



CANADIAN ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE

Canada's program of assistance to Ukraine is comprised of technical, nuclear safety and humanitarian assistance. Established in July 1991, the program has three primary objectives: to support the transition to a market-based economy, to promote democratic development and to increase Canadian trade and investment links with Ukraine. Managed by the Bureau of Assistance for Central and Eastern Europe, and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Canadian assistance program has committed \$41 million to some 70 projects to date. Of this total, approximately \$26 million has been disbursed.

The Canadian technical assistance program concentrates its activities in five priority sectors that match Canadian expertise with Ukrainian economic and political reform priorities. The priority sectors are: democratic development and good governance, private sector development, health, agriculture and environment. In all sectors, the Canadian program emphasizes capacity building through the transfer of knowledge, expertise and technology. Human resource development, institution building and the provision of policy advice are the primary forms of assistance. A strong emphasis is placed on the establishment of direct links between Canadian individuals and organizations and their Ukrainian counterparts to ensure that Canadian assistance has a direct and practical impact at the local level.

A major component of the Canadian program with Ukraine is a \$15-million nuclear safety assistance package concentrated on nuclear waste management, environmental restoration and enhanced civilian nuclear safety systems. The package was announced by Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet in April 1994.

Examples of major Canadian assistance projects currently underway include:

DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

Institute of Public Administration and Local Government: Under this three-year \$4.7 million project, managed by the Canadian Bureau for International Education, Ukraine's national public service training institute is receiving Canadian assistance in public administration, faculty training, curriculum design and educational materials development. Over the duration of the project, some 50 Canadian experts will work at the Kiev-based Institute, which is headed by a Canadian director. To date, Canadian experts have delivered courses in public administration, finance, economics, social policy and communications. Advanced training is also provided in Canada. Twenty Ukrainian deputy and assistant deputy ministers are currently undertaking an executive development program at the Canadian Centre for Management Development; 20 other senior officials completed the course last year. A new executive development training component targeted to women will be introduced this year. In addition, 60 graduates from the Institute have completed one-month working internships with Canadian public sector organizations over the past two years.

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