

Canadian Assistance in South Africa

Canada's concerns for the disadvantaged population in South Africa are both developmental and humanitarian. Canada has for several years maintained a program of development assistance aimed at providing educational and training opportunities to black South Africans that might not otherwise be available.

Canadian assistance is provided multilaterally and through programs that involve non-governmental organizations and institutions. More than \$8.96 million Canadian Official Development Assistance was disbursed for these programs in 1988/89 through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). In 1989/90, total disbursements are expected to be approximately \$7.56 million. None of the monies provided through CIDA is received by the South African government.

Canadian Education Program for South Africa (CEPSA)

Canada instituted a program of educational assistance in South Africa in 1985. As a result of an evaluation early in 1989, a second phase of this program was approved with a budget of \$14.7 million. The CEPSA program is made up of four major components: (i) internal scholarships; (ii) the Canadian Education Fund; (iii) labour education; and (iv) in-Canada education and training.

(i) Internal Scholarships:

CIDA currently supports two separate internal scholarship programs for black students in South Africa. Under the first program, administered by the Canadian Embassy in Pretoria, a total of \$1.3 million is being channelled through the Educational Opportunities Council (EOC) to assist undergraduate study and academic-bridging support programs which are designed to bring the academic standards of disadvantaged students up to university requirements. The second component is a \$1.5 million scholarship program, known as the Educational Program for South Africa (EPSA) administered by World University Service of Canada (WUSC).

(ii) The Canadian Education Fund:

The Canadian Education Fund is a special fund administered by the Canadian Embassy in Pretoria. It supports small-scale initiatives in adult education, alternative schooling, teacher upgrading, literacy, bridging, student support services and leadership training.