- assist governments in developing procedures for financial accountability by providing technical assistance and networking to enable them to build the capacity of audit institutions and public accounts committees;
- support governments undergoing transition to democracy by providing technical assistance for public service and law reform, regulatory reform and policy development;
- support improvements in the functioning of democratic institutions such as legislatures, legislative committees, Offices of the Speaker etc. by providing training, equipment and facilities, arranging study tours to Canada and establishing linkages with Canadian institutions;
- support the development of the electoral process by providing technical assistance for conducting voter education campaigns, strengthening electoral institutions and financing Canadian and domestic observer groups for elections;
- improve the functioning of the legal system by training judges and other members of the
 judiciary and providing equipment and other facilities including law reports;
- support law reform through technical assistance in the areas of gender equality, land rights,
 family law, the media and conditions of work;
- strengthen the advocacy role of the civil society organisations by building the capacity for independent social, economic and political analysis through training and technical assistance; and
- increase the participation of women and other marginalised groups in civil society by providing support for education and outreach programs.

CIDA works with several groups of agencies in the delivery of its programs of assistance. At the national level, the relevant government agencies would be the departments of justice, education and foreign affairs, legislatures and legislative institutions, public service commissions, law reform commissions and the court system etc. The civil society organizations that CIDA works with are grassroots nongovernmental organisations, churches and church-based organisations, cooperatives and cooperative federations, trade unions and trade union federations etc. There are some regional and international organisations involved in the implementation of programs supported by CIDA.

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The OECD approach to good governance has been to suggest programs for donor support among its members in the areas of public sector management, the rule of law, controlling corruption and military expenditure which it has identified as important dimensions of governance. These are a part