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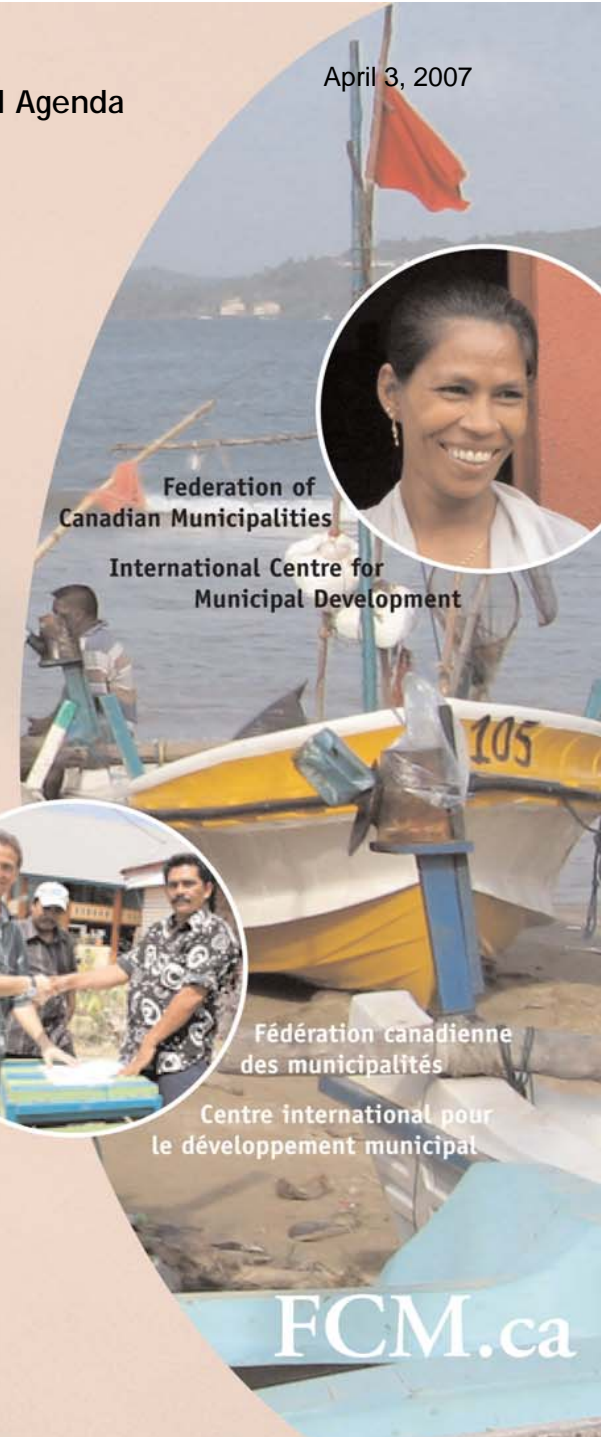
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Opportunities for international municipal engagement

