
Independently-administered programs
Special purpose funds
Emergency relief operations

All the activities included in the three categories, except the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), are financed totally or in part by voluntary contributions. UNCTAD is financed almost entirely through the regular budget of the United Nations. Canada has been one of the major supporters of these multilateral voluntarily-financed activities.

The United Nations includes seven major independently-administered programs, six of which deal with social and economic problems or provide relief to the destitute. The seventh provides training and research in multilateral organizational affairs. Each operates like a separate organization, with its own budget and secretariat. The five programs to which Canada makes voluntary contributions are:

United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
United Nations Relief and Works Agency
for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA)
United Nations Institute for Training
and Research (UNITAR)

The two organizations to which Canada has not made voluntary contributions are the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and UNCTAD. Canada does, however, help defray the costs of the UNID and UNCTAD secretariats through assessment under the regular budget of the UN, and contributes to UNIDO's development assistance programs indirectly through UNDP.

The *United Nations Development Program* (UNDP) is the world's largest multilateral source of technical and pre-investment assistance for economic and social development in low-income countries. It was formed by the General Assembly in 1965 by merging the United Nations Special Fund (1959) and the Expanded Program of Technical Assistance (EPTA-1949). The UNDP is financed by voluntary contributions, and the countries that receive the assistance contribute local "counterpart" costs of the development projects.

The EPTA provided expert services, technical equipment and training, which have been continued under the UNDP's technical-assistance
