

GEOGRAPHIC PROGRAMS

- Geographic programs represent about 33 percent of Canada's international assistance, and are designed in consultation with developing country governments. These programs offer high visibility for Canada, and can be tailored to Canada's priorities in a given country.
- Within the geographic programs, 45 percent of assistance is allocated to Africa and the Middle East, 37 percent to Asia and 18 percent to the Americas.
- Aid for North Africa and the Middle East emphasizes building economic partnerships and supporting the Middle East Peace Process. Sub-Saharan Africa receives assistance that supports regional co-operation, democratic development and entrepreneurship.
- In Asia, the emphasis is on fostering long-term relationships between Canadian and Asian groups in the governmental, private, non-governmental and educational sectors. The major recipients are Bangladesh, Indonesia, India, Pakistan and China. There are also significant programs for Thailand, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and the institutions of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).
- In the Americas, the main thrust is the promotion of economic liberalization, social equity, human rights and environmental protection. Resources are divided among the countries of the Commonwealth, the Caribbean and Haiti, Central America, and South America.