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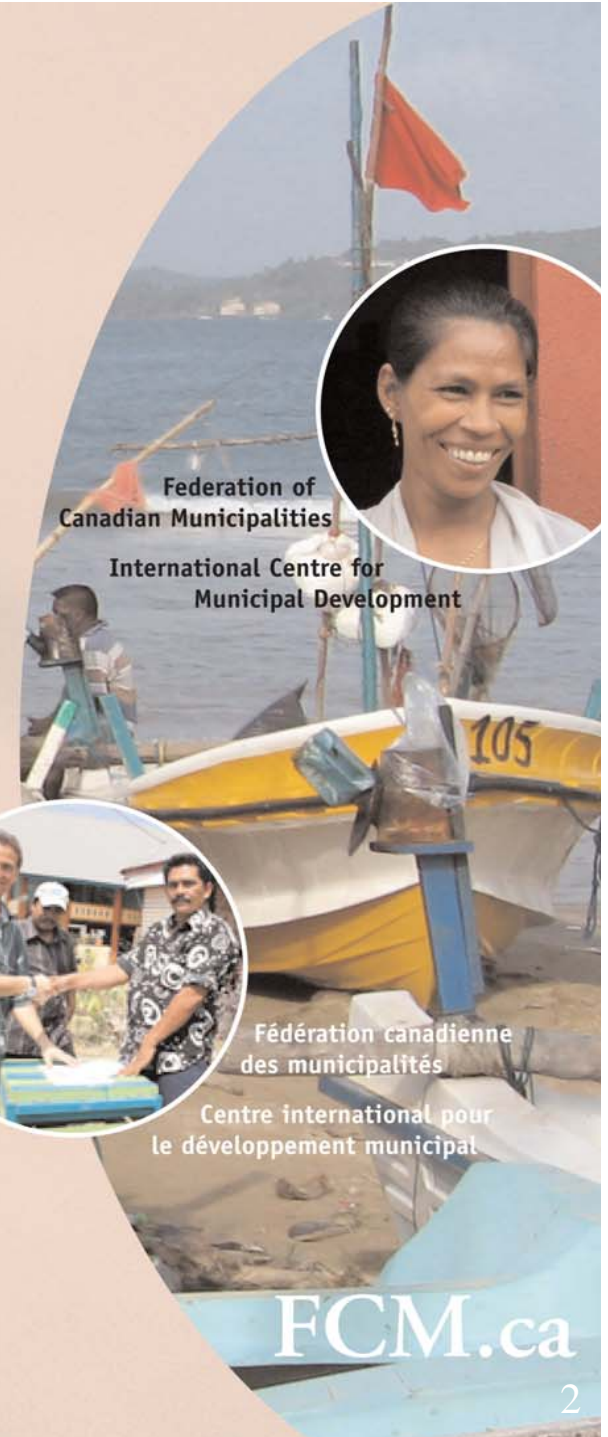
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ICMD: 20 years of international municipal cooperation

- Currently implementing 10 programs in 18 countries
- Celebrating 20th anniversary this year
- Annual program budget of \$12.0 M (2006)
- Involved more than 2,500 municipal volunteers, currently 15 volunteer municipal practitioners for each calendar day
- Leveraged Canadian community resources



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International trends supporting local government's international role

- Local government networks facilitate global action - United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF), the Association of Francophone Mayors (AIMF), World Urban Forum
- Cities worldwide are global actors in terms of trade promotion, attracting investment, immigration and innovation, cultural and political exchanges, as well as international cooperation to strengthen service delivery, governance and democracy

*Mayors' Roundtable,
World Urban Forum 3*



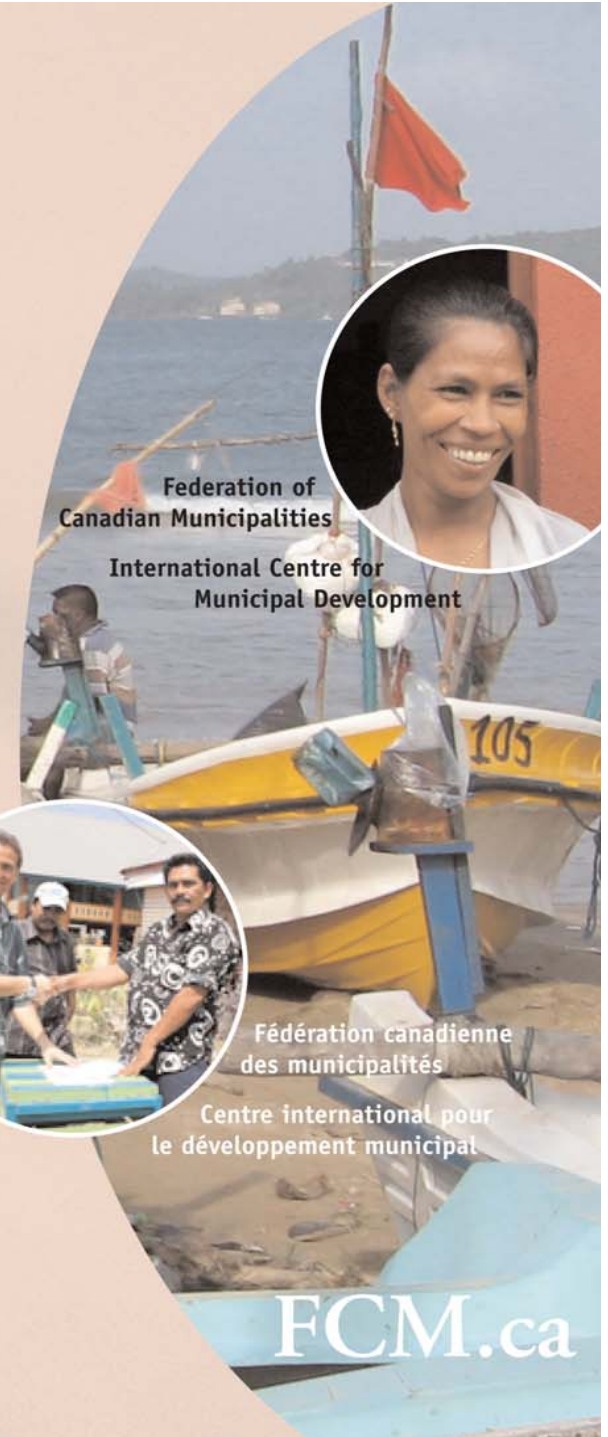
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Canadian municipal participation in FCM's international programs

