

To achieve these objectives, CIDA uses a multi-pronged approach:

1. dialogue with our partners in Canada, in the donor community and in developing countries regarding population dynamics, policies and programs;
2. in-house capacity strengthening to better integrate population considerations into CIDA policies and programs;
3. support to capacity development initiatives in developing countries related to data collection and analysis, policy formulation and program design at national and regional levels;
4. support to information, education and communication programs on population issues;
5. support to programs and activities related to reproductive health care, on the following basis:
 - a) CIDA promotes family planning based on free and informed choice, enabling individuals to exercise, in a safe and responsible manner, their reproductive rights;
 - b) CIDA provides support to culturally sensitive, client-oriented and high quality family planning programs that build toward full reproductive health care, with due attention to the role and responsibility of men;
 - c) CIDA does not promote abortion as a method of family planning, but recognizes that women require complete access to the full range of safe reproductive health care services.
 - d) CIDA promotes respect for human rights in the provision and development of contraceptive drugs and devices, giving primary consideration to user safety and client needs, with due regard to licensing regulations in countries of use.
6. utilization of various service delivery channels public, private and voluntary sector; given the

necessity to relate directly to community needs, nongovernmental organizations, both national and international can play a very critical role in population cooperation.

7. continued support to population-related programming conducive to sustainable development, particularly the education of girls and women and other measures enabling women to exercise wider choices and have greater control over their lives.

Programming and resources allocation decisions with regard to population assistance will be made through CIDA corporate planning cycle exercise.

Co-ordination

CIDA will continue to pursue co-ordination with other donors, both at the international and country levels. CIDA will also work more closely with its Canadian partners, namely Canadian NGOs that are already active in population issues, and those Canadian universities that have considerable expertise in capacity development in demography, health and associated social sciences. Several Canadian provinces also have development assistance programs involving NGOs active in population and development issues. In the years to come, Quebec will continue to contribute to international co-operation programs to improve the status of women and the health and living conditions of less developed countries, to regulate migration, to integrate immigrants and to develop policies and programs suited to countries experiencing population aging.

Trends and Experiences in International Population Co-operation

Canada has provided population assistance since the early 1970s over the full range of population activities: family planning and maternal/child health; basic data collection and analysis; institution building and research in demography and population/development relationships. CIDA's assistance for population grew significantly from the early 1970s through the late 1980s — from \$1.5 million in 1970-71 to \$12 million in 1980-81 and to a peak of more than \$50 million in