



CANADIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNTRIES OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

Canadian economic assistance has several components: humanitarian assistance, technical assistance, food credits, commercial credits and support to Canadian commercial firms.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- A contribution of \$7 million has been made to the Canadian Red Cross Society for the purchase of medicaments and medical supplies (syringes, sutures, dressing sets, compresses, thermometers) for vulnerable groups in Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, Nagorno-Karabakh, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova and Belarus.
- Children in hospitals and orphanages and the elderly in and outside of institutions were the primary targets.
- Department of National Defence flights delivered most of the assistance between January and May 1992.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- The Task Force on Central and Eastern Europe is managing a three-year \$25-million program of technical assistance to the countries of the former Soviet Union and the Baltic States.
- The Task Force has approved close to 50 projects valued at around \$14 million, with a large number in the critical areas of energy and agriculture.
- The program's three main priorities are:
 - 1) support for market-oriented economic reforms, by assisting in the creation of private enterprises and management training;
 - 2) assistance to Canadian firms wishing to increase trade and investment in the region, with a focus on energy and natural resources, agriculture, environment and health; and
 - 3) support for democratic development.