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FACT SHEET #3

Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Countries of Focus¹

As part of its Aid Effectiveness Agenda, the Government of Canada announced in 2009 that it will be focusing 80 percent of bilateral resources in 20 countries of focus. These 20 countries were chosen based on their real needs, their capacity to benefit from aid, and their alignment with Canadian foreign policy priorities. The goal is to make Canada's international assistance more focused, more effective and more accountable.

The countries of focus are:

Americas

Bolivia - Caribbean Regional Program* - Colombia - Haiti - Honduras - Peru

Asia

Afghanistan - Bangladesh - Indonesia - Pakistan - Vietnam

Eastern Europe

Ukraine

North Africa and Middle East

West Bank and Gaza**

Sub-Saharan Africa

Ethiopia - Ghana - Mali - Mozambique - Senegal- Sudan - Tanzania

*The Caribbean Regional Program includes fourteen countries:

- 11 island states (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago); and,
- 3 continental states (Belize, Guyana, and Suriname).

** Also known as Palestinian Administered Areas

CIDA Geographic Funding Policy:

1. Bilateral Branch

The Bi-Lateral branch (i.e. government to government) is allocating 80% of its funding budget to programs within this group of 20 focus countries, with the remaining 20% allocated to programs of merit in countries outside of this group that are eligible for Official Development Assistance.

2. Partnerships with Canadians Branch Funding Criteria:

The Partnership with Canadians Branch of CIDA allocates 50% of its funding to projects of merit within this group of 20 focus countries allowing the remaining 50% to be allocated to projects of merit outside of this group that are eligible for Official Development Assistance.²

¹CIDA Countries of Focus: <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/acdi-cida/ACDI-CIDA.nsf/eng/JUD-51895926-JEP>

Partnership with Canadians Branch

CRCID partners with CIDA's Partnerships with Canadians Branch (PWCB). PWCB recognizes and supports the work of Canadian organizations dedicated to improving the lives of those living in poverty in developing countries. Under its Partners for Development Program, PWCB approves projects and programs that are effective, efficient, accountable, and will make a meaningful difference on the ground. Working in partnership means that efforts to reduce poverty will have positive outcomes and reflect Canadian values of compassion and caring.

Partners for Development Program

CIDA co-invests with partners, such as CRCID, with a minimum of three years of significant international development experience in more than one country, in projects that can make a significant contribution to poverty reduction, in accordance with aid effectiveness principles. Large project proponents will have a long-term plan that reflects a programmatic approach. The plan will include a clearly articulated exit and sustainability strategy for activities that take place during the time of the funding agreement. Under this category, CIDA will contribute \$2 million or more to projects for a duration of up to five years.

CRCID's Geographic Focus Policy

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CRCID is subject to the Government of Canada requirement that the geographic focus for any program requesting Government of Canada funding must be identified in the organization's program funding proposal. Once the funding is approved, these countries cannot be changed without prior consultation and approval from the Government of Canada.

CRCID will accept program proposals for the next funding cycle from Canadian Rotary clubs, Districts or other entities recognized by Rotary International by **June 30, 2012**. The program seeking funding support from CRCID must be located in a country identified as being eligible for "Official Development Assistance" by the Canadian Government and CRCID Board of Directors.

CRCID will review the proposals and select those programs that best match CRCID's funding criteria for inclusion in the program funding proposal submitted to the Canadian Government by **October 1, 2012**. The number of countries receiving CRCID funding support under a Government of Canada funding agreement is limited to a maximum of 10.

Programs approved for CRCID funding will be eligible to receive funds after authorized representatives of CRCID and CIDA have signed the Program Funding Contribution Agreement.

The current regions eligible for funding are as follows:

- Central America & Caribbean
- Eastern & Southern Africa

² See Fact Sheet #4: List of Official Development Assistance Countries