

UKRAINE: CIDA REPORT



THEMATIC FOCUS

CIDA's programming in Ukraine aligns with the country's extensive reform plan to provide a better business-enabling environment for economic growth. The plan includes government effectiveness, trade and investment, and public finance. For the 2009–2014 period, CIDA support in Ukraine focuses on:

Sustainable Economic Growth

- Restoring confidence in financial institutions
- Increasing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)
- Strengthening public institutions to improve the rule of law, accountability, and governance

Food Security

- Improving sustainable agriculture and increasing net grain exports and other commodities
- Certifying regional laboratories that test wheat quality

KEY DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

- Recent economic crisis
- Poverty gap between rural and urban dwellers
- Need to improve business climate, restore confidence in financial systems, and continue economic reforms
- Slow and uncertain pace of reform

FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Population (2010): **45.4 million¹**
- HDI rank (2010): **69th of 169 countries²**
- Percentage of population living on less than US\$1.25 per day (2008): **2%³**
- Gross national income per capita (2008): **US\$3,210⁴**
- Total CIDA development assistance: **C\$21.65 million⁵**

1. United Nations Population Fund

2. Human Development Index (HDI), *Human Development Report 2010*, United Nations Development Programme

3, 4. Country Indicators, World Bank; World Development Indicators Online, 2009

5. Canadian International Development Agency funding: 2009-2010

KEY PROJECTS

Strengthening the National Bank of Ukraine

- Support to the International Monetary Fund is helping the National Bank of Ukraine adopt reforms that will increase the stability of the country's financial sector and improve the business climate

Business-Enabling Environment

- Support to the International Finance Corporation is helping streamline and simplify regulatory procedures for SMEs, making them more globally competitive

Horticulture Development

- Support to the Ontario-based Mennonite Economic Development Associates is helping farmers gain knowledge and skills, leading to better crop production, and access to global markets

CIDA's work in Ukraine is part of Canada's contribution to the global effort to reach the Millennium Development Goals.



2009-2010 HIGHLIGHTS

Food Security

- Contributed to making Ukrainian grain products more marketable; as a result, 20 state bread inspection laboratories were able to attain ISO/17025 accreditation for proficiency testing
- Helped establish 17 agricultural extension service offices, and trained 40,000 professionals, community leaders, and farmers in best practices related to agricultural and rural development, increasing the profits of the 79 percent of farmers involved
- Helped more than 500 farms introduce new crop varieties, and assisted more than 300 farms to introduce intensive production technologies for cereals, pulses and vegetables



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Sustainable Economic Growth

- Helped streamline Ukraine's business administrative and regulatory procedures, resulting in the enactment of 11 pieces of legislation, including amendments to the laws on licensing and permits
- Supported the revival of the credit union movement in Ukraine, affecting 1.5 million members from 325 credit unions; helped reduce poverty, increase employment, and encourage new ways of generating income



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MOVING FORWARD: ANTICIPATED RESULTS

Between 2009 and 2014, CIDA will focus on strengthening economic growth and food security in five of Ukraine's 25 regions, anticipating the following results:

Sustainable Economic Growth

- More than 600,000 people will have access to local economic development services
- An estimated 5,000 smaller farms will increase production and farmers will be able to sell their products to a wider market
- The owners of 2,500 family dairy farms will learn to be more competitive, leading to a 50-percent increase in milk production and greater access to global markets

KEY PARTNERS

Canadian: Mennonite Economic Development Associates, Société de coopération pour le développement international, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Conference Board of Canada

Multilateral: European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, UNICEF, UNDP, World Bank, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Ukraine

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