# The Rural Annual Report At A Glance



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Canada is built on strong communities. The Government of Canada is committed to successful communities, both rural and urban, making informed decisions to guide their own future. Through a bottom-up process, the government ensures access to the opportunities and benefits of our national prosperity, to support a higher quality of life in rural and remote Canada

Many solutions need involvement from more than one government department or agency. The Rural Secretariat acts as a focal point within government, responding to the issues and unique needs of rural Canadians. It works in partnership with federal, provinciat and territorial government departments, and directly with residents of rurat and remote areas, to develop policies and programs that will build strong, dynamic communities

The Rural Annual Report At A Glance highlights key achievements in the priority areas of the government's Federal Framework for Action in Rural Canada. These priority areas were developed in a dialogue between the Government of Canada and Canadians living in rural and remote areas of the country

### Priority: Access to Programs and Services

Priority: Upgrade Rural Infrastructure

funding for communities across Canada

The Government of Canada is committed to improving rural and remote Canadians' access to information and services Its aim is to develop one-stop access to a wide range of government information and services by phone (1.800.0-Canada); Internet (Canada Site); and in-person service through a network of Service Canada Access Centres

### Results:

✓ Of 1.3 million catts received by 1 800 0-Canada in 2000–2001, about half were from people living in rural and remote Canada

38.1 million pages of information were requested from the Canada Site www.canada.gc.ca
More than 195,000 Canadians visited Service Canada Centres from December 1999 to March 2001

### Priority: Promote Economic, Business and Community Development

at administ programs which help rural communities respond to change. These programs include the Canadian Rural Partnership's Pitot Projects Initiative, which supports innovative projects for rurat and remote commues, and the Canadian Agricultural Rurat Communities Initiative (CARCI), funded out of the Canadian Adaptation and Rural Devetopment Fund, which helps agricultural rural communities whose economies are changing because of shifts in the agricultural sector

Many rural regions do not have the infrastructure to take advantage of opportunities created by the new knowledge-based and technology-driven economy **Infrastructure Canada** is a six-year investment program designed to increase access to infrastructure resources, telecommunications and Internet services. The Government of Canada is investing \$2 billion,

The Youth Employment Strategy supports a wide variety of initiatives in rural and remote Canada. Many offer hands-on

In Quebec, during the last fiscal year, 1,516 entrepreneurs received funding. As a result, 1,244 businesses were

Over the last fiscal year, community groups implemented 182 projects valued at more than \$19 million, with

with investments from provincial, territorial, municipal and private sector partners, to generate \$6 billion in

More than \$427 million is directly available for investment in rural and remote Cana

Attantic Canada Open for Business centres attracted 2,600 clients over the past year

experience and assistance for young people to set up and run their own busine

Priority: Provide More Targeted Opportunities for Rural Youth

ernment investment of \$24 million in 2000-2001

## Results: Over four years, the Pilot Projects Initiative will lund a total of 302 community projects totalling approximately \$12 million In the 2000–2001 fiscal year, CARCI supported 40 projects, with total funding of \$1 254 million

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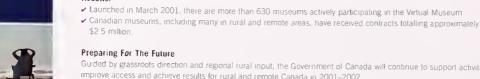
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ed by grassroots direction and regional rural input, the Government of Canada will continue to support activit improve access and achieve results for rural and remote Canada in 2001-2002

The Rural Annual Report At A Glance is based on Enhancing the Quality of Life for Rural Canadians. Annual Report to Parliament 2000–2001 The Annual Report and other information on the Government of Canada's commitment to rural and remote Canadians is available at www.rural.gc.ca

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