



Managing Global Food Crisis

Yemen Social Fund for Development

Additional Financing under GFRP

- **Grant Amount: \$10 million**
- **Effective Date: July 1, 2008**
- **Objective**
 - to transfer cash to 8,000-10,000 households to help mitigate the impact of increased food prices through temporary work opportunities
 - to support Social Welfare Fund to improve targeting and expand cash transfer program providing for longer term SSN program in the country

Results to Date

- 98 projects in poorest communities in Yemen providing cash for work
- 18,268 people employed in public works for 1,867,378 hours
- \$1,996,048 (about 70%) paid in wages
- EC proposes to finance additional 19 million Euro for workfare
- Baseline study for the impact evaluation initiated

Challenges

- Without proper functioning SSN system in the country, response to any crisis is challenging
- Implementation capacity in the low income countries is weak and new projects with pressure to disburse quickly challenge the already limited capacity
- It was challenging to identify an implementing agency that has the capacity and resources to initiate and undertake on an emergency project in a short time
- Monitoring progress and gathering information from about 100 small and remote sites is a challenge