

5.15 The Committee recommends that the share of allocations to partnership programs be maintained, and even increased, where partners have a clearly demonstrated record of effectiveness and efficiency. CIDA should also be guided by the strength and depth of the Canadian support base as measured by such things as the commitment of volunteers to the organization and the ability to generate matching contributions.

Response

The Government recognizes that Canadian non-governmental partner organizations can play an important role in policy development as well as in the planning and delivery of Canadian development assistance.

However, any decision as to the relative share of ODA allocations to NGO partners must take into account the severe fiscal situation that the Government and CIDA itself face. Preference will be given to those partners who demonstrate the most effectiveness and efficiency, and who provide programming that is complementary to the objectives of the Government in promoting sustainable development. In addition, special attention will be paid to supporting partners who can contribute their own financial resources and the time of volunteers, or who allow young people to serve abroad.