

to development assistance in Thailand through established multilateral programs of the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and international financial institutions.

4.3 Canada-ASEAN Program

Thailand is also host to a number of projects and activities pursued under the ASEAN-Canada Development Co-operation Program, including the Grain Post-Harvest Project (\$3.3 million), the Forest Tree Seed Centre Project (\$9.4 million), the Solar Energy Drying Processes Project (\$4.7 million) and the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) Partnership Project (\$14.2 million). Total CIDA disbursements for development co-operation programming in the ASEAN region since its inception have reached over \$20 million; approximately \$12 million is spent annually; Canadian colleges and universities are involved in linkage arrangements.

4.4 International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

The IDRC supports research and development activities in developing countries such as Thailand, by providing financial assistance for research activities identified and carried out by local scientists and universities. The IDRC has supported more than 283 scientific research projects in Thailand for total disbursements of approximately \$35.3 million. In 1992, a total of 94 projects were implemented. The IDRC maintains a regional office in Singapore.