

- ***Coordination with others:*** by working with developing country governments and institutions, international organizations and development agencies to coordinate efforts more effectively.
- ***Drawing on Canadian capacity:*** by strengthening cooperation with Canadians to ensure that Canadian know-how is put to work for the benefit of developing countries in activities where Canada has a clear comparative advantage.

Support for Central and Eastern Europe.

Canada will also maintain an active program of assistance to Central and Eastern Europe and to the former Soviet Union, while ensuring that the program is not funded at the expense of ODA priorities.

There is much at stake for Canada in this region, which continues to undergo transition: first and foremost, international security demands stability in an area that still contains powerful nuclear arsenals while the social, economic and political structures essential to peaceful transformation remain fragile. Moreover, the firm establishment of prosperous market economies and their integration into the global economy will open important trade and investment opportunities for Canada and the world.

The program will continue to respond to rapidly changing regional circumstances and Canadian interests. For it to do so, the Government will continue to rely on partnerships among the Canadian private sector, business and trade associations, NGOs, academics, ethnic communities and all levels of government. Federal funds act as a catalyst, leveraging significant project contributions from Canadian and recipient country partners.

To maximize the program's effectiveness in changing conditions, a reorganization of roles between DFAIT, which now administers it, and CIDA, will be undertaken. Policy direction will remain with DFAIT while program delivery will be transferred to CIDA. This new function for CIDA corresponds well with the activities it conducts elsewhere in the world. There will be close coordination between the two organizations over the continued development and execution of the program.

Demonstrating results.

Canadians want to be sure that their aid dollars are being used effectively, that their help is making a difference in the lives of people benefitting from Canadian assistance by increasing their self-reliance. The Government shares this concern and is committed to improving the effectiveness of Canada's International Assistance and to demonstrating its results to Canadians.