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## West African Rural Development Centre in The Gambia

<b>Country:</b>	The Gambia
<b>Source of Funding:</b>	Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
<b>Project Number:</b>	N/A
<b>Total Project Value:</b>	\$1,200,000
<b>CIDA Contributions:</b>	\$750,000
<b>Sector:</b>	Education, rural development
<b>Start/End Dates:</b>	May 1, 2000 - September 30, 2004
<b>Duration:</b>	5 years
<b>Description:</b>	<p>The purpose of this project was to establish the West Africa Rural Development Centre (WARD), initially as part of the Gambian Technical Training Institute. Later it was to be integrated into the University of The Gambia, which was being developed during the same period. WARD was intended to provide a variety of services to West Africa NGOs, government organizations, and institutions active in the area of rural development. The central service was training of community development workers and rural animators from across West Africa.</p> <p>Saint Mary's role in this project was to provide training for WARD staff, in both short-courses delivered in The Gambia and long-term graduate-level training here in Canada.</p>
<b>Partner Institution:</b>	Okanagan University College (lead) Gambia Technical Training Institute

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