- Municipal Partnerships: address local service delivery, administrative management, promotion of sustainable development
- Contributing technical expertise to programs e.g. post-tsunami reconstruction
- Hosting delegations and study tours
- Participation in international conferences and venues

Signing ceremony for the Agreement on an Integrated, Inter-Governmental Approach to Community Health Improvements, 2004



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Vancouver's involvement to date:

Partnership with Bangkok Metropolitan Authority (BMA) (2002-2006)

Results:

- BMA responded to community surveys by introducing a micro-credit program
- Municipality working to address land tenure concerns of residents in pilot wards
- BMA now includes community associations and NGOs in working relationships
- Vancouver and BMA expanded international networks through participation in the International Conference on the Reduction of Drug-Related Harm in Melbourne, 2004

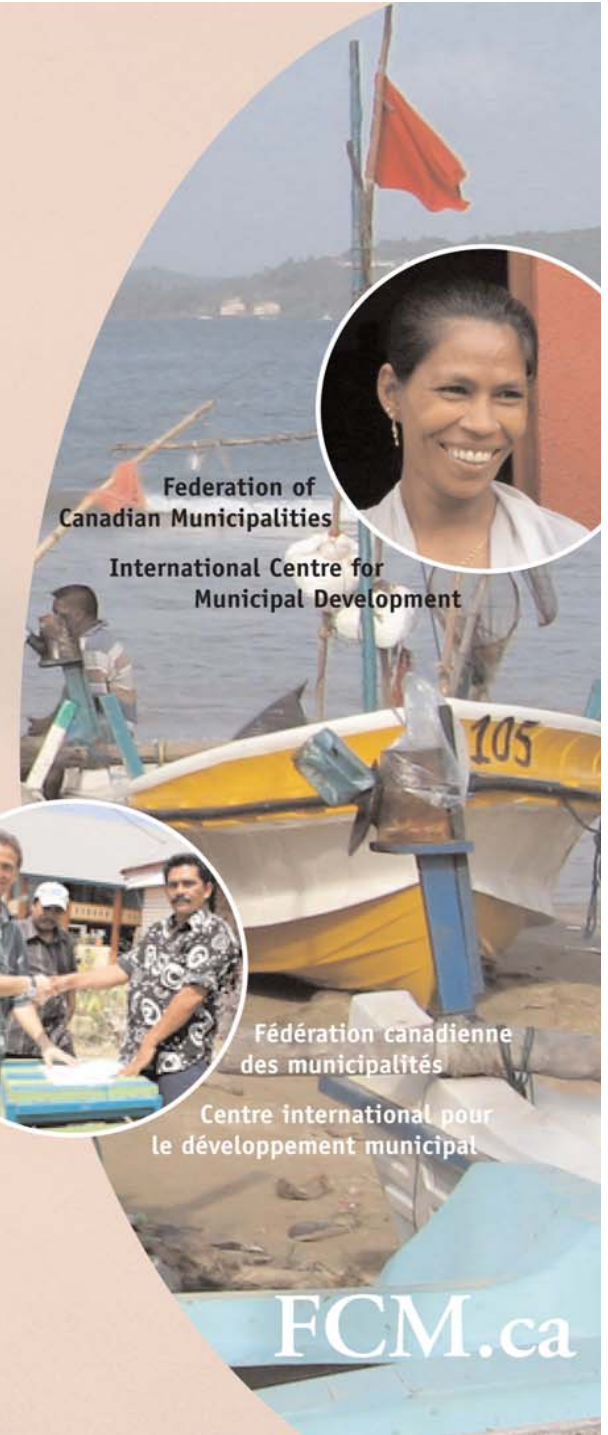
Other involvement:

