

In November 1965, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution which combined the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, founded in 1950, and the Special Fund, founded in 1959, into the United Nations Development Programme. The merger, by providing a unified direction and administration, has enabled the United Nations to coordinate the planning, broaden the scope and quicken the tempo of its assistance to the developing countries.

The UNDP is the world's largest single multilateral source of pre-investment assistance and technical co-operation. It is financed by the voluntary contributions of governments belonging to the United Nations or Specialized Agencies. In 1967, 111 nations pledged approximately (US) \$172 million.

The technical assistance component supplies international experts in a multitude of technical disciplines and provides training and educational fellowships to developing countries. In 1966, under this component 4130 man years of expert services were provided while 5500 fellowships were granted.

The Special Fund component of UNDP is primarily a pre-investment activity which carries out resource surveys and feasibility studies to determine the economic potential of natural resources and to create and strengthen the technical and management skills required in the modern world. In 1967, the Governing Council of the UNDP earmarked nearly (US) \$128 million for 124 such projects. Recipient countries will put up another \$188 million in counterpart funds to meet local operating costs. Follow-up investment stimulated in whole or in part from Special Fund projects had reached (US) \$1.9 billion by August of this year.

Canada has long been a strong supporter of the United Nations-sponsored development assistance. In 1967, Canada was the fourth largest contributor to UNDP with a contribution of (CDN) \$10.75 million, or slightly more than \$0.50 per capita.

In 1966, 181 Canadian experts were serving in over 40 countries including fourteen managers of Special Fund projects. Canadian industry has been active in the Programme by filling many important UNDP orders for consulting services and equipment.