



Service Area: Environmental Planning and Traditional Land Use Assessment

Project: Social Analysis of Highway Development in Brazil

Client: Canadian International Development Agency.

Location: Pernambuco, Brazil

The first phase of the expansion of Brazilian Federal Road BR232 was to divide the highway in a region with distinct ecological and social characteristics as it is passed through eight municipalities and nine cities in the State of Pernambuco in north-eastern Brazil. In this context the Canadian International Development Agency funded a project to study the social, economic and environmental effects of the highway expansion and to create a plan to integrate the eight municipalities and nine cities directly affected.

The **human environment group (HEG)** work on this project included a review of previously developed social and environmental impact studies; gathering and analyzing primary and secondary info, and to incorporate social and environmental issues into the integration plan. The task required extensive consultation with state and municipal authorities, non-governmental organizations, local residents and representatives of small and medium sized businesses.

The Project included assessing institutional structures and providing recommendations for institutional strengthening programs.