

MULTILATERAL PROGRAMS

- PHILIPPINES -

The Multilateral Programs of CIDA are a vital component of Canada's contribution to the international assistance network. The Programs provide financial support to some 40 international organizations as well as to Canadian non-governmental organizations active in international development. Some of these organizations active in the Philippines are the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, International Rice Research Institute, United Nations Children's Fund.

The World Bank

(<http://www.worldbank.org>)

The World Bank (WB) is an international financial institution. Its goal is to reduce global poverty and its main focus is on helping the poorest people and the poorest countries.

The World Bank's Country Assistance Strategy (CAS) for the Philippines for FY 2006 - 2008 seeks to help the Philippines improve the lives of its citizens through sustainable economic growth and greater social inclusion. Fiscal stability and public institutions that serve the common good are critical to these objectives. The strategy is to support *Islands of Good Governance* in government agencies, local government, and dynamic sectors in the Philippines that demonstrate how improved accountability and service delivery will lead to better economic and social outcomes. Recognized and replicable successes will be supported to stimulate a virtuous cycle of more effective public institutions, financial improvements, economic growth, poverty reduction, and greater social inclusion.

The scale of World Bank's International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) commitment will be determined by progress on fiscal reform, reflecting the overarching importance of fiscal adjustment in the short-term and the need to mitigate and manage risks. Total lending over a three-year period can range from US\$ 450-900 million assuming a scenario of modest fiscal reform of up to US\$ 1.8 billion (including development policy lending) and a scenario of substantial financial reform. Its International Finance Corporation (IFC) operations for the three year period are anticipated to be about US\$ 350 million.

In addition, the bank will continue to invest in high-quality, demand-driven analytical and advisory activities.

Asian Development Bank

(<http://www.adb.org>)

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is an international financial institution for the Asia and Pacific region. The Bank provides loans and technical assistance grants to the public and private sectors in support of economic and social development projects in its developing members in the region. It has 63 members, 45 from the Asia and Pacific region and 18 from non-regional regions.

The ADB was founded in 1966 with Canada as one of its 31 founding members. Canada is the 2nd largest shareholder in the ADB among non-regional member countries and the 7th largest overall.

Canada has contributed Cdn\$ 236 million (4.6%) to the US\$ 3.4 billion replenishment of the Asian Development Fund (ADF IX: 2005 to 2008), which is the ADB window for concessional lending to its borrowing member countries.

ADB's Country Strategy and Program Update for the Philippines for 2005 - 2007 aims to be fiscally-responsive and investor-friendly by addressing the country's short, medium and long-term project interventions -- health, water supply, slum upgrading, and SME development -- to support programs towards its Millennium Development Goal (MDG) targets and poverty reduction.

Over three years, ADB's lending scenario is critically linked to the pace of fiscal adjustments and sector reforms. Subject to continued improvements in the fiscal consolidation process, ADB lending levels could rise to the range of US\$ 1.0 to 1.5 billion over a three-year period.

Canada's Executive Director at the ADB sits on the Board of Directors which approves policies and loans. He also advises the Bank on Canada's views on program and administrative matters within the context of Canada's development policy framework for the Philippines and other developing countries.

International Rice Research Institute

<http://www.cgiar.org/irri>

The International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) is an autonomous, non-profit, international agricultural research and training centre whose purpose is to increase total food production from rice-based farming systems. It is dedicated to helping farmers in developing countries produce more food on limited land using less water, less labor, and fewer chemical inputs, without harming the environment. Most of IRRI research is done in cooperation with national agricultural research and development institutions. IRRI is one of the 15 International agricultural research centers supported by the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), of which Canada is a member.

The Ford and Rockefeller Foundations established IRRI in 1960 in cooperation with the Government of the Philippines. Research activities began in 1962 and Canada has supported IRRI since 1972 through CIDA and International Development Research Centre (IDRC). IDRC's support began in 1972 with a grant of US\$113,207.00. By 1997, IDRC grants totaled more than US\$12 million. CIDA support of IRRI research activities began in 1975, when the Agency contributed US\$340,200.00. To-date, CIDA has provided more than US\$36 million in support of IRRI activities. Canada also provides funds to strengthen national agricultural research systems (NARS).

Canada currently provides support to IRRI through its core funding to CGIAR. In addition to this support, Canada is providing funding to IRRI for Africa-specific research through the Canada Fund for Africa (2003-2006). Under the CGIAR-Canada Linkage Fund (CCLF), IRRI and the University of Alberta are receiving a three-year Cdn\$150,000 grant for a collaborative project entitled *Developing Efficient Methods for Detecting Gene Enhancing Rice Drought Tolerance*.

United Nations Children's Fund

<http://www.unicef.org>

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) - Government of Philippines program of cooperation supports the Government to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child through the Child Friendly Movement, which includes: strengthening the capacity of local governments to manage basic services; reducing poverty; and enhancing participation of civil society to support family efforts to raise, nurture and protect their children. The Government's goals for children, to which the country program contributes include: reducing infant, child and maternal mortality rates and malnutrition; improving quality of education and increasing participation and cohort survival rates; and reducing the number of children suffering from sexual exploitation, hazardous labour, substance abuse and in conflict with the law.

Canada provided more than Cdn\$ 13.5 million to UNICEF for the fiscal year 2002-2003. Overall funding (including that for country programs, emergency and nutritional programs) is currently about Cdn\$83 million.

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