

Current Canadian Peacebuilding Initiatives:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

- There have been two civilian police human right monitors based with MINUGUA over the past two years. Requests have been made for Canadian support on community policing, train the trainers work, aboriginal policing, and the administration of justice.

Canadian International Development Agency:

- **Bilateral Division:** Support is aimed at longer term development. Specific aims include rebuilding social relationships and the economic and social fabric, primarily through the Democratic Development Fund (DDF). The DDF supports genuine national reconciliation through bringing together actors who do not normally work together. In addition, PADEL is in its second phase of support to productive activities in rural areas. CESO is contributing to the placement of the two police officers with MINUGUA. A new community development project will soon be starting in San Marcos. CIDA commissioned Jean Denis Archambault to conduct a study on the administration of justice which highlighted the need to support rural community access to rural justice. A participatory model of rural justice is being promoted by MINUGUA within its "New Model" concept. The Guatemalan Justice Commission is coming forth with ideas for reform. There may be opportunities for Canada to share models and ideas in this area. CIDA is currently developing the country program framework for Guatemala which will soon be shared with partners and NGOs, and likely brought for consultation around the end of November.
- **Partnership Branch:** This branch funds the implementation of projects by non-governmental (NGO) and non-profit organizations. In Guatemala projects focus on such areas as empowerment and education with about 60% of funding provided to professional associations. Currently 23 NGOs are funded in Guatemala. Proposals for peacebuilding projects are accepted within this branch and if it is determined that the project meets the Peacebuilding Fund parameters, they recommend that it be considered by the Fund and it then goes to a review committee and the Minister of Foreign Affairs. If accepted by the Fund, the money will be forwarded to and managed by CIDA's Partnership Branch. If it does not meet the Fund's criteria, yet is a good project, they will try to find the funds within their branch.

Peacebuilding Fund (DFAIT & CIDA):

This is a short-term fund which acts as a rapid response mechanism for ODA receiving countries in areas of ministerial priority. It is unique in that it intervenes over and above existing mechanisms for short-term and innovative projects in high risk regions in initiatives prior, during and after conflict. Projects must reflect locally defined peacebuilding needs. Currently approved projects are : 7 in the Great Lakes; 3 global; 2 projects in former Yugoslavia; the Historical Clarification Commission in Guatemala; 1 in Cambodia. Approx. 4 million has been committed - 6 million is still available for the fiscal year. Guatemala has not received many funds so far as much of peacebuilding is covered by CIDA bilateral funding.