

Canadian International Development Agency

About CIDA

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) is the federal agency charged with planning and implementing most of Canada's international development cooperation programs. CIDA was formed in 1968 to administer the bulk of Canada's ODA programs in Africa, the Middle East, the Americas, and Asia. In 1995, CIDA took on the responsibility of administering Canada's official assistance (OA) programs in Central and Eastern Europe by supporting democratic development and economic liberalization initiatives.

CIDA administers approximately 80 percent of the aid budget. The other 20 percent is administered by the Department of Finance and the Department of Foreign Affairs. CIDA supports projects in more than 100 countries, which represent four fifths of the world's population. However, the Agency is concentrating more and more of its bilateral aid on a group of 20 [countries of focus](#). CIDA's multilateral aid is carried out through partnerships with such organizations as UNICEF, the United Nations Development Programme, and La Francophonie. The complete list of partner organization can be found through [this link](#).

Areas of Work

CIDA works in partnership with developing countries, Canadian organizations, institutions and businesses, as well as international organizations and agencies. Together with its partners, CIDA's focus in the developing countries lies on the following aid agenda:

- [Increasing food security](#)
- Stimulating sustainable economic growth
- [Securing the future of children and youth](#)

Eligible Organizations and Countries

Any organization, company, or individual with the required expertise and experience to supply projects administered by CIDA or its partners, or to receive funding for their own projects, is eligible to work with CIDA. The complete list of international partner organization can be found through [this link](#).

The list of the UNECE member states, in which CIDA conducts its projects, [includes the following countries](#): Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. [Ukraine](#) is

classified by CIDA as [a country of focus](#) with \$20.5 million in disbursements during the biennium 2008-2009.

Criteria for Project Selection

Unsolicited proposals for a project in any country eligible for Canadian assistance must demonstrate the following characteristics to be considered for support:

- Development must prevail.
- Proposal must conform to the development priorities established by CIDA for the country or region.
- No profit can be associated with the contribution agreement.
- There is a general limit of \$5 million per contribution.
- Cost sharing and leveraging will be taken into account in the approval process.

How to Apply

Please consult [the following link](#) to receive more detailed information about CIDA's support of multilateral institutions working in the development sector.

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