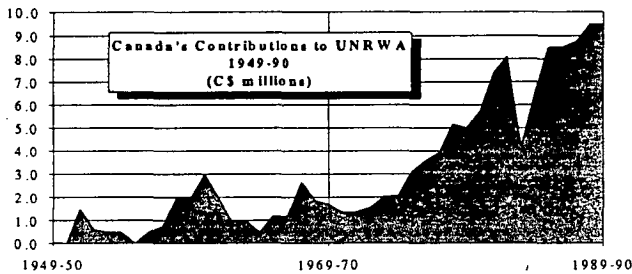


nizations such as UNICEF, UNRWA, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the World Council of Churches, Canada provided over C\$10.4 million in humanitarian assistance to the Middle East in 1990-91.

**United Nations Relief and Works Agency  
for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)  
-A Focus of Canada's Humanitarian Assistance**

UNRWA was founded in 1948 as a subsidiary agency of the United Nations General Assembly to provide basic education, health, and relief and social services to 2.4 million registered Palestinian refugees in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, and the territories occupied by Israel.

Canada has consistently supported UNRWA and has been contributing to its relief efforts since 1949. Canada's cumulative contributions to UNRWA exceed C\$140 million.



**Petro Canada International Assistance Corporation (PCIAC)**

The Petro-Canada International Assistance Corporation (PCIAC) was established in 1981 to help developing countries reduce their dependence on imported oil, primarily supporting the exploration and development of indigenous petroleum reserves. In the Middle East, PCIAC has been active only in Jordan where since 1987, Canada has provided petroleum specialists, services, equipment and training to the Natural Resources Authority (NRA). The Canadian Government dissolved PCIAC in 1991 and transferred its responsibilities to CIDA. By 1994, total CIDA/PCIAC assistance to Jordan will have reached C\$47.1 million.

**International Development Research Centre (IDRC)**

IDRC was created by Parliament in 1969 to foster research on the issues facing the developing world. IDRC has been involved in the Middle East since 1982 and currently supports activities in Egypt, the territories occupied by Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, and Yemen. Through IDRC, Canada contributed C\$2.26 million to support development in the Middle East in 1990-91.

**Canadian Development Assistance  
(C\$ millions)**

	1989-90	1990-91
Egypt	37.7	46.5
Occupied Territories	1.3	4.2
Jordan	22.9	24.8
Lebanon	3.6	2.9
Other (Syria, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Yemen)	14.8	21.1

**Canada's Gulf Crisis Response**

The Gulf Crisis of 1990-91 had serious repercussions for several developing countries in the Middle East region and beyond. In immediate response to this crisis, Canada made available a C\$77.5 million package of emergency assistance including support for the relocation and reintegration of displaced workers and their families, contributions to international agencies involved in refugee relief and additional development assistance for Jordan, Egypt and Turkey as the countries most seriously affected by crisis-related inflows of refugees and returnees. This package will be fully implemented by the end of the 1991-92 fiscal year.

In addition to the emergency assistance package, Canada has also put in place a C\$46.75 million program of post Gulf humanitarian and economic assistance. To be implemented over a period of several years, this program is intended to further assist the most seriously affected countries through food aid and humanitarian assistance and expanded development cooperation programs.

**The Middle East Peace Conference**

In response to an invitation from the co-sponsors, Canada will participate in the multilateral phase of the Middle East Peace Conference. This conference will help to address certain broad regional questions and those requiring the assistance of the international community. Canada will play a constructive and supportive role, drawing on its considerable experience and expertise in multilateral negotiations and in regional development.

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