

December 1998 led to the approval of a \$400,000 Canadian contribution towards a two-year project, which will begin in fiscal year 1999/2000. In addition, Canada provided \$100,000 in start-up funding in 1998-99. Israel will be providing matching funds for this initiative, and members of the Israeli community in Canada are also considering support for the project.

Through CIDA's Tapping Canadian Creativity Program (TCCP), Canada is supporting victim assistance in El Salvador and Nicaragua. A total of \$200,000 was provided to the Sierra Club of British Columbia for a project in El Salvador which combines vocational training for landmine survivors with the production of sustainable energy technologies. New Brunswick's Fallsbrook Centre was awarded \$106,000 to work with communities in the east and west Rio Coco region of Nicaragua on a combined mine awareness-victim assistance project. Landmine survivors will be trained in solar electrification so that they can manage the distribution and maintenance of village-level solar energy systems.

*These rudimentary wheelchairs built from locally available materials were produced at a workshop in Nampula province, Mozambique. CIDA and the Canadian Auto Workers are providing matching funds for upgrades to this workshop and to rehabilitation services for victims.*

## Mozambique

Through TCCP, CIDA is also funding an innovative, integrated project in Mozambique developed by the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW) in partnership with CUSO, Handicap International (HI) and COCAMO (Co-operation Canada-Mozambique). The CAW contributed \$200,000 toward this program in 1998-99 and this funding was matched by an equal contribution from CIDA. The victim assistance component of this project includes support to transit centres in Nampula and Inhambane provinces which provide prostheses and on-going support for survivors.

## Uganda

Through TCCP, CIDA provided \$125,000 in support for a landmine survivors' health care program being implemented by the Canadian Network for International Surgery. This initiative aims to expand information on the health consequences of landmines at the hospital and community level through development of a database for program planning.

## Yemen

Two victim assistance projects focussed on rehabilitation in Yemen are also being supported through the TCCP. ADRA Canada received \$150,000 to provide community-based rehabilitation services to the severely disabled. The project also aims to provide vocational assistance so that landmine survivors and their families can earn an income.

The Canadian NGO Alternatives received \$100,000 towards a combined mine awareness, victim assistance and rehabilitation project working in cooperation with local NGO partners and the National Mine Awareness Committee.

