APPENDIX – HIGHLIGHTS OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES BY DEPARTMENT

The following is a sampling of Official Development Assistance activities undertaken by each of these departments in 2013–2014:

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Through its Geographic Programs, DFATD provides bilateral development assistance in specific countries and regions. As part of the aid effectiveness agenda, the department focuses its development assistance to achieve the greatest impact.

Through its Multilateral and Global Programs, DFATD contributes to international development and humanitarian efforts by providing financial support to multilateral organizations and helping them shape their policies and programs throughout the world.

The Partnerships for Development Innovation programs aim to leverage the development expertise and initiative of Canadians by funding the best proposals put forward by Canadian organizations to deliver development results on the ground and contribute to poverty alleviation.

Democracy programming focuses on promoting the full participation of citizens in decision making that affects their lives, rules-based governance, respect for human rights, and the emergence of effective and accountable institutions

The Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force program serves as Canada's centre of expertise for stabilization and reconstruction efforts in fragile and conflict-affected areas throughout the world, including Afghanistan, Haiti, South Sudan and Sudan.

Several other programs were also supported in 2013–2014, such as the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, the Investment Cooperation Program, and the International Scholarship Program.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE CANADA

The department provides support to the World Bank Group to achieve results in all of the government's development priority areas. This includes core support to the IDA, the part of the World Bank Group focused on offering grants and concessional loans to low-income countries, and grants to fragile and conflict-affected states and other countries at risk of debt distress. In addition, the Department of Finance Canada provides support to the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative (MDRI) to contribute to decrease debt-service payments in developing countries. In 2013–2014 the Department of Finance Canada also provided support to AgResults to enhance smallholder farmer well-being and food security in the developing world.

International Development Research Centre

The IDRC funds research in developing countries to promote growth and development. It provides grantees in developing countries with the funds, support, and connections they need to find solutions to the pressing problems affecting their societies. The IDRC also enables many of the brightest minds in Canada and developing countries to collaborate on cutting-edge projects. The IDRC's programs and initiatives focus on four thematic areas: agriculture and environment, global health policy, science and innovation, and social and economic policy. At the end of 2013—2014, the IDRC was supporting 798 applied research activities globally carried out by 674 institutions, of which 111 were Canadian.

CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA

The CIC plays a significant role in upholding Canada's international obligations and humanitarian tradition by engaging both domestic and international stakeholders to develop and implement timely, efficient and effective refugee protection policies and programs. In 2013–2014, the CIC funded a variety of settlement services to help immigrants, including refugees and other newcomers integrate into Canadian society.