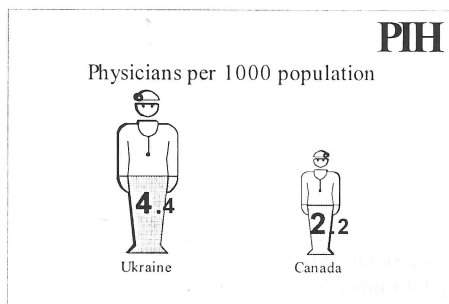




It is no longer seeking individual placements and merely targeting individual institutions, but has identified concrete projects and is forging links between institutions.



In response to Ukraine's specified priorities, the PIH program is now focusing on eight projects, namely:

- * Community Health Project
 - Population Health
 - Oral care
 - Health Promotion/AIDS & Drugs
- * Health Administration Project
- * Nursing Project
- * Statistics & Health Informatics Project
- * School Health Education Project
- * Rehabilitation Project
- * Pharmacy Project
- * Mental Health Project

The program recognizes that health involves an integrated view of development that includes social, cultural, economic, political and environmental factors. It promotes activities that allow partner



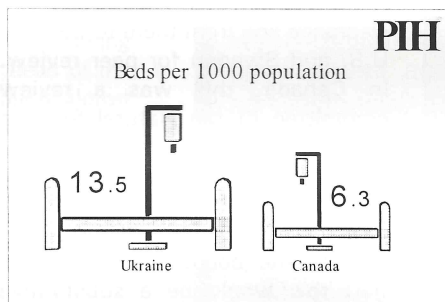
organizations to make their own decisions, become their own agents of change, build shared visions and work as a team. Though national in scope, the program encourages each project to develop partnerships with the different levels of Ukraine's health system. Non government organizations, for example, are urged to collaborate with universities, city health departments, regional councils and the relevant government ministry.

PROJECTS UNDERWAY

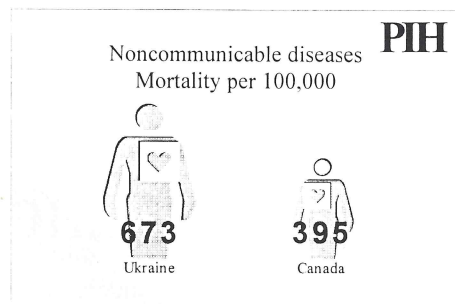
The ratios of medical staff in Ukraine are high by global standards, with 43 doctors and over 100 medical specialists per 10,000 population. However, Ukraine, in common

with other post-communist states, inherited a large traditional health infrastructure designed to provide universal access to treatment and curative service, not health promotion or contemporary methods of health prevention. Given the forecast for growth of the nursing profession in Ukraine, and the respect for the Canadian nursing system around the world, this is one area of expertise in which Canada has quickly become a leader in Ukraine. The *Nursing Project*, which is already underway, has initiated linkages between Ukraine's Ministry of Health, the University of Alberta, Grant McEwan Community College and the Canadian Nurses Association. These linkages have resulted in significant revisions to Ukraine's national nursing education curriculum, which will lead to important reforms in the nursing profession. PIH is now working to provide training in leadership skills and curriculum development.

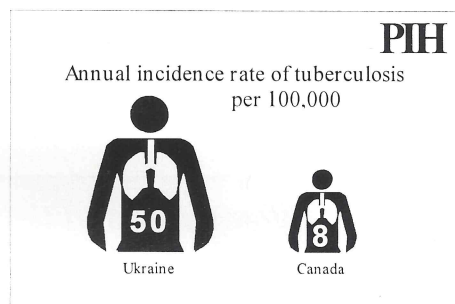
In the area of *Health Administration*, an institutional linkage between the School of Health Administration at the President's Academy of Public Administration in Ukraine, and the University of Toronto's Department of Health Administration has already resulted in a health service administration program for new practicing professionals in Ukraine. As a result, a new generation of administrators prepared in modern management methods is evolving. Continued collaboration between the two institutions should result in an educational institution of international standing which can serve as a model for other post-communist states.



The aim of *School Health Education*, another project which is already well underway, is to provide a health education curriculum for Ukraine's youth from kindergarten through high school. Collaboration between Ukraine's Ministries of Health and Education, Saskatchewan Education and the Saskatchewan Teachers of Ukrainian has added practical activities and teaching aids to the curriculum. Continued collaboration in promoting a healthy lifestyle will target the behaviour and attitudes of Ukrainian youth.



Examples of other projects and Canadian partners involved include mental support for youth, women and families (Saskatchewan Health); rehabilitation for the disabled (Ontario Queen's University); epidemiology and communicable and non-communicable disease control (City of Toronto's Public Health Department); and clinical pharmacy (Faculties of Pharmacy at the Universities of Toronto and Saskatchewan).



There are many donors in the health sector in Ukraine, and while Canada cannot compete in terms of financial investment with such money-rich programs as USAID, the Canadian program has already attracted much attention and received accolades from many directions. The Partners in Health approach of developing partnerships to encourage the growth of a strong health care system today is Canada's contribution to a mature Ukrainian health sector tomorrow.

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