

"Canada is deeply concerned about the situation. This is the worst drought in decades, and we are working closely with other donors to prevent widespread famine. Our High Commission in Harare is monitoring the situation very closely and is reporting to us on a regular basis," said Mrs. Landry.

In line with its regional long-term strategy in Southern Africa, CIDA is working with its non-governmental organizations and multilateral partners to ensure that the most severely affected populations are reached. It is also co-ordinating its efforts with the governments of the affected countries and with the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (SADCC), a regional grouping of governments.

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