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Development Assistance

Canada is a relatively modest donor in terms of overall disbursements but is nevertheless regarded as a valuable partner in development co-operation. Canada's development assistance efforts in the Philippines are being channelled through a variety of projects. The main focus of the Philippines' program is on human resource development and institutional strengthening for poverty alleviation and structural adjustment. While the Canadian International Development Agency's (CIDA's) Bilateral Program has provided the main impetus for these initiatives in financial terms, other CIDA programs in support of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), Canadian institutions, the private sector and international and multilateral agencies have also made important contributions to Canada's overall aid efforts in the Philippines (see Table VIII below).

As an Associate Member of SEAMEO (Southeast Asia Ministers of Education Organization) since 1988, Canada has assisted in the development

of Integrated Community-Based Human Resource Development projects in the region. With continued sponsorship from CIDA in 1990 of CDN \$8.3 million, Phase II of SEAMEO-Canada Co-operation began. By promoting institutional linkages between SEAMEO Centres and Canadian universities and colleges, and by providing technical assistance and training, it is expected that the institutional capacities of the SEAMEO Centres will be strengthened and their strategic management capabilities enhanced during this second phase of co-operation.

4.1 Bilateral Program

CIDA began, in a modest way, to sponsor specific development assistance projects in the Philippines on a government-to-government basis in the mid-1970's, mainly in the agricultural and fisheries sectors. Disbursements under the bilateral program in the six-year period from 1980 to 1986

TABLE VIII

**DISBURSEMENT PROFILE:
CANADA'S DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
(\$ CDN millions)

CHANNELS	1984/85	1989/90
A. Government-to-Government (Bilateral Program)	0.70	25.74
B. Canada Fund	-	0.60
C. Institutional Co-operation and Development Services Program	-	0.20
D. Non-Governmental Organizations Program	1.48	3.10
E. International Non-Governmental Organizations Program	0.10	0.02
F. Industrial Co-operation Program	0.13	1.87
G. International Humanitarian Assistance Program	-	0.50
H. Food Aid	-	0.13
I. International Development Research Centre	2.89	3.68
J. Petro-Canada International Assistance Program	2.54	0.70
K. Provincial Government Contributions	-	-
TOTAL	8.34	36.04

Source: CIDA