

Canadian Development Assistance: Regional Programs

Current Bilateral Projects

- A \$500,000 Gender Equity Policy Support fund supports, at national and regional levels, organizations working to address women's needs.
- The Regional Canada Fund supports several small initiatives which address multi-country or regional objectives contributing to the formation of new networks and alliances. In 1994-95, \$248,000 was disbursed to projects in the areas of human rights, good governance and democratic development.
- In 1995, a \$500,000 study of regional co-operation in electrical energy was undertaken by a team of Canadian and Latin American experts, under the auspices of the Economic Council for Latin America and the Caribbean, to provide recommendations for national and regional energy programming.
- A five-year, \$14 million program in support of regional economic modernization began in the fall of 1995. Projects, proposed by Central American regional institutions in partnership with Canadian institutions, will emphasize human resources development, infrastructure improvements and policy harmonization.

Future Bilateral Programming

- A \$25 million regional electrical energy project is scheduled to begin in late 1996.
- A \$1.5 million Alliance for Sustainable Development project, focusing on the Alliance's environmental objectives, will assist development of the frameworks and regulations for environmental management through the promotion of public/private-sector co-operation.
- A project in support of gender equity initiatives is being planned for 1997-98.
- A project, scheduled for 1996-97, in support of the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education, aims at improving university administration.