

## **Trade and Investment**

- Canada has a modest but growing trade relationship with Jordan, with two-way trade valued at about \$20 million in 1999. Contracts signed recently by Canadian companies, and the Jordanian government's emphasis on economic reform bode well for future commercial partnerships.
- In 1999, Canadian exports to Jordan totalled \$19 million and included wood, copper, wheat, pharmaceuticals, and vehicles. Imports from Jordan amounted to almost \$1 million, mostly airplane parts, agricultural goods, and electrical parts.
- Opportunities for Canadian companies exist in the oil and gas, education and training, agriculture, and engineering sectors.
- Canadian investment in Jordan totalled \$4.4 billion in 1999, focusing mainly on the energy, aerospace, engineering and civil works, and architectural sectors. The seven major Canadian companies now active in Jordan include Agra, Bombardier, Spar Aviation Services, Cansult, Suncor Energy, Canada Post International and SNC Lavalin.
- Canada and Jordan signed a treaty for the prevention of double taxation in September 1999 and are negotiating a foreign investment protection agreement.

## **Development Assistance**

- Canada's development assistance priorities in Jordan are to support the Mideast peace process and help satisfy basic human needs, particularly those of Palestinian refugees. Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) funding is channelled primarily through government agreements, multilateral contributions and through the programs of three divisions: industrial co-operation, institutional co-operation, and non-governmental organizations.
- Since 1993, the Canadian government has provided \$38 million to Jordan in bilateral assistance, including \$6.5 million to reform Jordan's technical and vocational education system. The program also supports rangeland management, the King Hussein Environment and Management Training Program, integrated waste management, micro-credit for women, and human resources development information systems. CIDA also contributes to the Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives, managed by the Canadian embassy in Amman.