



## A FOCUS ON INNOVATION, RESEARCH AND RESULTS

### 9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



As Canada focuses its efforts on delivering international assistance that is more integrated and responsive, it does so in a world that is itself constantly evolving and improving.

Thanks to advances in agriculture, farmers are now able to increase yields and produce food more efficiently. Better health systems and the rollout of medical innovations are helping people live longer and are halting the spread of infectious diseases such as Ebola, AIDS and tuberculosis. Affordable Internet and mobile phone services make it possible for more citizens in developing countries to access financial and health services and to connect with others so that they can more effectively advocate for change.

These improvements present both challenges and opportunities for Canada's international assistance efforts. To better respond to constant changes in the development "ecosystem," Global Affairs Canada will build innovation into its assistance programs by adopting new business models, policy practices, technologies and ways of delivering products and services. Canada will build innovation into its international assistance, encouraging greater experimentation and scaling-up of new solutions to development challenges.

Global Affairs Canada will also seek out new ways of working and new partnerships that can increase the effectiveness of Canada's development efforts. This will include innovative funding partnerships and greater investments in research, as well as closer collaboration with Canada's International Development Research Centre, Canadian universities and other research institutions.

Global Affairs Canada is developing stronger and more meaningful performance indicators to track the performance of our international assistance and make course corrections as appropriate.

## MORE EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Today, effective and productive partnerships that advance the interests of women and girls are no longer restricted to government-to-government relationships. Civil society, multilateral and international organizations, philanthropic foundations, developing country governments at all levels, the private sector, emerging official donors, and other actors all have a role to play in building a world where gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls is the rule, not the exception.