- Ad hoc technical assistance to FCM's previous project in China
- Hosting missions from abroad
- Donating \$100,000 to FCM's tsunami relief work



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Options for the City of Vancouver to consider

1. Canadian Municipal Response to the Indian Ocean tsunami

- Donations and in-kind support from Canadian municipalities leveraged an additional \$18 M in federal program funding through the Canadian International Development Agency for 2 projects:
 - Canada/Sri Lanka Municipal Cooperation Program 2005 –2009
 - Canada/Aceh Local Government Assistance Program 2006 – 2009

Conducting a waste audit – Galle, Sri Lanka



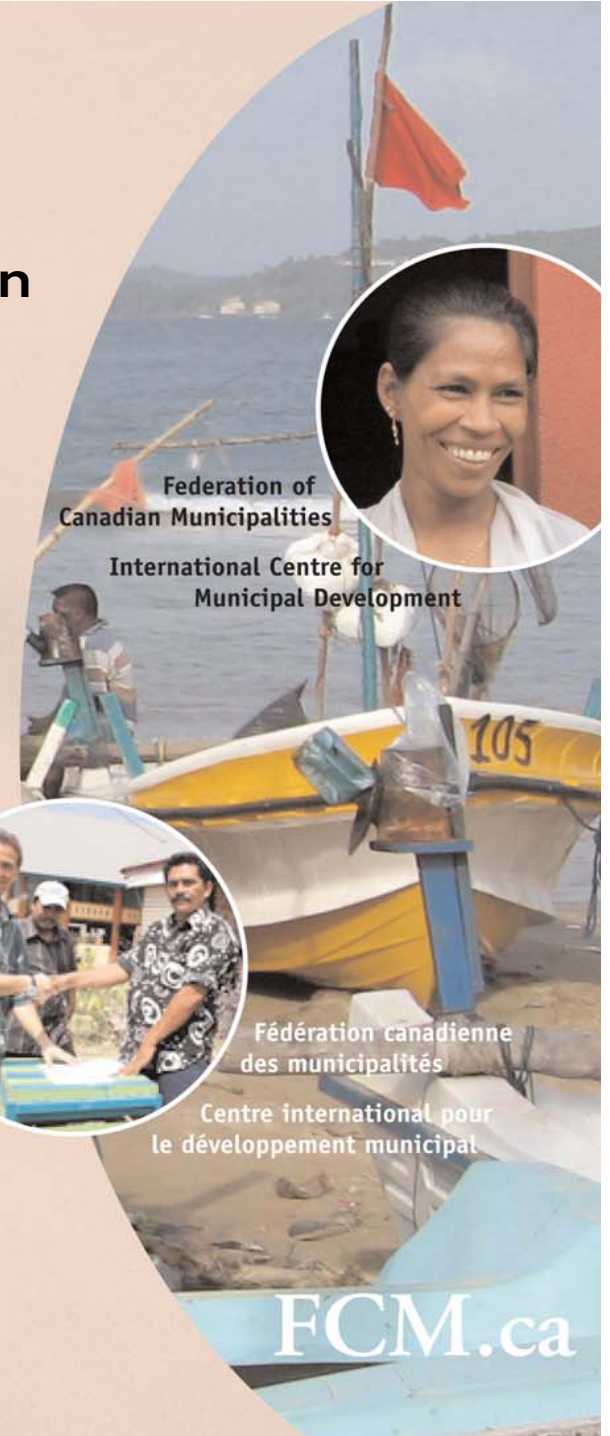
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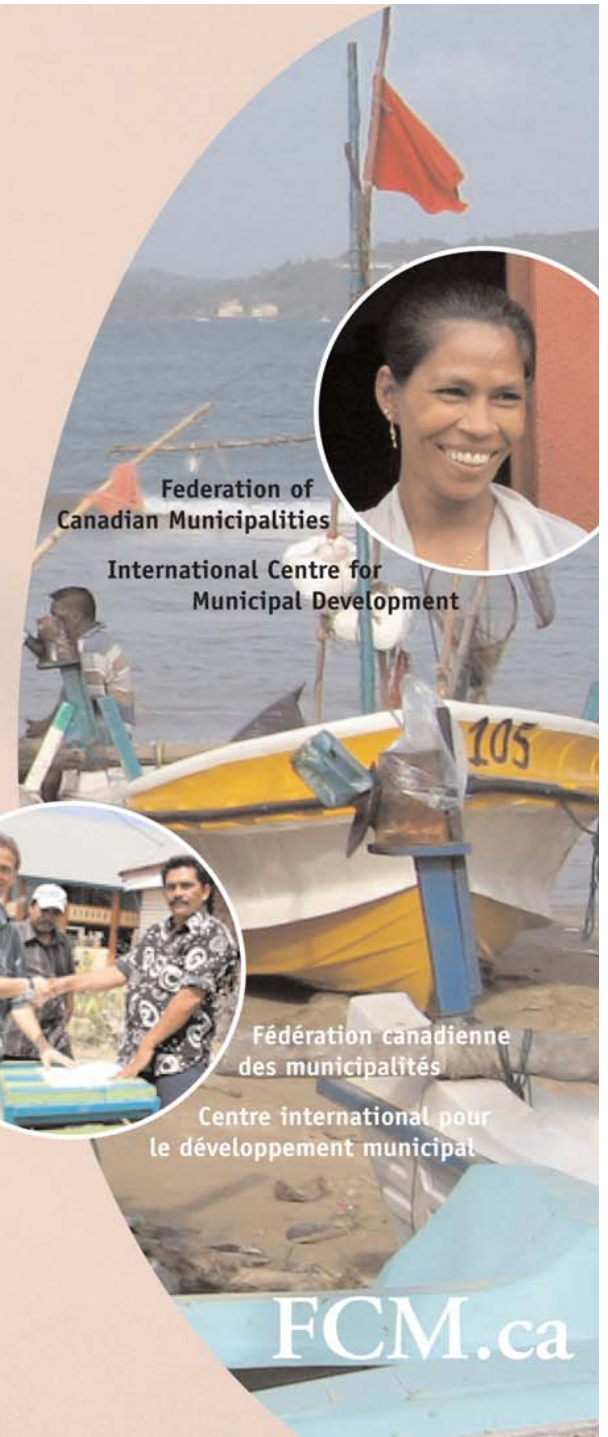


Tsunami Program results to date

- Restored local government services: waste management, surface water drainage, municipal finance and management, library services
- Supportive environment for democracy and peace through sound intergovernmental relations; Community Support Funds
- **What is needed:** municipal staff & elected officials to provide technical expertise for peer to peer learning



