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## Canadian Development Assistance 1990/91

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) received a budget of \$2.9 billion in the 1990/91 fiscal year, a substantial increase from last year's allocation. In the 1991/92 fiscal year, the budget is to surpass the \$3.0 billion mark.

CIDA is responsible for the delivery of three-quarters of Canada's Official Development Assistance (ODA). The remainder is delivered through the World Bank and international agencies, and by four Canadian Crown Corporations: the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Petro-Canada International Assistance Corporation (PCIAC), the International Centre for Ocean Development (ICOD), and the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development (ICHRDD).

CIDA's action plan, entitled "Sharing Our Future", has three themes:

- Improving program delivery to ensure the best that Canada has to offer reaches those in greatest need, when they need it the most.
- Fostering partnerships to build on the spirit of commitment by Canadians with the people of the developing world to establish a more equal partnership for progress.
- Reaching out to the public to open lines of communication so that aid policy will reflect the interests and concerns of both donors and recipients.

In line with Canada's strategy for development, half of CIDA's budget will fund the Partnership Program, shaped by the government's many Canadian and international partners in development. The balance supports Canada's

National Initiatives Program of bilateral assistance and other contributions to development projects.

The **Partnership Program** comprises:

- \$1.4 billion for Canada's aid partners
- \$549 million to international financial institutions
- \$280 million for the voluntary sector
- \$12.9 million for CIDA's Special Programs Branch under the voluntary sector
- Crown Correspondents
  - \$114 million for IRDC
  - \$12.3 million for ICOD
  - \$3 million for ICHRDD
  - \$1 million for the newly-established Centre for Sustainable Development
- \$67 million for the Industrial Cooperation Program, reflecting Canada's commitment to obtaining greater private sector involvement in international development
- \$167 million for multilateral technical cooperation
- \$155 million for multilateral food aid
- \$45.8 million for the United Nations.

The **National Incentives Program** will disburse:

- \$209 million for bilateral food aid
- \$86 million for scholarships and student fees
- \$53 million to PCIAC
- \$59 million for humanitarian assistance for emergencies.

Canada's development assistance program will continue to focus on poverty relief, with emphasis placed on the environment and on resource development. Of CIDA's \$2.9 billion program, only \$207 million is spent on administration.

## SARAWAK SELF-HELP



Members of SABERKAS and the community installing a water tank on the 18-foot platform

For over 70 years the people in the longhouses of Rumah Unggah, Sibul, Sarawak, Malaysia, have had to make do with salty water during the three to six-month dry season. But with community cooperation, coordination from a youth organization and a \$2,200 contribution from the Canada Fund, clean, fresh water is finally available to the 40 families all year round.

Rumah Unggah, situated on the confluence of the River Rejang and Melanggan tributary, is a community of over 250 people. Collecting water in the dry season was a major problem since the only source of fresh water was a two to three-hour journey to the source. To overcome this difficulty, SABERKAS Sg. Melanggan, a youth organization in Sarawak, undertook the installation of three water tanks for the collection of rainwater.

Representatives from each family were involved in the four-day work camp to construct an 18-foot tower platform for the tanks, and to place a network of pipes to each family unit.

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