

Bilateral Commitments

- Canada sent a contingent of RCMP officers to Haiti in October 1994 to train Haitian police officers. The last class of the 5000 police officers trained under this program graduated on February 17, 1996. Since August 1996, Canada has also been providing advanced training to members of the Haitian National Police.
- Under a memorandum of understanding that Canada signed with the Aristide government in August 1994, Canada trained 100 Haitian police officers in Regina. Graduates of this program were deployed in Haiti, along with the first graduates of the Haitian Police Academy, in June 1995.

Development Assistance

- Following the re-establishment of Haiti's constitutional government in October 1994, Canada was the first country to undertake new projects in Haiti that went beyond humanitarian and emergency food aid.
- Canada's assistance program, managed by CIDA, supports democratic development, the promotion of human rights, the strengthening of civil society and sustainable economic development. Canadian assistance has totalled \$40 million per year since October 1994.

Canadian assistance to Haiti focusses on three objectives:

- Meeting basic human needs: Canada provides food aid and medicines to Haiti, and helps the most vulnerable sectors of society. Canada's provision of \$700 000 to UNICEF for children at risk, announced by Minister Pettigrew on February 7, is an example.
- Promoting economic development and job creation: Canada has provided basic agricultural tools to Haitian farmers and has funded labour-intensive programs to rebuild schools, hospitals and community infrastructures. Canada is also developing an infrastructure in the energy sector.
- Strengthening democratic institutions and promoting democracy: Canada is participating in the training of the Haitian National Police and in the reform of the justice system. Assistance is also being provided through Canadian non-governmental organizations to develop the co-operative sector and grass-roots organizations.

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