

clear. We wish to live in a world of communities in which each feels a sense of responsibility for the other. In November our government took the unusual step of naming a Coordinator for the African Famine to provide a focal point for the mobilization of assistance from groups, individuals and communities wanting to help. Massive numbers, - over 500,000 - Canadians of all ages, of all works of life, men and women from all regions including the communities of the Arctic have demonstrated their concern and compassion by donating more than \$35 million in relief to Ethiopia and Africa. The government has contributed another \$65 million to the relief efforts through a Special Emergency Fund. These contributions top up the \$150 million in food aid given through a variety of channels - bilateral, multilateral and NCCs as well as \$18 million in humanitarian assistance targetted for Africa in the last year.

Canada recognizes that the first priority must be to save lives, but at the same time, believes it is imperative to maintain - indeed to intensify - efforts at long term development. The Canadian response to the African crisis will continue to reflect both these emphases. Permit me to set out more specifically what Canada intends to do.

With respect to the immediate relief requirements, \$165 million in food aid will be provided to drought affected African countries, bilaterally and multilaterally. This should be sufficient to supply more than 400,000 tonnes of cereal. An estimated \$18 million in non-food emergency assistance will be provided as well.

On the development front, 40% of Canadian bilateral development assistance is earmarked for Africa, a level which is estimated at \$230 million over the next year. These flows will be complemented by about \$245 million through international technical and financial cooperation institutions. More than \$120 million will be provided to support the programmes of voluntary agencies, research institutions and other channels of development cooperation.

All together, then, during the Canadian fiscal year starting in three weeks time, Canada will provide more than \$850 million in emergency and development assistance to Africa. This represents a commitment of more than \$30 per capita.