

All of CIDA's channels of development cooperation (geographic, partnership and multilateral programs) can contribute to the reduction of conflict. Many ongoing geographic programs aim at consolidating fragile societies recovering from conflict (e.g. Bosnia, Rwanda, Haiti, El Salvador, Guatemala). Other programs (e.g. Sri Lanka, the West Bank and Gaza) support activities designed to help reduce conflict among social groups and strengthen the search for peaceful solutions. Partnership programs support organizations whose activities are oriented to building local capacity in civil society, while multilateral programs have supported demining and demobilization efforts, repatriation and reintegration of refugees, and dissemination of the principles of international humanitarian law in conflict-prone countries.

Some examples of Canada's peacebuilding experience are shown below. Section A illustrates the variety of peacebuilding support at the country level, while section B shows some of the ways in which Canada is strengthening multilateral peacebuilding mechanisms.

Section A: Peacebuilding in Conflict Countries

Former Yugoslavia

Appointed Special Coordinator for Reconstruction of Former Yugoslavia (Michael Berry) to provide policy direction for Canadian participation in the implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords. This appointment has been completed and the function is now assumed by the geographic division (DFAIT);

Membership in the Steering Board for the Peace Implementation Council to help define international policy on civilian implementation of the peace process in Bosnia; secondment of several, sometimes consecutive, DFAIT officers to Office of High Representative in Sarajevo and in Brussels (DFAIT);

Support for the participation of DND experts in the arms control verification and confidence building measures pillar of the OSCE mandate under Dayton (DFAIT);

Led OSCE fact-finding mission to Kosovo to investigate human rights violations; led Sanctions Assistance Mission to FRYOM for two years (DFAIT);

Humanitarian relief during conflict and post-conflict reconstruction assistance, valued at approx. \$100 million, ranging from delivery of urgent food and medical supplies, economic support for the repatriation of refugees and displaced groups, treatment of victims of sexual violence and traumatized children, to support for landmine removal,