

have: contributed significantly to the holding of national elections, which took place in September; supported initiatives to develop free media; contributed \$1.5 million to demining efforts; helped to alleviate the suffering of the most vulnerable (the elderly, displaced families and children); contributed to on-going reform in the health sector, and financed small and medium sized infrastructure repairs in the health, education and power sectors, while at the same time encouraging inter-ethnic cooperation.

Canada has made several financial and personnel contributions to international organizations promoting human rights in Bosnia and the former Yugoslavia. These include: a grant to the operations of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, including the Special Rapporteur for human rights in the former Yugoslavia; providing the Senior Deputy for Human Rights in the OSCE mission in Sarajevo; and, providing personnel for the Human Rights Coordinating Centre in the Office of the High Representative. In addition, Canada has made financial contributions to the International Committee of the Red Cross to support its work on detainees and missing persons. Canada has also provided experienced, senior officers to the International Police Task Force, where the current focus is on training and restructuring the Bosnian police forces.

In 1997, the Canadian program will focus on the maintenance of peace, the initiation of new multi-ethnic common institutions, and the consolidation of economic and social reconstruction. It will also address the ongoing problems of slow return of refugees and displaced persons, human rights abuses, the failure to bring persons indicted for war crimes to justice, and problems in the clearance of landmines.