

BILATERAL ALLOCATIONS

Under the bilateral program, Canada will distribute a minimum of \$118.5 million in food aid during the current fiscal year. The largest allocation, approximately \$56 million, will be made to India, which has suffered severe crop shortfalls as a result of drought. The second largest amount, approximately \$29 million, will be provided to Bangladesh, which is still recovering from three years of natural disasters.

Other countries receiving food aid in 1975-76 and the approximate dollar values are the Sahel region (Mauritania, Senegal, Mali, Niger, Chad, Upper Volta), \$7.6 million; Ghana, \$3.8 million; Tanzania, \$2.9 million; Sri Lanka, \$1.9 million; Indochina, \$2 million; and Honduras, \$500,000. There is also a bilateral Reserve fund of \$15 million to provide flexibility in matching Canadian supplies to the requirements of recipient countries, including such possible new recipients as Mozambique and Somalia. In addition, there remains a substantial amount - \$38 million - still to be allocated to either bilateral recipients or multilateral agencies, as need be. CIDA expects that both the Reserve fund and the resources still to be allocated will enable Canada to meet all foreseeable contingencies and emergency situations during the fiscal year.

At the outset, mention was made of an additional \$50 million re-allocated towards food aid and fertilizer shipments in last year's budget (1974-75). This sum has now been totally allocated as follows: Bangladesh, \$5 million; Sahel region, \$19 million; Tanzania, \$5 million; Ethiopia, \$3.5 million; India, \$5 million; Indochina, \$2.5 million; Honduras, \$1 million; Sri Lanka, \$1 million and Pakistan, \$9.4 million.