

From 1992 to 1995, Canada provided 45 civilian police monitors from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to UNPROFOR. Their primary responsibilities were to monitor and assist local police within the UN Protected Areas in Croatia. Canada also contributed, from 1991 to 1994, a number of observers to the European Community Monitor Mission (ECMM), which monitored ceasefires in the former Yugoslavia.

Humanitarian Assistance

Canada's contribution in humanitarian assistance for the victims of the conflict in the former Yugoslavia totalled more than \$65 million between 1991 and 1995. These funds were used to purchase and deliver food, medical supplies, clothing and shelter, to assist refugees and displaced persons, and to provide support to victims of sexual violence.

The funds were distributed to several humanitarian agencies, including the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization, the World Food Program, the International Organization for Migration, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and Canadian non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Canadian partners have included CARE Canada, Canadian Feed the Children, Médecins sans frontières Canada, the Canadian Red Cross Society, Mercy International Canada, the International Development and Refugee Foundation, the International Institute for the Advancement of Community-Based Rehabilitation at Queen's University and MAP International of Canada.

Throughout the international airlift to the city of Sarajevo from July 1992 to January 1996, a Canadian Forces Hercules C-130 transport aircraft conducted 1849 relief flights, transporting some 12 650 passengers and more than 26 400 metric tonnes of food and medical supplies to the besieged city.

Canada has made generous contributions to UNHCR and UNICEF programs for victims of trauma, mainly women and children. With the collaboration of the provinces, 10 Bosnian patients were accepted for medical treatment in Canada under the UN's Special Medical Program. In addition, Canada has implemented projects with Canadian NGOs in Sarajevo to assist in the rehabilitation of essential services such as health care and water supply. Canada also contributed \$500 000 to the UN Trust Fund for the restoration of basic public services in Sarajevo.

On April 3, 1996, Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy announced a \$300 000 contribution to the UNHCR to implement the UN's Program for Action. Program activities include human rights protection, monitoring and training to ensure that international monitors take a consistent approach toward human rights matters. The contribution will also support the Special Rapporteur, established by the UNHCR in 1992 to monitor and provide advice to the UN on the overall human rights situation in the former Yugoslavia.