

support both inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, with particular emphasis on activities and organizations dealing with the development and adaptation of technology, human resource development, women in development, and natural resource management.

Bilateral Assistance for the Commonwealth Caribbean and the Americas

In the Commonwealth Caribbean, CIDA supports a combination of regional and national programs. CIDA has major program concentrations in Guyana, Jamaica and eastern Caribbean countries, including Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. CIDA also supports regional programming with the Caribbean Community and Common Market, and with the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States. CIDA has a smaller program presence in Barbados and Belize.

The goal for CIDA's program in the Commonwealth Caribbean is to assist the region in achieving a higher degree of socio-economic self-reliance, which will lead to poverty reduction. To address this goal, CIDA has two objectives: to assist in the development of Commonwealth Caribbean's capacity to compete in the global economy in a manner that promotes social equity and is environmentally sustainable, and to assist Commonwealth Caribbean countries in improving their capacity to manage environmental and natural resources. CIDA programming supports gender equity and regional integration as two cross-cutting conditions that must be met in order to achieve the two main objectives. CIDA's approach in the Commonwealth Caribbean relies heavily on capacity building, which includes human resource development, institutional development and the promotion of socio-economic reforms.

The Export Promotion Assistance Project with JAMPRO (Jamaica Promotions Corp.) aims to increase Jamaica's exports of selected agricultural products to Canada on a competitive basis. Training in export marketing, the development of market information systems, and technical and financial assistance to small and medium-sized firms in Jamaica are elements of the project.

The Canada Training Awards Project, operating in the eastern Caribbean region since 1987, supports sustainable economic growth by improving managerial and technical capacities in the agriculture, small industry, tourism and education sectors.

In Guyana, the Economic Management Program aims to promote successful structural adjustment and sustainable development. The program also aims to initiate programs and policies that are socially and environmentally sound.