

CANADA-ZIMBABWE COOPERATION

CIDA has allocated \$98 million in bilateral (government-to-government) assistance to Zimbabwe since its independence in April 1980. In the program's initial phase, during the transition period, \$5.9 million was provided for reconstruction, rehabilitation and resettlement projects. This short-term assistance was essential to restore quickly some form of stability to the volatile situation existing after the end of hostilities. The current bilateral program focusses on human resource development, infrastructure, and agriculture and rural development, the objective being to help Zimbabwe improve economic growth while promoting rural production. Disbursements in 1985-86 amounted to \$15.72 million. Activities in CIDA's priority sectors include:

AGRICULTURE/RURAL DEVELOPMENT

A \$7.6 million mapping project is helping to develop a comprehensive resource inventory of the country's less-developed areas for land-use planning. Aerial photography of the entire country has already been completed, along with aerial triangulation and the installation of a computer-aided mapping system in the Surveyor-General's Department. Canadian companies are now producing 900 orthophoto map sheets covering northern and eastern Zimbabwe.

MINING

CIDA has been helping Zimbabwe stimulate interest in its mining sector by funding a \$9.4 million project, which included an aeromagnetic survey completed in 1984 by Kenting Earth Sciences and Geotrex International. Four CIDA co-operants are now using the data, along with ground geophysics and drilling to conduct a mineral exploration program.

TRANSPORTATION

Instructor training for operating 63 previously supplied Champion road graders is being provided.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

CIDA is helping Zimbabwe address its acute shortage of skilled personnel through an educational and technical assistance program and through support for community and cooperative development. Initiatives in this sector include the following: