

- In 1995, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) contributed an additional \$1 million (for a total of \$12.4 million) to an energy rehabilitation project promoting Canadian contributions of electrical equipment and materials, engineering and procurement services, management consulting services, and technical services.
- Half-a-million Nicaraguans will benefit from a \$14.3 million project to rehabilitate and expand the potable water systems in six urban centres and improve the institutional capacity of the Nicaraguan national water utility agency. A \$5 million potable water, latrine and health education initiative addressing rural communities is scheduled to be completed in 1996.
- The Association of Community Colleges of Canada, in collaboration with Nicaragua's National Institute of Technology, is implementing a \$4.6 million human resources development program in the agricultural sector.
- The \$3.6 million three year (1994-97) Nicaragua-Canada environment management fund is available to local and Canadian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to support projects that promote sustainable management of natural resources, environmental protection and other sustainable development initiatives.
- The Canada Fund maintains an active portfolio of approximately 25 small-scale projects each year. These projects are directed at improving basic living conditions through projects in health, education and income generation.
- CIDA is currently supporting the activities of 12 NGOS, including the United Steelworkers Humanity Fund, Save the Children Canada, CUSO, Oxfam-Canada, Oxfam-Québec, and Inter-Pares.
- Projects by non-governmental institutions receiving CIDA support include a training program for health workers implemented by Université de Montréal and two multi-country projects focused on education.
- CIDA has supported 10 industrial co-operation projects in Nicaragua since the early 1980s. These projects are in the mining and metallurgy sectors and the water sanitation infrastructure sector. There is increased Canadian private-sector interest in Nicaragua, especially on the part of Canadian geomatics technology and application firms, environmental service companies, and housing construction firms.