

Canada-Ukraine Partners Program: A \$2.5-million program is supporting the implementation of small-scale technical assistance projects designed to strengthen Ukrainian public and private sector organizations in the areas of public administration, health, agriculture and civil society. Managed by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, the program is drawing on the close people-to-people links between Canada and Ukraine and on the language skills of Canadians of Ukrainian descent to place up to 160 Canadian volunteers in practical assignments in Ukraine over a one-year period. In addition, individually tailored short-term training programs in Canada will be provided to some 40 Ukrainians.

PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

Credit Union Network: The Canadian Co-operative Association, in conjunction with the Council of Ukrainian Credit Unions of Canada, is implementing a two and a half year project valued at \$1.4 million to assist Ukraine in developing a national credit union network. Project activities include the establishment of up to 12 model credit unions, twinning of Canadian and Ukrainian credit unions and drafting of new credit union legislation. In addition, 12 Ukrainian managers are currently participating in six-week internships in Canada to gain practical experience in the management and operation of credit unions.

Economic Management Training: Canada has contributed \$480 000 to the World Bank's Economic Development Institute to support training programs in the areas of market economics, enterprise restructuring and privatization, and banking institutions and systems. A total of 300 Ukrainian enterprise and bank managers, government officials and educational trainers will benefit from participation in the various training courses over the duration of the project.

Renaissance Eastern Europe: Nearly \$2 million has been provided to Canadian firms through the Renaissance Eastern Europe program for the development of business and investment opportunities in Ukraine. The program provides funding on a cost-shared basis to support enterprise-specific feasibility studies and training, the establishment of joint ventures. The program also supports bilateral business councils, trade fairs, seminars and missions. To date, more than 30 projects have been approved, primarily in the service, agriculture, energy and industrial sectors.

HEALTH

OSVITA Medical Project: Under this two-year, \$2.5-million project whose title translates as "enlightenment," Ukrainian physicians receive maternal and infant health care training. The project is managed by the University of Alberta's Faculty of Medicine, in co-operation with the City of Kiev's Department of Health and three children's hospitals. Over the duration of the project, a total of 120 volunteer Canadian physicians will teach in Ukraine and some 40 Ukrainian physicians will complete internships at Canadian medical institutions. By December 1994, a total of 20 Ukrainian physicians will have completed the four-month internships. In addition, three senior Ukrainian medical administrators have studied medical systems and models in Canada, and another three will travel to Canada next year to continue the work. Building on an earlier \$900 000 initiative known as the Chernobyl's Children Project, OSVITA aims to contribute to a reduction in maternal and infant mortality and to establish a continuing medical education program in Ukraine.

Health Sector Reform: Canada, in collaboration with the World Bank, is helping Ukraine develop a national health sector reform strategy. A \$850 000 contribution is supporting the participation of Canadian experts in five key areas: development of national health care policy, prevention of communicable diseases, women and children's health care, the introduction of a modern health management system, and planning for the importation of essential medical supplies.