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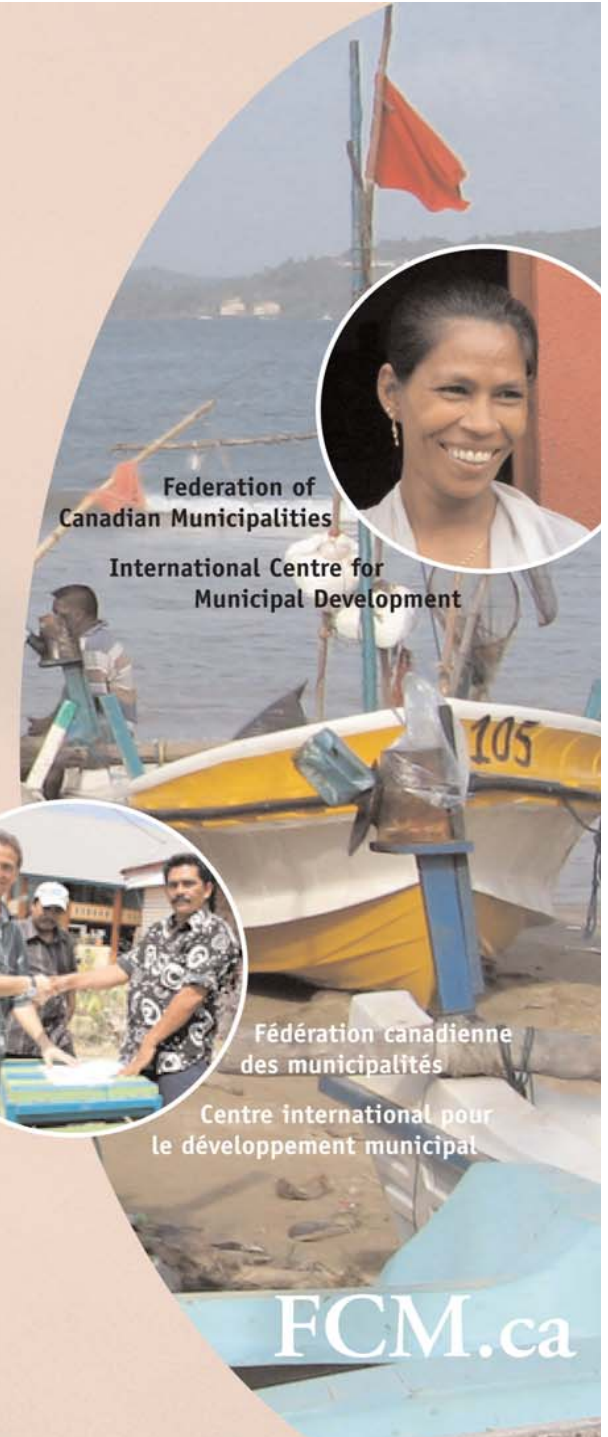
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2. Canada/China Technical Cooperation in Migrant Labour Rights Project

- Program implemented by FCM and the National Development Reform Commission of the Chinese State Council
- Works in two counties of Sichuan Province (Fushun and Shehong); focus on municipal service provision to migrant labourers that reflect international instruments on labour rights
- **What is needed:** municipal staff & elected officials to provide technical expertise for peer to peer learning

