

FUNDING PRESSURES

- The budgets of donor countries are increasingly stretched. Most of them, like Canada, are striving to restrain public spending and reduce debt.
- Our scarce resources must be carefully allocated. Our priorities must be closely scrutinized.
- The challenges resulting in increased demands on international assistance programs include:
 - the environment (e.g. the need to finance the Global Environment Facility; developing country environmental programs);
 - human rights, democratic development and good governance;
 - the transitional countries of the former Soviet Union;
 - increasing cash requirements for the multilateral development banks;
 - encouraging private-sector participation in economic development; and
 - humanitarian assistance needs.