



CANADIAN GOVERNMENT COMMITS \$9.4 MILLION TO CLWR PROJECTS

July 24, 2008 – The Canadian government has shown its support for the community development work of Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) by endorsing the agency's 2008-2013 program proposal and committing almost \$9.4 million to the \$12.5 million cost.

The half-decade plan aims to directly and indirectly benefit over 275,000 people in approximately 250 communities by improving governance, health care, food security, nutrition, gender relations and environmental practices. Activities will include training in crop production, irrigation, constructing wells and latrines, education on nutrition, awareness raising about sexually transmitted diseases, training in leadership and business management for women, as well as community organizing. Programming undertaken will be an extension of CLWR's current work in Zambia, Mozambique, India, Peru and Bolivia.

CLWR has traditionally depended on a combination of financial support from government and individuals. Government support for this global program comes through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and is disbursed based on the level of funding CLWR raises from other donors.

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CLWR carries out international emergency relief, development programming, refugee resettlement and alternative trade merchandising on behalf of the two major Lutheran church bodies in Canada (the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Lutheran Church–Canada) and Canadians of goodwill. As a registered not for profit agency, funding comes through donations and through agreements with Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). CLWR is a member of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities, the Canadian Council for International Cooperation, the Lutheran World Federation and Action by Churches Together (ACT). The agency's head office is located in Winnipeg, with regional offices in Vancouver, Toronto, Santa Cruz (Bolivia) and Lusaka (Zambia).