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## Development Assistance

Canada is a relatively modest donor in terms of overall disbursements but is nevertheless regarded as a valuable partner in development co-operation. Canada's development assistance efforts in the Philippines are being channelled through a variety of projects. The main focus of the Philippines' program is on poverty alleviation and structural adjustment. While CIDA's Bilateral Program has provided the main impetus for these initiatives in financial terms, other CIDA programs in support of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), Canadian institutions, the private sector and international and multilateral agencies have also made important contributions to Canada's overall aid efforts in the Philippines (see Table 5).

### 4.1 Bilateral Program

CIDA began, in a modest way, to sponsor specific development assistance projects in the

Philippines on a government-to-government basis in mid-1970, mainly in the agricultural and fisheries sectors. Disbursements under the bilateral program in the six-year period from 1980 to 1986 totalled \$3.6 million. In October 1986, Canada announced that it would establish an official bilateral development program of \$100 million over five years, a concrete expression of support to the new government of President Aquino. The full amount has now been committed in support of a number of projects designed and implemented to respond quickly to pressing economic and social needs. Disbursements under the new five-year CIDA program increased dramatically between the fiscal years 1985/86 and 1987/88, reaching approximately \$22 million per annum.

In 1989, CIDA launched its first full five-year country program for the Philippines. In line with Canada's official development assistance strategy, the overall goal of CIDA's Philippines' program is to strengthen the capacity and support the efforts of key

**Table 5 Disbursement Profile:  
Canada's Development Assistance Programs**  
(\$ millions)

CHANNELS	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89
A. Government-to-Government (Bilateral Program)	0.70	0.51	9.34	21.61	22.17
B. Canada Fund	—	—	0.37	0.50	0.85
C. Institutional Co-operation and Development Services Program	—	—	0.27	0.22	0.07
D. Non-Governmental Organizations Program	1.48	0.68	1.87	2.11	2.88
E. International Non-Governmental Organizations Program	0.10	—	—	—	—
F. Industrial Co-operation Program	0.13	0.01	0.38	1.03	1.44
G. International Humanitarian Assistance Program	0.50	0.56	0.20	0.55	0.65
H. Food Aid	—	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.09
I. International Development Research Centre	2.89	2.98	3.48	3.41	3.11
J. Petro-Canada International Assistance Program	2.54	2.96	0.53	0.01	0.04
K. International Centre for Ocean Development	—	—	0.02	—	—
L. Provincial Government Contributions	—	0.28	0.11	0.16	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8.34</b>	<b>8.06</b>	<b>16.65</b>	<b>29.66</b>	<b>31.29</b>

Source: Canadian International Development Agency