

Adapt and Apply



The IDRC supports programs in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, the Caribbean and Latin America. As of January 1979, the greatest concentration of programs was in Asia (29.4 per cent) and in Latin America and the Caribbean (19.9 per cent). The centre had spent \$61,417,000 on programs involving agriculture and the food and nutrition sciences; \$33,572,000 on social sciences and human resources; \$22,298,000 on health sciences; and \$17,611,000 on information.



Around the world, North American farm machinery stands rusting in the fields. Twenty years ago the industrial nations of the northern hemisphere tried to end world hunger by transferring their technology to the south and found that there are reasons why the machine that works in Manitoba may not work in Sierra Leone.

In 1970 Canada's International Development Research Centre began a modest program to help

developing nations find their own answers to problems of hunger, health and education. The basic principle of the IDRC is that solutions must fit the facts of life in the place where they are to be applied.

In this issue of CANADA TODAY/D'AUJOURD'HUI we talk about the facts of life in a number of places and about IDRC programs that support local people finding local answers to local problems.