

- In Haiti, Canada supported the construction of a maternity clinic that will increase access to family-planning services, prevention and screening of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, as well as services for survivors of sexual violence.
- Canada promoted gender-responsive humanitarian action and the provision of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) by other actors through raising awareness with interlocutors and participating in international mechanisms. For example, as co-chair of the States/Donors Working Group of the Call to Action on Protection from Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Emergencies, Canada led advocacy efforts that resulted in the UN Population Fund strengthening its approach to GBV in humanitarian operations, including through the establishment of a dedicated GBV coordinator.
- Gender considerations were also a top Canadian priority in the negotiations behind the new Global Compacts on Refugees and Migration, with Canada advocating for gender-responsive approaches in both negotiations and statements.¹⁵



Minister of National Defence Harjit Sajjan with Secretary-General of the Organisation of la Francophonie Michaëlle Jean and youth peacebuilders at the UN peacekeeping ministerial meeting in Vancouver, November 2017.

Objective 5: Strengthen the capacity of peace operations to advance the WPS agenda, including by deploying more women and fully embedding the WPS agenda into CAF operations and police deployments

Rating: Mostly on track

Canada undertook an array of new initiatives to strengthen the capacity of peace operations to advance the WPS agenda during the reporting period.

- The innovative, five-year Elsie Initiative for Women in Peace Operations was launched by Canada in November 2017 to test new ways to increase the meaningful participation of women serving in uniformed and military roles in UN peace operations. A contact group of 11 countries¹⁶ was established to support the goals of the Elsie Initiative, and a two-day international design workshop took place with more than 120 experts and professionals in attendance.

¹⁵ These documents were not finalized at the end of the reporting period; complete results will be reported in the next progress report.

¹⁶ Contact group members are Argentina, France, Ghana, the Netherlands, Norway, Senegal, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, the U.K. and Uruguay.