

## Fact sheets LESSON 6. CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO MOZAMBIQUE FISHING COMMUNITIES

- CIDA Overview
- IDRC Overview.

### CIDA

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) is Canada's lead agency for development assistance. It has a mandate to support sustainable development in developing countries in order to reduce poverty and to contribute to a more secure, equitable, and prosperous world.

#### Key Dates

- In 1968, CIDA was formed to administer the bulk of Canada's ODA program (Official Development Assistance program) 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, and the former Soviet Union (countries in transition) by supporting democratic development and economic liberalization.

#### Examples of CIDA Activities Showing Results in the Following Sectors

##### -Education

CIDA's support to this sector contributed to 6.8 million more children being enrolled in school since 2000 in a number of African countries, such as Tanzania. In Mozambique, more than 3.5 million schoolchildren received textbooks.

##### -Environment

A project to supply sustainable water and sanitation (PASOS) in Honduras has enabled 61,000 individuals to have access to running water and sanitation services.

##### -Health

Vitamin A supplements were distributed, saving the lives of more than 300,000 children under the age of 5.

##### -Equality between Women and Men

According to an assessment by the United Nations Development Programme, CIDA is the only donor in Egypt to have successfully integrated equality between women and men into all its activities.

##### -Humanitarian Aid

The aid supplied to victims of the tsunami that ravaged coasts around the Indian Ocean helped provide 1.3 million people with food from the World Food Programme and the inter-national community.

##### -Private Sector Development

Launched by the Government of Afghanistan in June 2003, the Microfinance Investment Support Facility (MISFA) has far exceeded expectations, granting more than \$70 million in loans to some 300,000 urban and rural poor in Afghanistan. While traditional banks would not likely have shown confidence in the poor, 98 percent of these clients have repaid both capital and interest. Their word is literally money in the bank. Canada, through CIDA, is the largest donor to this program.

## Stories from the Field

- [Hope Through Health: Mozambique's Efforts to Improve Health Care and Tackle HIV/AIDS Are Paying Off](#)
- [Teaching the Teachers in Mozambique](#)
- [The Legacy of Landmines Mozambique Clears a Path to the Future](#)
- [Arms become Art in Mozambique](#)
- [Bednets Taunt the Deadly Malaria Mosquito](#)

## Canadians Making a Difference in the World

- [Gerri and Murray Dickson of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Build Healthy Communities in Mozambique](#)

## RESOURCE

<http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/CIDAWEB/acdicida.nsf/En/JUD-829101441-JQC>

## IDRC

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) is a Crown corporation created by the Parliament of Canada in 1970 to help developing countries use science and technology to find practical, long-term solutions to the social, economic, and environmental problems they face. Our support is directed toward creating a local research community whose work will build healthier, more equitable, and more prosperous societies.

**IDRC's mission:** Empowerment through knowledge:

- Applied research by researchers in developing countries on the problems they identify as crucial to their communities
- Provide expert advice to those researchers
- Build local capacity in developing countries to undertake research and innovate

The Centre supports research under four broad **themes**:

- Environment and Natural Resource Management (ENRM)
- Information and Communication Technologies for Development (ICT4D)
- Innovation, Policy and Science (IPS)
- Social and Economic Policy (SEE)

### **Project in Mozambique: Open Architecture, Standards and Information Systems (OASIS) for Healthcare in Africa**

This project will help African countries develop and maintain low-cost sustainable health information systems, and use the information systems to address health issues at both the facility and the public health level.

Recipient Institution: South African Medical Research Council

Website <http://www.mrc.ac.za>

## RESOURCES

IDRC [http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-114723-201-1-DO\\_TOPIC.html](http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-114723-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html)

IDRC projects in Mozambique [http://www.idrc.ca/es/ev-66815-201-1-DO\\_TOPIC.html](http://www.idrc.ca/es/ev-66815-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html)