

**LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (LAC): CANADIAN  
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (CDA)**

.Over the period 1988-1989/1997-1998, Canadian development assistance (CDA) to Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) declined substantially (from \$248,069K to \$148,339K).

.The distribution of CDA among countries shifted as the vast majority of recipients (26 of 33 surveyed) suffered decreases of varying proportions, while a few (six) experienced increases.

**Canadian Development Assistance by LAC Country**

.In 1997-1998, Haiti was the greatest single CDA recipient in LAC, absorbing \$41,593K, and one of the few experiencing an increase (from \$15,492K in 1988-1989).

.Peru was a distant second, with \$22,761K (down from \$29,981K in 1988-1989).

.Cuba ranked third. It was also one of the few to receive an increase, proportionately very large (from \$75K, virtually nil, to \$10,764K).

.Other major (with \$5,000K or more) 1997-1998 recipients benefiting from increases were El Salvador and Guatemala. CDA to El Salvador surged from \$75K to \$7,413K. Guatemala experienced a doubling, from \$3,507K to \$7,418K.

.The remaining major 1997-1998 recipients experienced large declines. Jamaica, the leading recipient at the beginning of the survey period, saw a drop from \$54,122K to \$5,855K.

.Colombia, initially in third place, showed a decline from \$21,419K to -\$3,401K, making it the only country with a negative figure.

**Canadian Development Assistance By LAC Region**

.CDA over the survey period declined sharply for every region except North America (Mexico).

.CDA to North America (Mexico) rose by one-third, from \$2,984K in 1988-1989 to \$4,001K in 1997-1998. The latter figure represented a decline from the 1992-1993 peak of \$7,124K. Mexico remained by far the smallest CDA recipient of any region.