

Expected Results

The types of results that are expected to be obtained through the Canadian Peacebuilding Initiative are:

- ◆ Assisted countries/regions improve their ability to resolve internal and regional conflicts.
- ◆ Local institutions in conflict-affected countries develop indigenous consensus-building and conflict-resolving capabilities through Canadian interventions.
- ◆ Countries affected by conflict are assisted in developing new leadership to consolidate peace.
- ◆ Canadian peacebuilding capacity is identified and mobilized to respond to acute needs in conflict-affected societies.
- ◆ International organizations formulate specific policies and develop more effective instruments to promote peacebuilding.
- ◆ Canada provides a rapid response to peacebuilding challenges while situating its interventions within a context of longer-term peacebuilding and sustainable development.

As peacebuilding lessons are learned and operational experience acquired, adjustments can be made to the structure of the Initiative to optimize the achievement of these results.

C. THE PEACEBUILDING FUND

The Peacebuilding Fund, which is drawn from the ODA budget and administered by CIDA, is a new funding mechanism under the Canadian Peacebuilding Initiative for peacebuilding activities in ODA countries. Projects supported by the Fund are approved by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for International Cooperation. The Fund is intended to augment and build upon CIDA's considerable experience in peacebuilding-related activities and DFAIT's international political expertise. By providing a rapid response mechanism, the Canadian government will be able to address urgent needs in conflict-affected countries and regions, while promoting Canadian peacebuilding expertise. The activities funded will be in line with the strategic approach for the Fund and will meet the criteria described below. The Peacebuilding Fund is set at \$10 million each for FY 1997-98 and FY 1998-99.

Strategic Approach

The Peacebuilding Fund is designed to serve as a catalyst which will stimulate local sustainable initiatives toward peace. It responds quickly to urgent peacebuilding situations in ODA countries by supporting targeted, short-term (maximum 18 months), one-time interventions at a critical juncture in the peace consolidation process. Where possible, it will utilize Canadian peacebuilding capacity directed at selected geographic and sectoral niches. The Fund will limit itself to supporting activities which cannot be funded through other