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## Development Assistance

Canada's Official Development Assistance in Indonesia began in 1954 as part of the Colombo Plan, through which Canada provided technical assistance and training. In 1972, Indonesia became a major recipient of the Canadian International Development Agency's (CIDA) programs. It has received funding for a wide variety of development projects, including water resources improvement, education and training programs, agriculture, regional development, and the environment. At present, the country program for Indonesia is the third largest within CIDA, and provides disbursements of approximately CDN \$45 million annually.

Canada recognizes that despite strong economic growth in Indonesia over the past decade, there is still a central role that Canadians can fill in assisting Indonesia to meet its development goals. The objectives of the Indonesia program are: to promote the application of Indonesian policies for environmentally sustainable development; to promote long-term working relationships between key Canadian and Indonesian business interests and other institutions, and Canadian linkages with regional networks; to increase the role of the Canadian and Indonesian private sectors in Indonesia's development; and, to support the Government of Indonesia's policy of decentralization to regional authorities and to broaden participation in economic development.

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 SEAMEO Centres will be strengthened and their strategic management capabilities enhanced during this second phase of co-operation.

### 4.1 Bilateral Program

The overall goals of the bilateral program are to strengthen the capacity of key Indonesian institutions so as to carry out sustainable development, and to facilitate the development of enduring linkages between Canadian and Indonesian organizations.

Within this framework the emphasis is on ensuring that the relationships fostered and initiatives undertaken as a result of Canadian development assistance are self-sustaining over time, and are based upon common Canadian and Indonesian interests.

Accordingly, the four major areas of concentration for CIDA's bilateral program are:

- i) the environment
- ii) human resource development and institutional strengthening,
- iii) participatory development and
- iv) private sector co-operation.

### Environment

CIDA continues to have a significant impact on environmental policy, regulations and programs in Indonesia, particularly through a major project in which a Canadian university works closely with the Ministry of Population and Environment. In addition, there are projects underway in the areas of natural resources management and environmental assessment. Total funding in this area is CDN \$35.5 million.