

Development Agency (CIDA) was established to co-ordinate and expand existing development programs. CIDA works in sectors that are complex but have great social impact, such as rural development and public health. The proportion of Canadian bilateral assistance given to the 20 least developed countries rose from 4 to 16 per cent of the total bilateral aid figure during the first half of the Seventies and, since 1975, those countries with an average *per capita* income of less than \$200 a year have received 80 per cent of this assistance. Multilateral aid also represents a high percentage of CIDA's disbursements.

