

On behalf of the government, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, speaking in the House of Commons on February 13, 1985, stated: "... originally it was projected the matching portion of the fund would be limited to between \$15 and \$20 million. As a result of the overwhelming public response, I am announcing today the Government's decision to increase the limit on matching funds, by providing an additional contribution to the Fund for Africa of \$15 million. The system of matching was an important catalyst in mobilizing contributions by Canadian citizens and encouraging the cooperation of nongovernmental organizations, and I am confident that a high level of contributions will continue, even though a firm limit has been now set on the matching portion of the funds for Africa."

As already noted, the Coordinator's Office also provided ongoing logistical and other advice to such initiatives as the Kinsmen Medical Relief Team and shipments of supplies by NGOs. We began to establish a system for linking offers of technical support and other donations of materials and skills with those best equipped to use them. Through our missions to Africa, we also provided an opportunity for representatives of various sectors of the Canadian community to have a firsthand experience with the situation in Africa. Our role in relation to the media has been to provide information and update of developments to radio, television and print journalists on a continuing basis over the four months.

The Coordinator spoke at meetings in Ottawa, Toronto, Dartmouth, Charlottetown and Camrose, Alberta. Sponsorship of these meetings included the National Council of Jewish Women, Ten Days for World Development and the United Nations Association. The Coordinator also acknowledged the contribution being made by more than 50 Canadian artists during the taping of "Tears are not Enough" in Toronto in February.

In early January, 1985, Inter Pares and the North South Institute convened a two-day conference on behalf of the Canadian Emergency Coordinator. Some 50 participants discussed the situation facing Africa, particularly "After the Cameras Have Gone."

**To liaise with provincial governments to encourage their support and assistance:** An important contribution by Canadians to the crisis in Africa has been made by the provinces and many municipalities across the country. The Coordinator's Office has provided advice and assistance to many of these initiatives, which are detailed earlier in this report.

**To cooperate with other donors and with international organizations involved in providing food**