

the UN strengthen its zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse, including providing a formal submission in August 2015 to the panel examining the UN's response to sexual exploitation and abuse in the Central African Republic.

## CANADA FUND FOR LOCAL INITIATIVES

The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) is a local fund delivered by Canada's foreign missions overseas. It supports small-scale local projects in line with Canada's thematic priorities in-country. Missions also use the CFLI to rapidly respond to sudden-onset natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies via grassroots organizations.

Most CFLI projects are implemented by local NGOs who help advance Canadian priorities and values through workshops, training, education and public awareness campaigns. In 2015-2016, the CFLI funded 584 local projects totalling \$13.82 million through 70 Canadian missions in 118 countries and the West Bank. These projects helped prevent sexual and gender-based violence, protect human rights, support democratic transition and participation, and support the rule of law and strengthened

economic governance. Preventing child, early and forced marriage and promoting religious freedom were also key priorities.

For example, the Election Watch Organization of Afghanistan held a series of consultations and workshops with 250 women across five provinces to discuss the challenges for female political participation, including for candidates who ran in the 2014 election. A report was published and shared with the Government of Afghanistan and NGOs, with recommendations on how to decrease barriers to female political participation.

In Ghana, one project addressed violence against lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, trans-sexual and queer (LGBTQ) people by:

- disseminating stories of LGBTQ violence to support advocacy and education,
- training 20 paralegals on how to provide legal services to LGBTQ individuals who have experienced violence,
- training 10 individuals on how to operate a hotline to assist the LGBTQ community, and
- conducting awareness-raising sessions in eight different communities.

## CANADIAN POLICE ARRANGEMENTS

The Canadian Police Arrangement guides the Government of Canada's response to foreign requests for police assistance. This partnership between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Global Affairs Canada, and Public Safety Canada enables Canadian police participation in international peace operations and contributes to longer-term security system reform and conflict-prevention efforts.

Canadian police operations in 2015-2016 included the following:

- There were deployments to promote stability and police development in the West Bank. Two police advisors were assigned to the European Union Coordinating Office for Palestinian Police Support, to help establish law and order within the West Bank. A senior police advisor was also deployed to the Canadian Armed Forces' Operation PROTEUS in the West Bank.
- Approximately 85 Canadian police officers were deployed to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti to help enhance the capacity of the Haitian National Police. In addition, Canadian police continued to work with Norwegian officers on projects to reduce sexual and gender-based violence.
- Four senior Canadian police officers were deployed to the European Union Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform Ukraine to provide strategic advice on the development of effective and accountable security services in Ukraine.



- To assist the UN in its goal of increasing female police participation in UN missions, Canadian police officers and UN counterparts travelled to Benin, Niger and Togo to oversee training in communications, firearms and driving. Canadian police also provided this training to both men and women officers in Colombia.