Shehong Migrant Service Centre



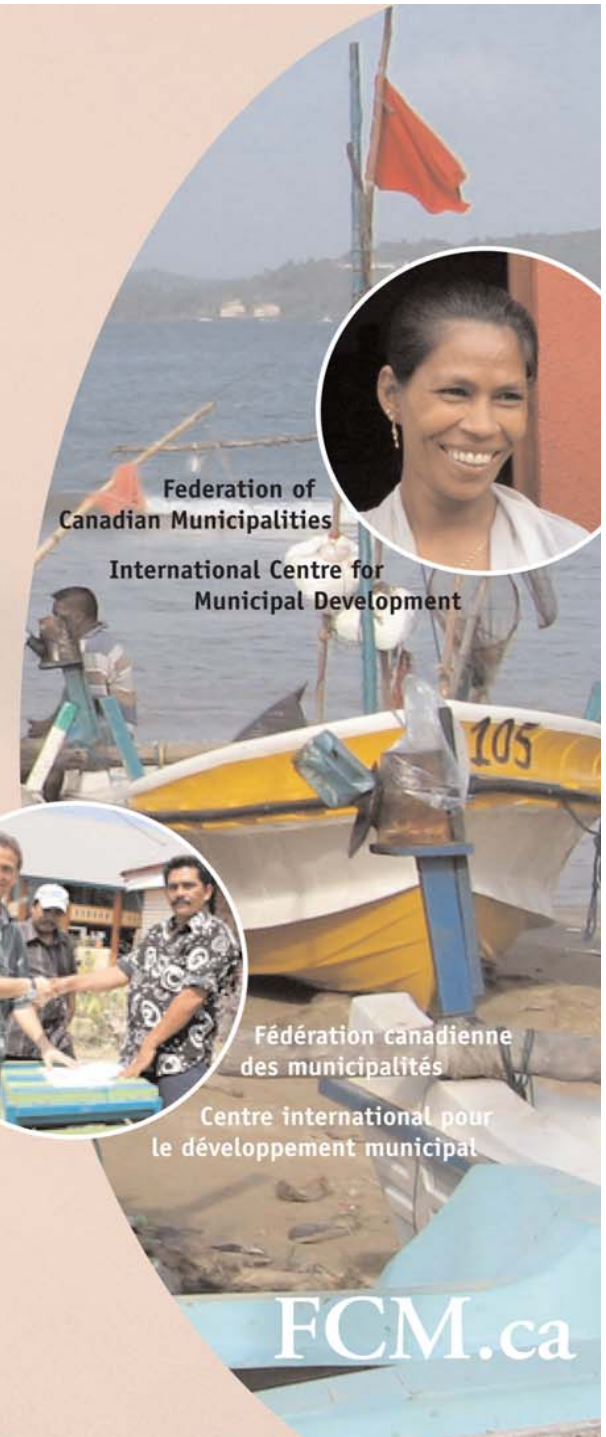
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3. Municipal partnership

- Formal Council-to-Council agreements for 2 year structured technical assistance program
- FCM municipal partnership needs focus on medium-sized municipalities in Africa
- **What is needed:** full commitment of staff time for 2 – 3 missions per year for minimum 2 years



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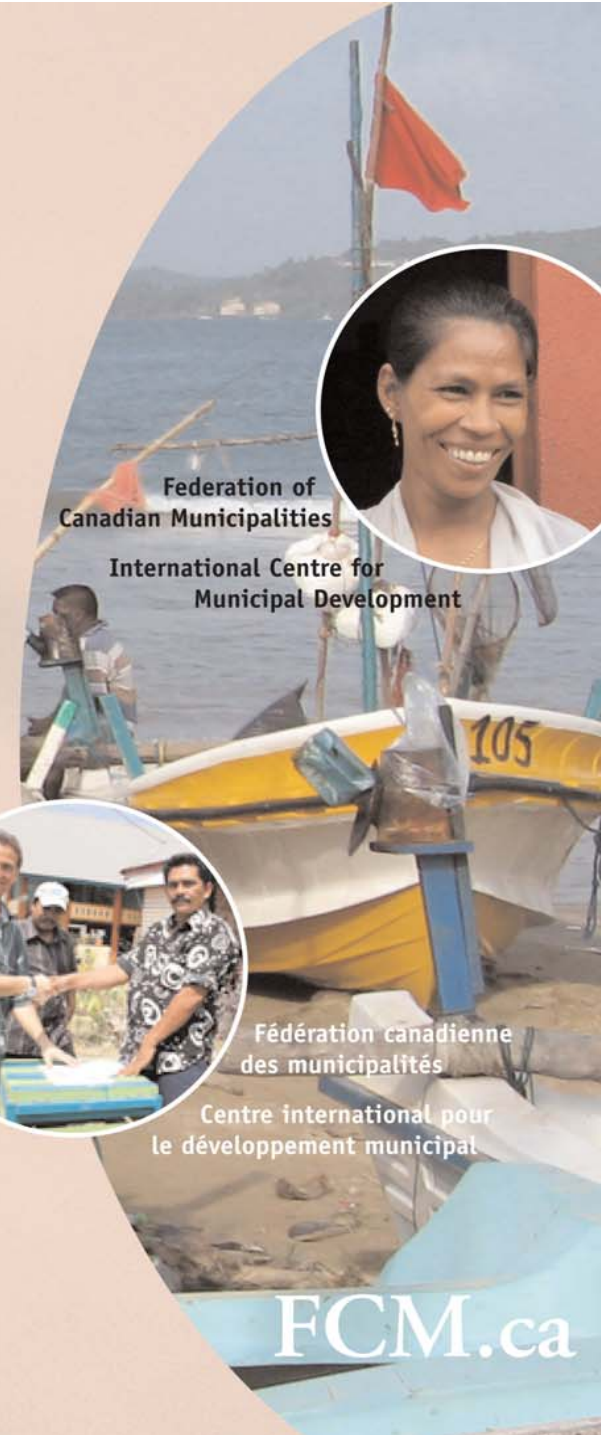
Suggest next steps for the City of Vancouver

