

CANADA'S ENGAGEMENT WITH CANADIAN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

CANADIAN PARTNERS

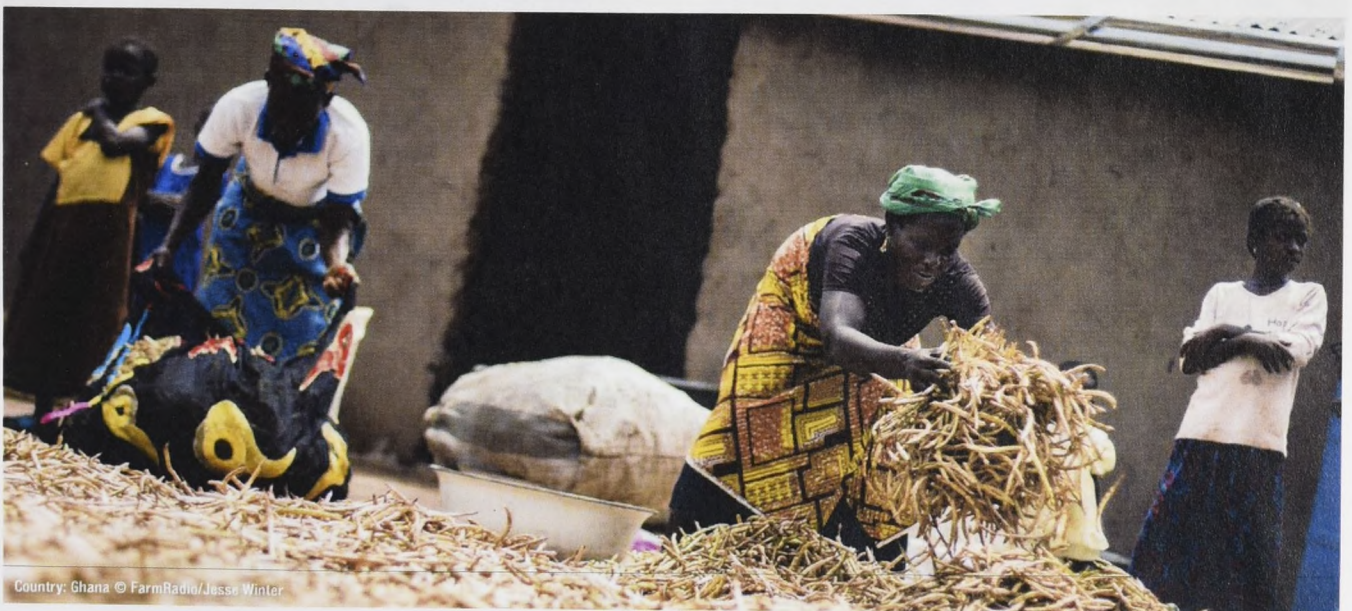
The Government of Canada's engagement with Canadian partners helps reduce poverty and inequality in low-income countries and fragile states. Canadian civil society organizations have demonstrated their comparative advantage in international development—namely, their vast policy and program expertise and networks, built over many years, both domestically and internationally. They are especially adept at responding to evolving needs and challenges such as humanitarian crises or in encouraging innovative public-private partnerships.

In 2015-2016, Global Affairs Canada provided ODA funding to more than 320 Canadian NGOs, colleges and universities, municipalities, cooperatives, professional associations and private sector organizations to support Canada's international development objectives. These

objectives include sustainable and green economic growth, inclusive and accountable governance, gender equality, the rights and health of women and children, and development innovation.

Announced in July 2015, the results of the Partnerships for Strengthening Maternal, Newborn and Child Health call for proposals illustrated the central role of Canadian partners in implementing key government priorities related to the rights and health of women and children. As a result, 36 proposals selected for contributions of up to \$421 million are now being implemented by 51 Canadian organizations working with local partners in 30 developing countries.

Policy dialogue and consultations have been a particularly strong focus of the Government's relationship with civil society organizations and with Canadians more broadly. Through these processes, the Government takes stock of accomplishments to date, discusses new challenges and opportunities, and sketches out a shared vision of our international development moving forward, as per Canada's Civil Society Partnership Policy.



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