

CANADA'S BILATERAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

AID EFFECTIVENESS

In 2007, the Government of Canada committed to making Canada's international assistance more efficient, focused and accountable via its Aid Effectiveness Agenda. In 2015-2016, Canada concentrated 90 percent of its bilateral development assistance in 25 countries of focus. These countries were identified based on their crucial needs, their capacity to benefit from development assistance, and their alignment with Canadian foreign policy priorities. Canada also maintains significant bilateral aid programs in 12 additional partner countries. Overall, Canada delivers development assistance in more than 80 countries through various channels, via bilateral, multilateral and non-governmental partners. Working directly with countries is a key facet of aid effectiveness. Canada's bilateral relationships are built upon partnerships with countries to reduce poverty. They take into consideration the perspectives of the poor and are consistent with international human rights standards. Canada continues to align its assistance with local country priorities to help the poorest and most vulnerable. Additional information on the work Canada does around the world, including detailed financial information regarding contributions, can be found in the *Statistical Report on International Assistance*, which is available on the Global Affairs Canada website.