Develop MOU with FCM-ICMD to provide occasional technical assistance (staff, retired experts) for Asia programs – tsunami relief and China Project

- Tsunami project: over next 6-12 months the program will require city managers, urban planners, public works staff, public engagement specialists, accountants, librarians
- China needs: Strategic Planning, Public Engagement, Community Outreach, Municipal Social Services Delivery, Monitoring and Evaluation of Social Services



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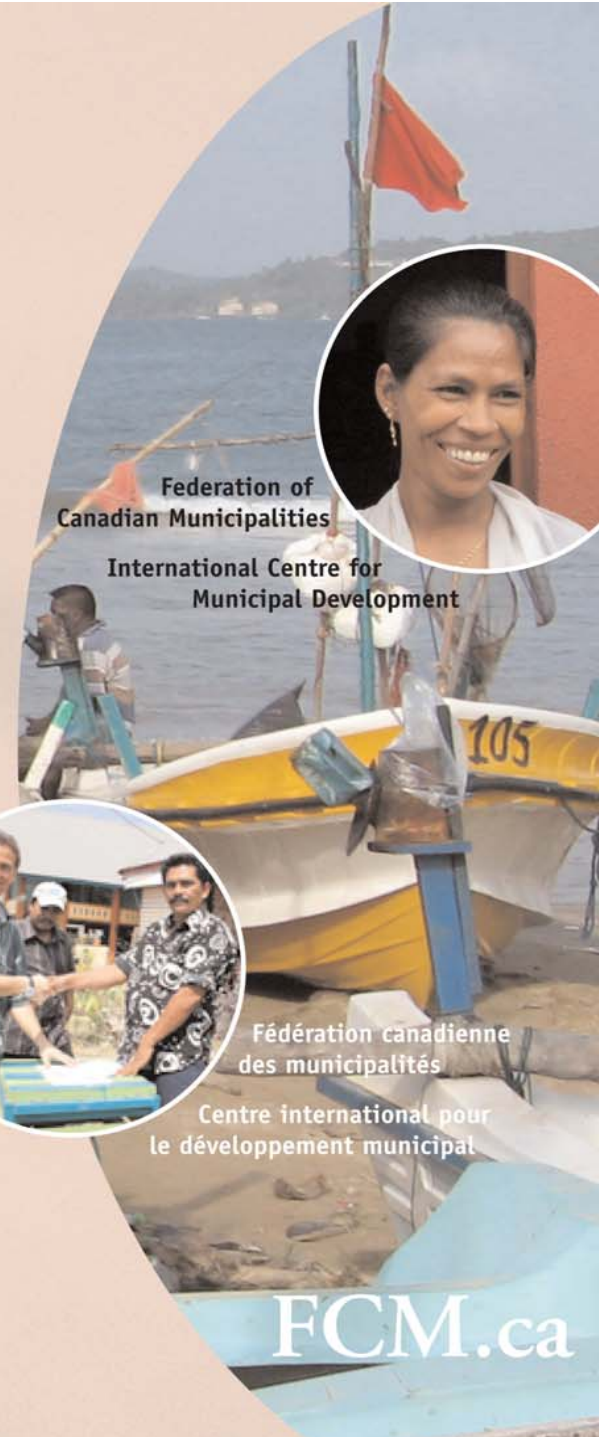
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