

4.2 Special Programs

Development assistance is also reaching the Philippines through a number of special programs implemented by CIDA through Canadian and international non-governmental organizations as well as through participation in international and multi-lateral programs. NGO involvement in the Philippines has a long history and benefits from the support of an extensive network.

Approximately \$2.5 million was disbursed through CIDA's Special Programs Branch in 1988/89 for numerous projects involving non-governmental organizations, institutions and co-operatives in the Philippines.

4.3 International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

The IDRC provides financial and professional support to research by and for developing countries in agriculture and food production, energy, water supplies, health and education, science and technology and information systems. To date, IDRC has supported approximately 270 research and development projects in the Philippines for total disbursements of close to \$45 million. In 1988/89, IDRC appropriated \$3.6 million to fund research activities in the Philippines, one of its largest programs in Asia. A total of 111 projects representing financial commitments of approximately \$20 million are currently at various stages of implementation (see Table 6).

4.4 Petro-Canada International Assistance Co-operation (PCIAC)

PCIAC is a non-profit subsidiary of Petro-Canada funded by the Government of Canada. Its mandate is to assist developing countries in finding and utilizing their own oil and gas reserves. Between 1983 and 1986, PCIAC participated in two programs in co-operation with the Philippines National Oil Company (PNOC) and the Bureau of Energy and

Development, involving expenditures of \$11 million. The first program involved the provision of a grant for exploration activities and the second consisted principally of an offshore geophysical program. PCIAC is currently supporting a \$4 million program aimed chiefly at strengthening the technical capabilities of the Philippine Office of Energy Affairs (OEA) and the Philippine National Oil Company, and upgrading OEA's data management capacity.

In 1987, two smaller technical assistance projects, which included a geophysical study and testing, and the provision of Canadian drilling advisers and operational support for PNOC drilling activities, were completed. In January 1990, PCIAC sponsored a six-day management course in Manila designed for middle-level managers from the OEA, PNOC, the Philippines private sector and other ASEAN countries. A training program consisting of courses to OEA and PNOC staff in the Philippines and on-the-job training for technical personnel in Canada was also initiated early in 1990.