

used to purchase Canadian fertilizer for FERTICA, a Costa Rican fertilizer plant and distributor. Payments by FERTICA for the fertilizer have been channelled to the Costa Rica-Canada Rural Housing Program for the construction of affordable rural housing. This project is scheduled to terminate in 1989-1990.

2. Costa Rica-Canada Rural Housing Program (RHP)

Established and financed from the proceeds of the local sale of Canadian products provided through lines of credit, the RHP has been one of CIDA's most successful projects. To date, over 2,000 houses have been built, and 4,000 more have been approved or are under construction. The program operates principally through rural cooperatives, and responds to one of the highest priorities of the current government in Costa Rica. Recently, the RHP has actively participated in housing reconstruction activities following the damage created by Hurricane Joan.

3. Management Support to the Ministry of Housing and Human Settlements - approx. \$1 million

This project was approved in October 1987. Its purpose is to assist the Ministry to improve planning and coordination activities in the housing and related sectors. Over a period of two to three years, a computerized information system and related training will be provided by a Canadian firm.

4. Human Resources Development - \$3 million

Approved in 1984, this project is being implemented by World University Service of Canada to provide scholarships for technical and college level training, directed mainly to agriculture. Thirty-three scholarships have currently been awarded.

5. Cooperative Development Assistance Program - \$4.7 million

The project was developed by the Canadian Cooperative Association, in partnership with two national cooperative organizations in Costa Rica. The project is currently in its inception phase. Credit financing, technical assistance, training and marketing services will be provided for small-scale rural cooperatives.