

Summary of 2001 Operations

In accordance with ROC diplomatic policy, ICDF international cooperation activities in 2001 provided expertise based on the nation's economic development experience, as well as resources designed to meet the varied needs of allied and partner nations in Africa, the Asia Pacific and Caribbean regions, Central and South America, and the Middle East. Through its core operations in technical assistance, investment and lending, education and training, and international humanitarian relief, the ICDF helped nations develop their economies, alleviate poverty, strengthen human resources, expand agricultural output, and rebuild after natural disasters. The ICDF also strengthened its interaction with international groups and NGOs during the year and, in the spirit of civilian-based diplomacy, trained and dispatched a group of new volunteers, who are working in allied and partner nations around the world. In addition to these affairs, the ICDF directed overseas technical missions on behalf of MOFA, was commissioned to manage the ROC-Central American Economic Development Fund, and made equity investments in the Central and Latin America Development Company and Overseas Investment and Development Company.

Investment and Lending Operations

Seventeen cooperative investment and lending operations were funded with US\$74.82 million in 2001. Among these projects, eight investment and lending cases were signed, with committed contracts totaling US\$40.52 million, while nine financing cases still being planned are to receive US\$34.30 million in funding. Six projects were executed in cooperation with international organizations, and seven projects with NGOs. Additionally, two vocational education lending projects, seven micro-credit projects, and one small farmer lending project were launched during the year. The ICDF Board approved a credit guarantee program for Taiwanese businesses investing in allied nations, with services to be available

in early 2002. In response to changes in the ROC's diplomatic situation, four projects in Macedonia, for which US\$12.97 million had been appropriated this year, were terminated during the year. A total of US\$438 million had been committed to these projects, and US\$318.40 million had been appropriated (72.74 percent of the contracted amount). US\$90.46 million in principal has been recovered to date.

Technical Assistance Operations

The ICDF implemented 11 technical assistance operations during the year, including three SME assistance and consulting projects, six government capacity building projects and two special research projects. NT\$79.72 million was expended on technical assistance projects during the year.



- ① El Salvador Bamboo Housing Project in El Salvador, conducted after strong earthquakes struck in January and February
- ② El Salvador President Francisco Florez Perez expresses his appreciation for ICDF assistance to ICDF acting Secretary General Yang Tzu-pao, at the 25th annual meeting of the Caribbean region

ICDF Investment and Lending Programs

Nations	Project name
All allied nations	ICDF Credit Guarantee Scheme
Belize	Belize Tourism Development Project
Dominican Republic	Government Capacity Building in the Dominican Republic
El Salvador	Environmental Pollution Control Project in Critical Areas of El Salvador
Nicaragua	Small Farmer Lending Project–Nicaragua Export Vegetable Project; Housing Solidarity Reconstruction Program, Stage 2
Saint Christopher and Nevis, Dominica	The Micro-Credit Project

Unsigned Programs Approved by the ICDF Board

Nations	Project name
El Salvador	El Salvador Vocational Education Project
Guatemala	Guatemala Technical and Vocational Education and Training Project
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada	The Micro-Credit Project

Education and Training Operations

Eighteen training classes were held in 2001, with 479 foreign government officials receiving training in Taiwan. Scholarship assistance totaling US\$400,000 was provided to 590 students in four Eastern Caribbean nations. Additionally, 17 foreign students took part in the graduate agricultural science program jointly administered by the ICDF and National Pingtung University of Science and Technology, and four students participated in a new International MBA program created by the ICDF and National Chengchi University in Taipei.

Technical Missions

The ICDF dispatched 41 technical missions and one trade specialist to 35 different nations on behalf of MOFA in 2001. A total of 276 technical personnel were sent overseas to implement 84 cooperative projects. Included were medical service missions sent to São Tomé and Príncipe, Burkina Faso, Chad, and Malawi, and trade and industry service missions sent to Guatemala, the Dominican Republic and Macedonia (due to changes in diplomatic relations, the technical mission to Macedonia has since been withdrawn).

Diplomatic Alternative Service

This year the ICDF took part in the new Diplomatic Alternative Service program, in which young male Taiwanese recruits can serve in overseas technical and medical service missions in lieu of service in the ROC. The ICDF managed the professional and linguistic training the 37 recruits received, and is overseeing their duties in the 21 countries to which they were dispatched.

ICDF Volunteers

During the year the ICDF selected, trained and dispatched 14 volunteers to four nations to provide services in business development, vocational and computer training, and language instruction and other subjects. Six volunteers were sent to Costa Rica, six to Panama, one to Nicaragua and one to São Tomé and Príncipe.

Cooperation with International Organizations and NGOs

The ICDF cooperated with international organizations and NGOs on 28 technical assistance, lending, and education and training projects in 2001. Cooperating agencies included the Asian Development Bank, Central American Bank for Economic Integration, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, World Trade Organization, World Links and World Vision Taiwan.

Humanitarian Relief

During the year the ICDF provided a total of US\$1.157 million in humanitarian

relief for the victims of natural disasters, for war refugees, and for the construction of vital medical and educational facilities. Humanitarian aid work was conducted in El Salvador, Mongolia, Peru, nations adjoining Afghanistan and four Eastern Caribbean nations.

ROC-Central American Economic Development Fund (ROC-CAEDF)

Since the ROC-CAEDF was established in September 1998, it has accumulated principal of US\$82.15 million and earned cumulative interest income of US\$5.57 million. Only the fund's interest income may be used for projects. Seven board meetings have been held to date, and five projects have been approved.

Latin America Development Company

The Latin America Development Co. was established to make diverse investments in Central and South America, thereby promoting economic development and consolidating ROC diplomatic relationships in the region. The company has received investments of NT\$1.1 billion from 25 corporations, including President Enterprises, President International Investment, and President Convenience Stores. The ICDF has invested NT\$100 million of the company's funds in development projects in Central and South America, and is represented on the company's board.

Overseas Investment and Development Corporation

The Overseas Investment and Development Corporation was jointly established by 31 major Taiwanese corporations. The company possesses capital of NT\$1 billion. The ICDF has made an equity investment of NT\$1.3 billion in the company and has a seat on the board of directors. To boost Taiwanese investment activities in Central and South America, Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia, and to foster continued development of export-oriented industries, the company is establishing trading networks and compiling practical business information. These resources will help SMEs in allied and partner nations invest and build plants in other countries. The company has invested in plant construction, and its six subsidiaries are engaged in engineering, metal processing and petrochemicals.

