

Key results

Between 2015 and 2017, Canada worked with the World Food Programme and Cuba's Ministry of Agriculture to increase food security for vulnerable groups. This helped 2,224 small farmers in the provinces of Guantanamo and Matanzas to increase bean production by 20%. This food contributes to national food distribution systems that supply nutritious food to vulnerable populations, including young children and the elderly.

In 2016-2017, Canada established the first renewable energy laboratory in a Cuban Ministry of Energy and Mines training centre. The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology spearheaded this project. Over five years, this project trained 5,525 workers in areas such as:

- photovoltaic energy;
- power engineering;
- pipe fitting; and
- steam fitting and other trades.

Gender equality training was delivered to 1,612 employees of the Ministry of Energy and Mines. As well, six ministry learning centres implemented gender equality action plans and 72 women graduated in non-conventional trades and technology professions.



In 2016-2017, a partnership between Global Affairs Canada and Cowater International Inc. led to the design and delivery of seven new one-week training programs for Cuban auditors within the national audit system. The training featured courses in gender audit, compliance, performance and procurement. This helped to strengthen Cuba's public financial management system and build transparency. The initiative delivered the software and hardware needed to assist Cuba to strengthen and modernize its audit function.