

The first grant, announced by the minister during his visit to Mali, consists in a two-million dollar increase in the project for the integrated rural development of Kaarta, a CIDA project designed to improve the standard of living of one of the most isolated regions of the country through intensification of agricultural and livestock production, as well as through development of its territory.

The minister stated that this programme is an indication of Canada's desire to help the population increase its agricultural production and alleviate the isolation of the country. The second CIDA grant is aimed at setting up a pluriannual scholarship programme in Upper Volta in order to support that country in the planning and management of its human resources. In order to increase the economic potential of Upper Volta's human resources, the Canadian government will finance training of students to the extent of 175 scholarship/years in Upper Volta, 54 in other developing countries and 56 in Canada, in the fields of agriculture, electrical engineering, health and public works.