

Canada's high commissions and embassies. Through contribution agreements, the CFLI provides monetary assistance covering all or a portion of the cost of projects. The latter are comparatively modest in scope, scale and cost and are usually conceived and designed by local authorities or organizations. The average contribution is \$15,000—\$20,000, with the maximum set at \$100,000 for an individual project. In 2012—2013, the CFLI supported 615 projects in 115 countries.

All projects contribute to the achievement of one or more Canada's thematic priorities for international assistance, with special emphasis on the themes of advancing democracy and ensuring security and stability. In exceptional circumstances, the CFLI is also used to support humanitarian relief efforts by local partners in the immediate aftermath of natural disasters and emergencies.

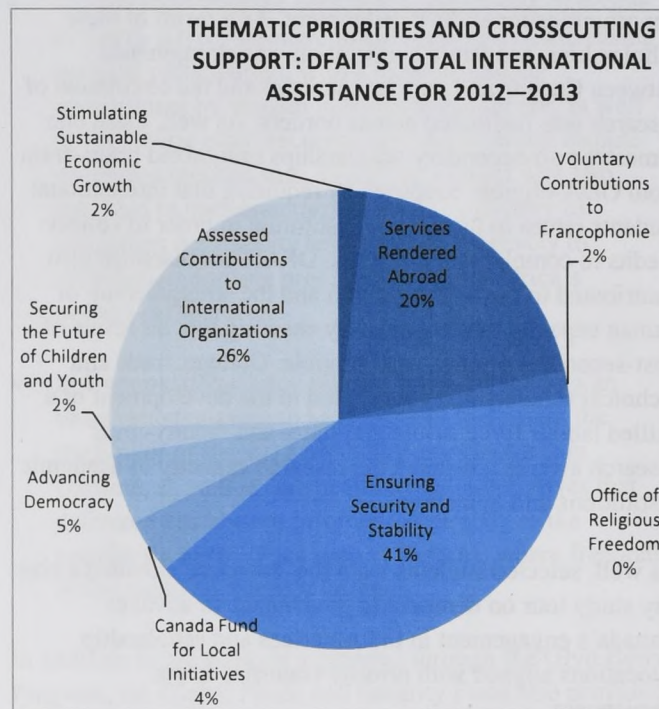
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FRANCOPHONIE: \$7.27 million

DFAIT's non-assessed contributions to the Fonds Multilatéral Unique (FMU) of the International Organization of La Francophonie (IOF) were used, among other objectives, to fund cooperation initiatives aligned with commitments made by the IOF at Francophonie Summits. Four principles guide these initiatives: promoting the French language, cultural and linguistic diversity; promoting peace, democracy and human rights; supporting education, training and research; and developing cooperation for sustainable development. These priorities are pursued through the cooperation of four specialized operators: the Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), the international TV channel TV5, the Association internationale des maires francophones (AIMF), and the Université Senghor of Alexandria. Canada's contribution to the development of TV5 in Africa, and to the restructuring of the education system in Haiti following the 2010 earthquake, are examples of projects that enhance Canada's presence on the international stage for La Francophonie, an integral part of Canadian foreign policy.

SERVICES RENDERED ABROAD: \$81.21 million

In accordance with the Treasury Board Common Service Policy, the *Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Act* and the Interdepartmental Memorandum of Understanding on Operations and Support at Missions, DFAIT managed the procurement of goods, services, and real property in support of diplomatic and consular missions, including the provision of common services to partner departments. CIDA transferred funds to DFAIT for

those common services provided to CIDA personnel, both Canada-based and locally-engaged, at Canada's diplomatic and consular missions abroad. These funds helped to facilitate the presence of development officers in the field and support international assistance project implementation.



GRAPH 2: DFAIT Total international assistance for fiscal year 2012—2013: Ensuring Security and Stability—\$175.76M; Advancing Democracy—\$20.30M; Securing the Future of Children and Youth—\$8.24M; Stimulating Sustainable Economic Growth—\$6.50M; Assessed Contributions to International Organizations—\$113.03M; Office of Religious Freedom—\$0.31M; Voluntary Contributions to Francophonie—\$7.27M; Services Rendered Abroad—\$84.52M; Canada Fund for Local Initiatives—\$15.43M.

CONCLUSION

For fiscal year 2012—2013, DFAIT's ODA disbursements totalled \$333.53 million, and supported four of the five thematic priorities of Canada's international assistance. Activities ranged from international crisis response and peacekeeping efforts to democracy-related programming, and core contributions to international organizations. As well, in 2012—2013, DFAIT began reporting on additional programming including the Office of Religious Freedom²¹ and the Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives.

Complementing DFAIT's ODA programming was an additional \$97.81 million in non-ODA international assistance, predominately in ensuring security and stability programming (including anti-crime capacity building, counter-terrorism capacity building, and weapons of mass

²¹ The Office of Religious Freedom was announced on February 19, 2013, established in 2012—2013, and will begin programming in 2013—2014.