

Student Activity Sheet: Development Assistance Simulation

Instructions

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) reports to the Minister of International Cooperation. The minister has asked each branch within CIDA to identify the **type of development assistance** currently most needed and **the countries** most in need.

There are four geographic branches within CIDA:

1. Africa Branch
2. Americas Branch
3. Asia Branch
4. Europe, Middle East and Maghreb Branch

Your team must conduct research and present your findings to the minister in the form of an oral presentation. After each branch has presented its opinion, you will all vote to decide which branch's development assistance needs should be given the highest priority for funding.

In your presentation you must include:

- your team's choice of the most important type of development assistance needed;
- your team's choice of the countries in your region that are most in need;
- the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) that is connected to your choice of development assistance; and
- five to ten facts from the printed or interactive map *A Developing World* that support your choice.

Follow the steps below to help you prepare for this important presentation.

Part A: Research

1. Choose a team to work with and the branch that you will represent. Write the name of the branch in the space below.

Branch: _____

2. Use the poster *A Developing World* and the on-line map at <http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/worldmap> to complete the Development Status Organizer on the next page for your branch. This will help you identify the countries most in need and the types of aid that are most needed.

Development Status Organizer

Branch: _____

List one or two facts about how your region is developing in each of these categories and the names of countries that are most in need. Completing this organizer will help you decide what type of development assistance is most needed and the countries that are most in need. (Hint: Assign each team member one category to research to save time!)

Category	Development Facts	Countries in Need
Human Development		
Poverty and Hunger		
Health (child mortality)		
HIV/ AIDS		
Education		
Environment		

Part B: Decision Making

Branch: _____

Now that you have the facts, you must choose one type of development assistance that is most needed and the countries most in need. Record your decisions below.

1. Type of development assistance that is most needed (for example, health care programs, education projects, etc. Try to be specific!):

2. Why? (Record five to ten facts from your Status Table):

3. What MDG is this connected to? (Hint: Look at the bottom of the printed poster map.)

4. Which countries in your region are most in need?

Part C: Prepare for the Presentation

1. Review the criteria for the presentation from the instructions.
2. Assign each team member a section to present.
3. Find or create any visual aids to help with the presentation. (Hint: You can refer to the poster, A Developing World, throughout the presentation.)
4. Practise your presentation so you are organized and can speak confidently to the other teams. Remember, you want to convince them that your region of the world is a high priority for development assistance from Canada.

Part D: The Vote!!

Use the organizer on the next page to record facts, comments and questions about the presentations. After you have heard all the presentations, rank the branches from 1- 4 (1 = highest priority for aid, 4 = lowest priority for aid).

Voting Organizer

Branch:	Africa	Rank (1-4)
Facts:		
Comments:		
Questions:		
Branch:	Americas	Rank (1-4)
Facts:		
Comments:		
Questions:		
Branch:	Asia	Rank (1-4)
Facts:		
Comments:		
Questions:		
Branch:	Europe, Middle East and Maghreb	Rank (1-4)
Facts:		
Comments:		
Questions:		