

strengthen the capacity of women's groups and NGOs for Women In Development (WID) programming.

## **4.2 Partnership**

Development assistance is also reaching the Philippines through a number of special programs implemented by CIDA through Canadian and international non-governmental organizations as well as through participation in international and multilateral programs. NGO involvement in the Philippines has a long history and benefits from the support of an extensive network.

Approximately \$1.9 million was disbursed through CIDA's Canadian Partnership Branch in 1990/91 for numerous projects involving non-governmental organizations, institutions and co-operatives in the Philippines.

## **4.3 International Development Research Centre (IDRC)**

The IDRC provides financial support for research done by and for developing countries in the areas of: agriculture and food and nutrition, earth and engineering sciences, health sciences, information sciences, social sciences, communications, training and information systems. The

IDRC's most important program in Asia is in the Philippines. The IDRC has supported approximately 307 research and development projects in the Philippines for total disbursements of over \$50 million. In 1992, a total of 107 projects, representing financial commitments of almost \$20 million, were at various stages of implementation.

## **4.4 Petro-Canada International Assistance Co-operation (PCIAC)**

Until its 1991 decision to wind up the organization, the Government of Canada funded the activities of Petro-Canada International Assistance Corporation to assist developing countries in finding and utilizing their own oil and gas reserves. Between 1983 and 1986, Petro-Canada participated in two programs in co-operation with the Philippines National Oil company (PNOC) and the Bureau of Energy and Development, involving expenditures of \$11 million for exploration activities and offshore geophysical programs.

CIDA has now assumed responsibility for a final program of support for petroleum exploration and institutional strengthening under an operating services agreement concluded with Petro-Canada. Valued at up to \$15 million, the program will run to March 1994.