

11.0 BENEFITS AND DRAWBACKS OF CANADIAN POLICIES IDENTIFIED BY BOTH CANADIAN AND AFRICAN NGOS

Benefits:

1. The focus on:

- the mainstreaming of gender
- Poverty reduction; and
- Priority on HIV/AIDS

provides the best orientation and appropriate framework for Canada's development policies for NGOs' work.

2. The existence of some of the policies such as human security policy and peacebuilding are seen as providing a framework for analysis for program development and mechanism for projects to take place.
3. Canada has played a leading role in the move to get an international treaty on the issue of conflict diamonds and this benefits directly the resolution of conflicts in the west African region.
4. The support of CIDA to Tanzania Women Lawyers Association to enable the association provide legal aids to women and children have been of a great help to women who can not afford to pay for legal service in Tanzania. This support also has enabled Tanzania Women Lawyers Association provide legal education to women via Television.
5. CIDA's program that has been supporting higher education for women in Tanzania. To a certain extent this program has help in bridging the gap on education between men and women. Canada has established a training fund for Tanzania women under the African Canadian Fund, thus providing training in various areas.
6. CIDA is leading in providing support to health sector in Tanzania. Also CIDA has been involved in the advocacy work to fight FGM (female genital mutilation) and other traditions that are harmful to women.
7. The Canadian High Commission in Tanzania has now and then been assisting women who are in business here particularly in sponsoring trade exhibitions so as to solicit markets for the women's products.
8. Small grants and loans have been made available to few women entrepreneurs through the Canadian High Commission to Tanzania.