



Rationale for Program

Focussing on needs addressed in the following sectors, this program will complement the Department of Foreign Affairs' overall country program for Ukraine:

Health: With the collapse of the former Soviet system, the Ukrainian health system has been disengaged from its core and must now develop an effective policy, as well as institutional and delivery framework to support the health needs of the Ukrainian population. Canadian expertise in health administration and delivery is well respected in Ukraine, and Canada can effectively contribute to the maintenance of the health status of the Ukrainian population.

Agriculture: The overall efficiency of the agricultural sector is severely constrained by a variety of factors: inadequate system of delivery of inputs to agricultural producers, lack of an operating market for agricultural output and lack of information sharing and awareness of alternative practices and techniques. The economic well-being of the agricultural sector will contribute to the overall improvement of the standard of living in Ukraine. Availability of an affordable quantity and quality of food to the Ukrainian population is fundamental to maintaining order during the reform process.

Public Administration: Ukraine is attempting to create statehood without the requisite institutions, expertise in public policy or tradition of a strong and effective public service. The demand for public administrators far exceeds the number currently employed by the government. In order to enable Ukraine to respond to its needs for expertise in government administration, individual and institutional capacities must be strengthened through linkages and partnerships, through assistance in policy-making for the promotion of economic development, through a restructuring of the bureaucracy to make it more responsive to reform and, through the overall raising of skills levels within the bureaucracy.

Civil Society: In many important respects the past seventy years of communism have destroyed the attitudes and institutions which are required for the existence of a civil society. These will now need to be rebuilt. The eventual success of the transformation process in Ukraine depends on a fundamental change in the attitudes of the population to things such as personal responsibility, initiative, sharing information and contributing to the common good. The building of community-based organizations, interest groups and institutions will be the focus of this component of the CUPP program.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of the Canada-Ukraine Partners Program is to promote democratic development and support the transition to a market-based economy in Ukraine through the implementation of small-scale, practical technical assistance projects.

The objectives of the project are:

- to strengthen Ukrainian institutions and organizations in the public and private sectors which are active in the political and economic reform process (with due consideration to issues related to women and youth) through

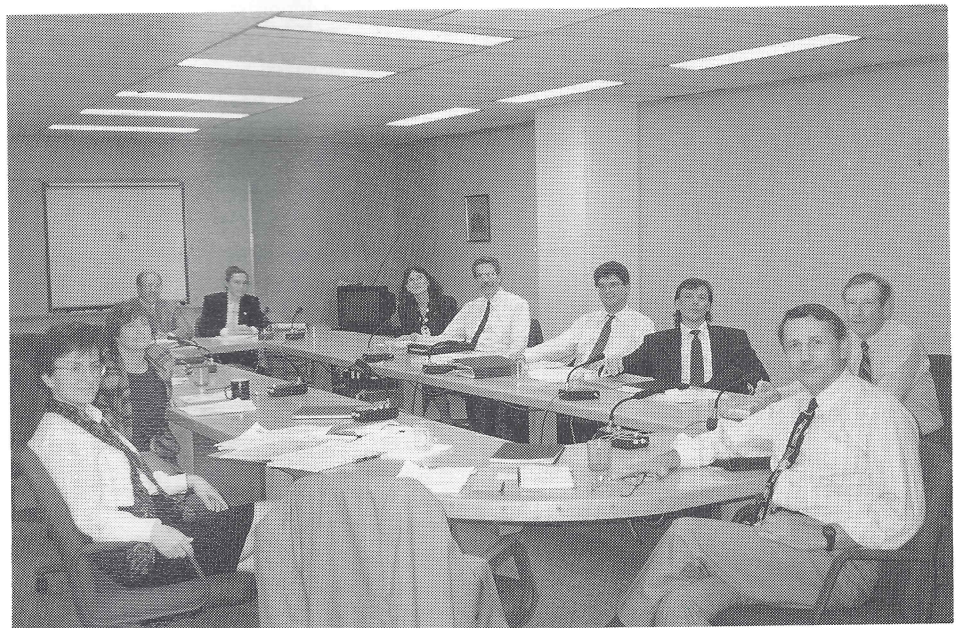
the placement of up to 160 Canadian volunteers in short-term and practical technical assistance assignments and through bringing up to 40 Ukrainian volunteers to Canada for short-term training;

- to have available a mechanism which provides a timely response to specific needs articulated by institutions and organizations in Ukraine which does not require a full-scale project;
- to provide a funding mechanism which will quickly mobilize Canadian volunteers who are interested in assisting Ukraine along the road to political and economic reform, and
- to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress to manage technical assistance projects.

ANTICIPATED OUTPUTS

The anticipated outputs of this program are as follows:

- over fifty organizations or institutions in Ukraine will be strengthened through the transfer of skills from Canadian volunteers on assignments in Ukraine and through the assignment of Ukrainian volunteers for training in Canada;



CUPP Partners at recent Ottawa meeting to discuss new arrangements for coordinating their technical aid programs to Ukraine