

In the Spotlight:

IDEA designs and negotiates \$6 million Project with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) on behalf of SIAST and ACCC. or a Canada Corps initiative in Ukraine in May 2005.

Working closely with [CIDA](#) and [SIAST International Services](#), the IDEA designed and negotiated this \$6 million project that will be implemented in conjunction with SIAST and the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC). The Minister of International Cooperation approved the project in April 2005 and the Contribution Agreement was signed in May 2005.

The Decentralized Management of Skills Training Project in Ukraine (DMSTP) aims to support the implementation of a decentralized management model for the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection to coordinate skills training in Ukraine by empowering Regional Administrations to design and implement programming in response to the demonstrated needs of stakeholders such as labour unions and associations of industries and entrepreneurs. The project will support MLSP's efforts to coordinate training supply with demand across economic and government sectors as represented by a wide variety of national and regional stakeholders in Ukraine's skills training system. By increasing management capacity at the oblast level, the project will demonstrate to national and regional policy makers: the effectiveness of decentralized financial and administrative management; how accountability to national skills training priorities can be retained and enhanced within a decentralized model, and; the importance of a partnership with communities and industry to ensure the adoption of efficient and relevant skills training programs. The project will further Ukraine's efforts to develop a demand driven training system, offset increasing poverty and rising unemployment, particularly in women, by ensuring that programs are focused on employers needs and that graduates have the necessary skills to prepare them for the workforce. In the long term this will result in improved economic productivity.

Read the CIDA Press Release at: http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/cida_ind.nsf/vall/FBC69F96F3AD590585256FF00058E8B2?OpenDocument