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Canadian non-governmental organizations and the multilateral agencies. Since the coup, Canada has allotted a total of \$29 million in humanitarian aid to Haiti.

Following the lifting of the UN-OAS embargo, Canada decided to restore its bilateral aid to the new government. The new Canadian aid program will be set in motion gradually. It will focus on reconstruction, support for institutional reform and economic development.

Canadian aid will be closely co-ordinated with that of other countries and with the multilateral institutions.

### **Examples of CIDA Co-operation Projects in the Countries of La Francophonie**

#### **Women and Economic Activities in Benin**

Canada's official development aid strategy places high priority on equity between the sexes and integral participation by women in the economic, social and cultural development of their countries. For Canada, this is an important aspect of building sustainable development in the developing countries.

With this in view, CIDA has decided to launch a \$2.1 million project entitled Women and Economic Activities in Benin. The intent is to increase the productivity of companies consisting of groups of women in the region of Salavou, Benin.

Planning and implementation of the project have been entrusted to the New Brunswick Department of Intergovernmental Affairs.

#### **Human Rights in Francophone Africa**

A major program was launched recently in support of democratic development and human rights advocacy in Francophone Africa. The Canadian International Study and Co-operation Centre is responsible for applying this three-year program valued at \$6 million.

The activities being financed centre on democratic culture and human rights advocacy. A number of phases are planned: studies, support for initiatives of partners in the African non-governmental sector, the strengthening of human rights advocacy associations and the organization of training and awareness-raising activities.

#### **The Fight against AIDS in Africa**

Canada is one of the four leading donors in the international fight against AIDS. In more than 10 Francophone African countries, the Laval University Centre for International Health and Development Co-operation (CCISD) is assisting in efforts to co-ordinate national programs to combat AIDS. In a number of Francophone African countries, the CCISD program supports various projects in education, socio-psychological aid, epidemiological surveillance and the control of sexually transmitted diseases.

#### **The Search for Oil in Senegal**

Since 1982, Canada has been helping Senegal to decrease its almost total dependence on imported oil. In 1991, CIDA undertook to continue the efforts of the recently dissolved Petro-Canada Corporation.

Canadian aid in the Senegalese oil sector has focussed mainly on various technical aspects of oil prospecting, but the program also includes the training of Senegalese nationals.

The drilling of a series of wells earlier this year brought positive results when the Dian Niadio well led to the discovery of a natural gas deposit containing an estimated 600 million cubic