



Acclaimed global issues resources receive 'Recommended' status

Vancouver, BC, 7 August 2008 – CoDevelopment Canada's (CoDev) teaching resources, *Not So Natural Disasters* and *Child Labour: Costly at Any Price*, now have the formal status of 'Recommended' by the granting of the Minister's Order by the BC Ministry of Education.

CoDev's acclaimed curricular resources are designed to help students comprehend global issues that influence how each of us live.

With both elementary and secondary versions available, CoDev's resource *Not So Natural Disasters* helps students develop an understanding of natural disasters and climate change and their relationship to human activities and allows students to develop ideas for action.

Child Labour: Costly at Any Price is focused on the underlying causes of exploitive child labour and how it is in fact a global problem with roots in the economic relationships of rich, developed countries to less developed countries. The activities empower students to find solutions, voice their concerns and take action on the issue of child labour. It describes and assesses Canada's participation in world affairs and helps create an awareness of disparities in the distribution of wealth in Canada and the world.

"These are key resources to help students understand the links between global environment and labour issues and our own situation in British Columbia," said Larry Kuehn, the BCTF staff member who works on international solidarity. "CoDevelopment Canada partners extensively with the BCTF on international solidarity projects and these materials complement that relationship."

These and all other CoDev educational resources are available for purchase through www.codev.org or by calling 604.708.1495.

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CoDev is a BC-based non-profit agency that works for social change and global education in the Americas. CoDev was founded in 1985 by a group of activists who wanted to go beyond simply sending financial aid to Latin American countries. We believe that partnerships between like-minded organizations, in Canada and Latin America can be vehicles for learning, social change, and personal empowerment.