



The **International Development Research Centre (IDRC)** supports efforts by Third World countries to acquire research capabilities in the fields of agriculture, forestry, fisheries, energy, health and education. The IDRC also administers part of Canada's ODA in these areas.

External Affairs and International Trade Canada (EAITC) contributes to the regular budgets and voluntary funds of several multilateral organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), while Canada Post, and Health and Welfare Canada provide financial support for the development activities of other international agencies. These contributions amounted to \$103 million in 1988-89.

Other Canadian institutions and organizations are also active in La Francophonie. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the National Film Board, for example, have co-operative programs for production, technical assistance and training.

The **Petro-Canada International Assistance Corporation**, which was created in 1981 to assist developing countries in reducing their dependence on imported oil by using Canadian technology and expertise in oil and gas exploration, allocated \$61 million in 1988-89 to development projects.

The provincial governments are also involved in Third World development through their support for non-governmental organization (NGO) programs. They contributed \$12.9 million to these programs in 1988-89.

7.1 The Canadian International Development Agency

CIDA provides assistance through four program categories:

- **Bilateral programs** (government-to-government) support more than 1 000 projects in approximately 105 Third World countries. This category of assistance is applied to infrastructure projects, rural and agricultural development, and lines of credit. Assistance in the form of food aid has been granted to countries stricken by drought, famine and food shortages.
- **Multilateral programs** support a minimum of 85 international organizations, including the United Nations agencies, regional development banks and humanitarian institutions, which are in the best position to resolve problems related to world development.