

Cambodia

Development aid to Cambodia has increased to over \$34 million since 1990. The bilateral aid consists of an \$8 million program (1991-97) administered by non-governmental organizations and channelled into the priority sectors of health, education and agriculture. A Canada Fund of \$400,000 has also been set up to subsidize small community projects. Most of the Canadian aid is for food and humanitarian causes, and includes contributions to the UN Development Program's Trust Fund, which supports the operations of the Cambodian action centre for mine clearance.

Laos

Between 1990 and 1994, Canada provided Laos with some \$6 million in development aid, mainly humanitarian and food aid. A \$200,000 Canada Fund supports small projects which provide technical, economic, pedagogical, cultural and social aid, and are managed by local groups. CIDA also encourages Laos to take part in its regional projects.

Bilateral Aid to the West Indies and Americas

Canada suspended all aid to Haiti between October 1991 and October 1994, with the exception of humanitarian aid (food aid and medicine), which amounted to \$30 million.

CIDA's objectives in Haiti, to be achieved through five programs, are to reduce poverty and to consolidate the democratic process. The Agency is involved in the reconstruction process by supporting initiatives that provide tools to the peasants; that rebuild schools, health centres, secondary roads and irrigation canals; and that generate work through labour-intensive projects. CIDA sends and distributes food aid that can be used as exchange currency to re-establish agricultural production. Following the return of President Aristide and constitutional government, Canada established a major bilateral program to help restore democracy in Haiti through projects geared to train local police and magistrates, and to re-establish the courts. Another type of aid in developing civil society involves support for small peasant co-operatives, human-rights advocacy associations and small local NGOs. Finally, CIDA provides technical assistance in restoring energy production as part of the program to rebuild the infrastructure.

Co-operation Program with Central and Eastern Europe

Romania and Bulgaria are the member countries of the Francophonie in Central and Eastern Europe. CIDA's co-operation program supports countries in transition to a market economy and to democracy, and encourages solid trade and investment links with Canada.