
CANADA FUND FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES (CFLI)

Project No.	: A-033720
Project Cost	: Cdn\$ 670,000
Duration	: Renewed annually
Canadian Executing Agency	: Mission Administered
Location	: Nationwide
Implementing Agency	: Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives is a Mission-administered CIDA program that has been active in the Philippines since 1972. Recipients of funds from this program include local non-government organizations, people's organizations and cooperatives for projects addressing technical, economic, educational, cultural, and/or social development issues. The Canada Fund complements CIDA's bilateral and multilateral activities by adding elements of flexibility and timeliness to the Canadian development program. It gives the Mission a means of responding more adequately and quickly to local requests and needs. This also enables the Mission to become more directly involved with community groups, such as small farmers, cultural minorities, urban poor, subsistence fisherfolk and other marginalized groups.

All Canada Fund projects must be compatible with Canada's Official Development Assistance policies and the two broad goals of sustainable development and poverty reduction. Canada Fund's stresses the Social Development focus in the next two years will be: CIDA priorities on health, education, gender equality, environment, good governance, democratic development, and human rights. Gender equality and environment remain as cross-cutting themes.

Guidelines for fund approval are the following:

- (1) Assistance ranges from Cdn\$20,000 to Cdn\$30,000 for a period of one to two years. In exceptional cases, support of up to Cdn\$50,000 may be considered.
 - (2) Funding is not available on a recurring basis for ongoing projects;
 - (3) CFLI does not assist pure research, vehicle purchase, nor infrastructure related projects (except village water supply);
 - (4) All projects must comply with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA).
 - (5) In keeping with Results Based Management (RBM) and participatory development, the active participation of local communities, men and women, is considered an important criteria.
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PROJECT GOAL:

The general objective of all Canada Fund projects is to enhance the economic, cultural and social lives of the people of the eligible developing countries.

PROJECT PURPOSE:

Canada Fund seeks to assist community-based organizations and NGOs in their efforts to develop self-reliance and sustainability, to gain access and control of limited resources and assets, and to contribute to ongoing, long-term and integrated community development.
