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Development Assistance

Canada's development assistance efforts in Thailand are channelled through a multitude of programs. Their focus is to assist Thailand in the transition from an agricultural to an industrialized economy. In the process, Canada seeks to foster a wide range of links with Thailand which will endure after the termination of the CIDA program and create a partnership of mutual benefit between the two countries. CIDA's Bilateral Program has been the major source of funding for projects in Thailand since its inception in 1981 (60 per cent). Other CIDA programs in support of non-governmental organizations, the Canadian private sector and other international and multilateral agencies represent the balance of Canada's aid related efforts in Thailand (see Table 5).

4.1 Bilateral Program

Re-established as a core program in 1981, the Thailand program was formulated with a view to the long-term evolution of the Thai economy. From the outset, the program strategy made development a priority, yet foresaw the possibilities for economically viable partnerships between the private sectors of both countries. The goal of the program is to create self-sustaining mechanisms aimed at broadening co-operation between the two countries.

The Economic Co-operation Agreement, signed between Thailand and Canada in July 1988, is effectively designed to complement Canada's development

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

CHANNELS	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89
A. Government-to-Government (Bilateral Program)	6.44	7.24	8.56	21.61	28.88	26.21
B. Mission Administered Fund	—	—	—	0.39	0.50	0.50
C. Institutional Co-operation and Development Services Program	1.23	0.29	0.21	1.30	1.51	0.98
D. Non-Governmental Organizations Program	0.52	0.43	0.10	0.50	0.31	0.56
E. International Non-Governmental Organizations Program	—	—	—	—	0.02	0.06
F. Industrial Co-operation Program	1.82	2.60	1.60	2.16	2.52	2.12
G. International Humanitarian Assistance Program	1.00	2.46	2.10	2.08	2.28	2.60
H. Food Aid	—	—	0.02	1.98	1.98	2.02
I. International Development Research Centre	2.09	2.30	2.25	3.35	2.50	2.51
J. Petro-Canada International Assistance Corporation	0.25	6.69	0.67	0.24	1.60	2.25
K. International Centre for Ocean Development	—	—	—	0.01	—	—
L. Provincial Government Contributions	0.01	—	0.05	0.06	0.04	—
TOTAL	13.36	22.02	15.55	31.69	40.15	37.79

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