

respect for human rights is administered by a committee composed of representatives from Canada, the Cameroonian government and the National Commission of Human Rights and Freedoms.

East Africa

The East African members of the Francophonie are Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda and Seychelles. Canada is involved mainly in Rwanda.

Canada supports Rwanda's efforts of national reconstruction. In addition to emergency humanitarian aid for refugees and displaced persons, Canadian assistance has made it possible to restore the electrical system in Kigali, the capital. Currently, projects valued at \$21 million (1995-98), encompass primarily social rehabilitation, especially assistance to women and children, and reform of the judicial system. For example, CIDA is helping to fund a training project for judicial personnel in Rwanda, under the auspices of the Agency for Technical and Cultural Co-operation (ACCT).

Pan-African Program

CIDA is also supporting projects for Africa as a whole through its Pan-African program. It provides funding for various African institutions. For example, the Francophone Africa Technology Transfer Institution Building Program (PRIMTAF), announced at the Dakar Summit in 1989. This \$25 million program (1989-96) is helping to improve university and college level institutions in 13 countries that do not receive Canadian ODA. It functions in co-operation with Canadian academic institutions.

Bilateral Aid to Asia

Vietnam

Canada contributed over \$45 million in development aid to Vietnam between 1990 and 1994, mainly in the form of humanitarian and food assistance, but also in support of the Canadian businesses and institutions operating in that country.

CIDA adopted an aid strategy for Vietnam in October 1994. Established in co-operation with the Vietnamese authorities, the bilateral program is aimed at the economy, public administration, justice, infrastructures, finance, telecommunications, the environment and human resource development. It will also fund initiatives to alleviate poverty and promote equitable growth and participatory approaches. In addition, CIDA is encouraging Canadian organizations and companies to develop stronger ties with their counterparts in Vietnam.