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Other Directly Developmental Collaborations

There are three other forms of directly or intentionally developmental N-S collaboration whose important contributions to local skills-building and institutional development are often overshadowed by government-to-government technical cooperation. These are developmental NGO workers, multilateral employees, and the visits of aid planning and review missions.

4.1 DEVELOPMENTAL NGO WORKERS

There are over 2,000 NGOs based in northern countries with operations in developing countries, and probably 6,000–8,000 southern NGOs of at least modest size.⁵⁶ Northern NGOs raise funds from the general public and send large numbers of expatriate workers and advisors to developing countries. Exact numbers are unavailable, but in the case of Canada, for example, there were 1,250 volunteers from Canadian NGOs working in the Third World on long or short term assignments in 1989. The duties of NGO expatriates today are often very similar to those of government-to-government TC advisors, and indeed many bilateral projects are contracted out to NGOs. The main difference is probably the more rural and community-based focus of NGO work.

56. Therien, Jean-Philippe, "Non-governmental Organizations and International Development Assistance," *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. XII, No. 2, p. 267.