilitate and expand the piped water supply systems of Katete and Nyimba (Eastern Province), Mumbwa (Central Province) and Gwembe and Zimba (Southern Province).

SENEGAL

Renovation of the St. Louis Hospital and the Tambacounda Health Centre

Grant; \$3,547,154

The project, which aims to complete the second phase of the renovation of the St. Louis Hospital, involves the construction of new buildings and the restoration of existing buildings. It also involves modernizing the Tambacounda Health Centre (Eastern Senegal) and the supply of equipment. GUINEA-BISSAU

Rural development of the Bafata Gabu region

Grant: \$8,538,284

The aim of this project is the continuation of schemes carried out earlier as part of the rural development of the Gabu Bafata regional schemes which were based essentially on growing cotton and groundnuts.

This new project is aimed at developing food crops in close association with industrial scale crops. To achieve this, the necessary rural infrastructure will be built, extension services will be provided for growers and equipment and inputs will be suppled. The project will involve some 25000 families, averaging 10 persons per family.

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