

and human resource planning; agriculture/resource development and management; and science and technology. In 1990, an industrial linkage program was established. It fosters closer economic co-operation between Canada and Malaysia. The promotion of this form of self-sustaining co-operation is at the core of the CIDA program strategy which emphasizes a gradual transition from a development assistance relationship to one of full economic co-operation.

Canada's development assistance efforts in Malaysia are currently an amalgam of the various development co-operation channels administered by CIDA and related government agencies including the IDRC and EDC. Over the last five years, CIDA's Bilateral Program has provided the largest proportion of ODA funds to Malaysia (approximately 40 per cent of the total). The IDRC and CIDA's Industrial Co-operation Program followed closely with 22 per cent each of the total (see Disbursement Profile Table VIII). ODA disbursements in Malaysia have, since 1987, averaged approximately CDN \$5 million annually.

4.1 Bilateral Program

Approximately \$1.5 million had been spent annually on CIDA's bilateral program in Malaysia. The program is focused on seven high-profile projects in the human resource development, agriculture, and energy sectors as well as in the area of socio-economic policy planning and analysis. More recently, the main emphasis of the program has shifted toward developing industrial and business linkages between the private sectors in the two countries.

A key project in this context is Enterprise Malaysia-Canada which became operational in January 1991. Receiving a CIDA contribution of close to \$15 million, this project aims to promote the transfer of Canadian technology and know-how to Malaysia through joint ventures and other co-operative private sector endeavours. An important outcome of this over the past five years has been the assignment of a Canadian investment adviser to the Malaysia Industrial Development Authority. This project will continue to be the main focus of the bilateral program in Malaysia over the next few years and complements the Industrial Co-operation Program.

CIDA's Industrial Co-operation Program contributes approximately \$2 million each year, on a cost-sharing basis, to Canadian firms planning to

establish joint ventures or other forms of private sector co-operation and business arrangements in Malaysia.

Three other projects in the area of economic and human resource planning are scheduled to wind down in 1992. These are the Human Resource Planning Project, a \$3 million initiative to assist the Malaysian government in the planning and evaluation of human resource development programs; the Second Industrial Training Project, which involves \$4 million in CIDA funding (of a total project multinational contribution of US\$125 million) to assist the Government of Malaysia in the training of technicians and skilled industrial workers; and a \$1.2 million project to assist in the development of the recently established Malaysian Institute of Economic Research. A second phase of the Malaysian Economic Research Project has been approved and \$5 million has been allocated to assist the Institute over the next 7 years.

In the agriculture sector, the Agriculture Information Systems Project, scheduled for completion in 1993, was designed to assist the Government of Malaysia in optimizing the use of agricultural land by upgrading the land evaluation capabilities of the Department of Agriculture.

Another project in the agriculture sector in the state of Sarawak, started in June 1990. It has intended to assist in the preparation of a Development Perspective plan and strategy for the optimal utilization of human and natural resources.

A project undertaken with the Malaysian Department of Fisheries in October of 1991, was designed to assist Malaysian institutions in carrying out monitoring, control and surveillance operations in the Extended Economic Zone. This project became operational in October 1991.

4.2 Special Programs and Multilateral Contributions

Substantial co-operative linkages exist between Canadian and Malaysian non-governmental organizations and institutions through programs offered by CIDA's Special Programs Branch. Approximately \$2.3 million was made available in 1989/90 for projects in Malaysia, primarily in the sectors of education and institutional support and management. Contributions made to a number of established multilateral programs of the UN, the Commonwealth and international financial institutions also supplement Canada's development assistance program in Malaysia. Multilateral