

ROMANIA

Since the Canadian technical assistance program was established in Romania in May 1991, approximately 40 projects worth \$2.5 million have been approved. Priority sectors are privatization, small business development, agro-food development, the development of financial institutions, investment counselling and management training. Given the importance of the Canadian investment in nuclear energy in Romania, nuclear safety and regulatory assistance have also been supported by the program.

THE BALTIC STATES

Since September 1991, the Canadian government has committed more than \$7 million in technical assistance to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. This sum represents more than 55 projects, mainly in priority sectors such as agriculture, education, health and public administration. There is an emphasis on business and management training in all the projects. The largest technical assistance initiative is a three-year, \$2.7-million dairy farm management and veterinary training program.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Canada's humanitarian assistance to the region totalled \$51.6 million for fiscal year 1992-93. Most of this assistance went to the former Yugoslavia (over \$34 million) through international aid agencies.

At the Vancouver Summit, the Prime Minister announced a \$10-million program of humanitarian assistance to Russia. The package included \$4.8 million to the Canadian Red Cross for the delivery of medical supplies and medicines, \$4.5 million to the United Nations Children's Fund for basic vaccines, medical supplies and milk products for infants and mothers, and

\$700,000 to the Red Cross Visiting Nurses Program. Previous humanitarian assistance to Russia consisted of \$8 million in medical supplies and medicines.

REGIONAL PROJECTS

Canada's technical assistance program includes a number of regional projects, designed to address needs common to the region while taking advantage of economies of scale in delivery. To the end of fiscal year 1992-93, over \$15 million had been spent, including contributions to multilateral organizations.

The Volunteer Consultant Program is an example of a regional project. Under the program, consultants from the Canadian Executive Service Organization work as advisors or consultants, or provide training and management expertise to private and public economic and service sectors in the region.

MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) are providing investment programs as well as economic and technical assistance to Russia.

Canada is participating in the programs by co-financing projects and activities, and providing Canadian expertise. The following Canadian trust funds have been established:

- The Canadian Technical Co-operation Fund at the EBRD allows the bank to hire Canadian consultants for bank projects. The trust fund received \$1 million in 1992.