

CANADIAN AID TO HAITI

Canadian aid to Haïti has been thoroughly and carefully designed to insulate it from misuse. It is centred on humanitarian considerations and is aimed at relieving the effects of extreme poverty in Haïti. To this end, CIDA has organized its aid programme in Haïti around three priorities:

- 1) Aid to the most disadvantaged sectors of the Haïtian population where the objective is to contribute to the self-development of certain key groups of rural and urban people;
- 2) Institutional support which is directed at aiding institutional reforms necessary for the development of the country;
- 3) Aid to the energy sector, which is directed at improving the supply of energy to people in Haïti, notably extending the access to electricity to rural and village regions of the island where the majority of the population lives.

Three different kinds of administrative channels are used to realize these policy objectives in Haïti:

- 1) The bilateral or government-to-government programme which in 1984-85 accounted for \$4.4 million of Canadian aid to Haïti;
- 2) The non-governmental Organizations programme (NGO) which accounted for \$3.4 million and 240 projects. To this amount, we should add \$500,000 from the bilateral programme budget which was used to finance projects of the country focus type administered by NGO's;
- 3) The programme of the industrial co-operation branch which are directed at supporting Canadian private sector initiatives aimed at eventually setting up businesses in Haïti in association with Haïtian firms. To this end, Canadian firms received \$93,000 in 1984-85 to undertake feasibility studies of business opportunities in Haïti.

It should be noted that no money allocated by the aid programme to Haïti for the completion of bilateral or government-to-government projects is delivered to Haïtian authorities, and all money spent on projects in Haïti is subject to careful scrutiny to ensure that the resources are used as intended. Furthermore, we are able to affirm that no Canadian bilateral aid money has been spent by the Government of Haïti on the purchase of arms.