

Several provincial governments were directly involved in providing aid to the victims of the African famine, requesting as needed the Coordinator's assistance to identify priorities and solve logistical problems. In addition, many municipal governments were involved in organizing regional sessions of Forum Africa, thereby contributing to maintain a high level of interest and involvement in Africa on the part of their populations.

5. Take an active role in dialogue with other donor countries and international organizations providing emergency aid to Africa, wherever it is required. Participate in the work of the group of experts responsible for preparing proposals for the ministers of Economic Summit countries on closer cooperation with African countries, and report to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Minister for External Relations.

Through frequent consultation, in Africa and elsewhere, with donor country representatives, United Nations organizations and voluntary agencies, the Coordinator was able to coordinate Canadian emergency aid with other international relief activities as required. As head of the Canadian delegation at a meeting of the group of experts appointed by heads of state during the Economic Summit in Bonn, the Coordinator made a substantial contribution to the preparation of a report that was later approved by the foreign ministers of the Summit countries. In September 1985, he travelled to Dakar where he discussed African priorities as formulated in the Lagos Plan of Action and the July 1985 declaration of OAU heads of state with the newly elected chairman of the OAU, Mr. Abdou Diouf, President of Senegal.

6. Using CIDA's regular channels or specially recruited staff, arrange any mission considered necessary to ensure that Canada's emergency aid reaches its destination.

Several missions were sent to Africa to monitor the use being made of Canadian aid and to check on its delivery to target populations. This was one of the Coordinator's main concerns on his own trips to Africa, as well as that of the Inuit mission. Moreover, in November 1985 CIDA posted an employee on contract in Addis Ababa to perform that same task on a continuing basis. Finally, AEA sent three verification teams to Mali, Niger, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Sudan. This verification involved visits to the offices of over forty NGO country directors and field trips to fifty or more food