

indigenous NGOs have been receiving support from CIDA around indigenous land rights. It was suggested Canadian mining corporations should renegotiate their current contracts to include compensation packages. It was further suggested Canada address one of its own entities – the Export Development Corporation – whose terms are under review and historically hasn't had to exercise environmental standards.

Some economic concrete steps mentioned were: assistance with pension and insurance procedures, implementing national regulations and customs procedures and trade negotiations.

**2. Democratic Development:**

Indonesia is a new democracy with its first democratically elected government. The Cabinet is barely functioning and the capacity of Parliament is weak. Canada could, therefore, support the capacity development of the Indonesian Parliament, election-monitoring, civic education and support to electoral groups. The military has had a significant governance role in Indonesia. The role of the military is currently in transformation. The promotion of the rule of law is essential.

**3. Human Rights and Governance**

There is a need to focus and re-start a dialogue on human rights. Canada could provide technical assistance and advisors to the Ministry of Human Rights, a Human Rights Commission and a National Commission on Violence Against Women. The Ministry of Women's Equality in British Columbia is a leader on violence against women programs.

**4. Development and Humanitarian Assistance:**

In 1997, Canada was planning to decrease development assistance (through the Canadian Development Assistance Agency - CIDA) to Indonesia. The CIDA programs have now been extended to 2001-02. This is an opportunity to review current CIDA programs and design solid development support for Indonesia's transition over the next 5 years. There are two separate envelopes/budgets for Indonesia and East Timor.

Training was suggested for teachers, civic educators and religious and ethnic training in tolerance and diversity. CARE, CUSO, World Vision and WUSC have implemented democracy education. There is some concern by elected people that Canada supports NGOs to do democracy education and training. The question is who is best placed to do this training.

Poverty-alleviation is the focus of CIDA. Basic education, children in vulnerable positions, healthcare and HIV programs were highlighted as CIDA refines its development priorities. It was suggested Canada should be providing food aid to certain sectors of Indonesia.