

Under the various agreements between the Government of Canada, Africa Emergency Aid and recipient NGOs there are provisions for audit, inspections and reporting. These have been vigorously carried out, although the results are not yet complete. There is no evidence of improper use of funds. Preliminary findings indicate that the standard of NGO performance as a whole has been high; but there have been problems, mainly attributable to weak communication between Canadian NGO headquarters and their representatives in the field. In any future emergency, procedures can and should be devised to prevent such problems from recurring.

African countries and international donors alike are now looking more towards the recovery process in Africa. Canadian emergency assistance programs are being reoriented in this direction and voluntary organizations are being encouraged to do the same. To assist them in this process, the government announced last May the establishment of an \$18 million Recovery Fund. Unlike the previous matching fund, there was no set matching formula. Instead, it was left to the Board of AEA to determine how much support should be provided to each agency. Relief was not excluded, but it was given a lower priority.