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On March 1, the International Development Association (IDA), a World Bank affiliate, announced approval of a \$20 million concessionary loan for Honduras. The loan monies are earmarked for a program administered by the Honduran Social Investment Fund (FIS) to reduce the impact of austerity measures on low-income households. The Fund is to receive additional loans from external sources, including the German government's Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau. FIS projects include expansion of infrastructure for health, nutrition and education services; a pilot program directed at improving nutrition of the nation's most impoverished households; technical assistance to improve services provided by the public health, social welfare and education ministries; and, the establishment of a system focused on follow-up and evaluation of the government's social welfare policies. (Basic data from AFP, 03/01/91)

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