

Third-ranking Ecuador, the only Community member with an increase, received \$5,244K (up from \$3,542K in 1988-1989). Colombia suffered the greatest proportionate fall, from \$21,419K to -\$3,401K.

The Group of Three received the smallest amount of CDA in 1997-1998. As indicated, Mexico absorbed \$4,001K (up from \$2,984K), while Colombia suffered a steep fall, from \$21,419K to -\$3,401K. Venezuela accounted for only \$888K, down from \$1,172K.

The CACM almost equalled leader Andean Community as an aid recipient in 1997-1998, accounting for \$31,471K (down from \$46,472K in 1988-8989). Within the region, Costa Rica received a conspicuously small amount (\$1,580K, down from \$13,856K), with the vast bulk of aid divided, in broadly comparable measure, among the four other group members.

Of these, two experienced decreases. First-ranking Honduras absorbed \$8,639K in 1997-1998, down from \$12,591K in 1988-1989. Nicaragua, the initial leader, received \$6,421K, down from \$16,013K. On the other hand, Guatemala saw its CDA more than double, rising from \$3,507K in 1988-89 to \$7,418K in 1997-1998. El Salvador, over the same period, experienced a much steeper increase, from \$505K in to \$7,413K (albeit the 1988-1989 base year, for El Salvador, showed an extraordinary low relative to immediately preceding years).

CARICOM suffered the greatest proportionate CDA decline of any group, from \$90,635K in 1988-1989 to \$14,072K in 1997-1998. Within the Community, only Suriname saw an increase (from \$116K to \$220K). Among other Community members, the leading 1997-1998 recipient, Jamaica, suffered a decline from \$54,122K to \$5,855K. Close follower Guyana experienced a proportionately much smaller decrease, from \$6,612K to \$5,209K.

Among several Community members almost ceasing to be aid recipients were Grenada (with a fall from \$4,998K to \$75K), St. Kitts & Nevis (with a decline from \$4,091K to \$19K), and St. Vincent (with a shrinkage from \$1,197K to \$25K). The Bahamas received nil CDA at the beginning or the end of the survey period (although small amounts were provided in 1994-1995 and 1995-1996).