

Students for Development (2011 - 2014)

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Title of project:	Sustainable Food Security in Mountain Regions (China and Bolivia)
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CIDA Contribution:	\$198,225
Sector:	Food Security
Start/End Dates:	May 2011 – December 2014
Duration:	3 years
Description:	<p>The Students for Development Program (SfD) is financed by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and brings together Canadian university students, partners in developing countries and students from developing countries to contribute to increasing food security, securing the future of children and youth, stimulating sustainable economic growth issues. The program is managed by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) and has three components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Canadian students participate in 3 months internship doing research, on campus and in the field, into rural development and poverty issues, with specific reference to food security. Research is done under the direction of the host organizations (Department of Life Sciences at Shaanxi Normal University and the Graduate Studies in Development Sciences program at the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés and Centro de Documentación e Información (CEDIB) in Bolivia) and will contribute to the host's ongoing programming and research projects within local communities.2. Three graduate students (from Bolivia and China) spend a semester in Canada, working with SMU professors on research topics related to rural development and food security. This will provide the students with a valuable exposure to international perspectives on their research topics and widen their academic network, thus contributing to their academic program and to their future academic and employment prospects.3. An opportunity for natural and social science students from the three partner universities to participate in the Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID) conference to be held in April 2013. The conference will provide a forum for students from all partner universities to engage in a formal conference on key development themes with a specific focus on food security in mountainous regions.
Partner Institutions:	Department of Life Sciences at Shaanxi Normal University in China and the Graduate Studies in Development Sciences program at the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés and Centro de Documentación e Información (CEDIB) in Bolivia

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