Since 1965 the Department of External Affairs has funded training for military personnel from over twenty countries in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean through the Military Training Assistance Program. This training has been provided in Canada by the Department of National Defence through the established facilities and resources of the Canadian Forces Training System. The Military Training Assistance Program provides low-cost, high-quality technical and leadership training to military personnel from the developing world and is the most effective and economical form of military assistance Canada can provide.