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Canada's feminist approach to international assistance

A feminist approach to international assistance recognizes that promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls require the transformation of social norms and power relations. This objective is also essential for the achievement of all other development priorities. For this reason, we will ensure that by 2021-22 no less than 95 percent of Canada's bilateral international development assistance initiatives will target or integrate gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

Supporting local women's organizations that advance women's rights

For decades, women around the world have led the struggle for gender equality. Local women's organizations that advance women's rights, particularly at the grassroots level, play an important role in raising social awareness and mobilizing communities to change laws, attitudes, social norms and practices.

To better amplify women's voices around the world, Canada will collaborate with partners to pilot, design and champion new and innovative ways of working with local women's organizations that advance women's rights.

