

Canadians responded to another crisis by accepting sponsorship of 35,000 boat people. They volunteered by the thousands to work on aid and development projects in the Third World and they have helped in hundreds of other ways. There is ample proof that Canadians are prepared to share their resources and make sacrifices when called upon to do so.

The truth is, I believe, that we are prepared to do even more — than in just responding to a particular crisis — if leadership, direction and inspiration are provided by those involved in our aid and development programmes.

Government aid agencies, non-governmental organizations, and others involved in development work, should use the 'opportunity' created by the Ethiopian crisis to direct our efforts not just to the short term humanitarian 'aid' but also to the long term solution 'development'.

Enlightened self-interest will lead us to conclude that we cannot have peace and stability in the world if 80% of its population lives in poverty; that a new golden era of global economic opportunity is possible — but only if the other 80% of the world's population is participating in it."

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"I am an Ethiopian from the province of Eritrea. Now I am a Canadian citizen too. Presently I work for the Saskatchewan Government as an agrologist. What Canada is doing in response to the drought is indeed a *Noble Act for Humanity*. However, your passionate gift to the severely poor in Ethiopia could easily fall into the hands of the Ethiopian army who do not fall under the umbrella of your concern. Canada could also help by echoing its voice that all the groups involved in the wars against the Military Government of Ethiopia persuade leaders to sit down under the supervision of the international community and negotiate a cease-fire; that way the government will not be pressed to use the aid and means of transportation for any other excuse except for feeding and aiding the hungry. . . . If it would help the people from my roots and if it could be arranged with my employer I would go to Ethiopia, representing Canada and help with the distribution of food for the hungry."

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