

RESPONSE TO GULF CRISIS

- * In an immediate response to the hardships resulting from the Gulf Crisis in 1990-91, Canada made available a \$77.5 million package of emergency assistance to Jordan, Egypt and Turkey, the countries that suffered some of the worst repercussions of the crisis.
- * This assistance included gas masks for Palestinians in the Occupied Territories and emergency food assistance.
- * In addition, Canada has in place a \$46.75 million program of post-Gulf War humanitarian and economic assistance, which is being implemented during the period 1991-96.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

- * Above and beyond our substantial aid contribution to the Middle East, Canada created two additional funds in 1992, which are designed to provide further assistance and to create confidence in the Peace Process itself.
- * The Canada Fund for Dialogue and Development promotes co-operation and confidence building (through seminars, workshops, etc.) on key development issues related to the Peace Process.
- * The Expert Advisory Services Fund (administered by the International Development Research Centre) is designed to apply the unique knowledge and ability of experts and academics to the search for solutions in the region. For example, Canada financed technical research by officials of the Palestinian negotiating team because it helped those genuinely pursuing peace in the region to participate more constructively in the process.
- * Both funds were created by CIDA and to date have dispersed over \$1 million in direct Canadian and joint international activities as part of Canada's role in the Middle East Peace Process.
- * The \$55 million contribution for Gaza and the West Bank will be used to respond to the immediate needs and long-term priorities of the Palestinians in areas such as family reunification, election assistance, water management and environmental sustainability, and institution building.

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