

Canada supports the Global Partnership for Education which helps over 60 developing countries deliver quality basic education. Since 2002, the Global Partnership for Education has:

- helped partner countries place 61 million more children in primary school,
- assisted in increasing the primary school completion rate for girls from 56 percent to 69 percent in participating countries, and
- helped 31 partner countries achieve (or nearly achieve), gender parity in primary education.

In Kenya, through a partnership with York University, Canada is investing \$4.5 million to enhance access to quality education for vulnerable girls and boys living in the Dadaab refugee camp and local area. To date, 328 individuals have been trained to teach at primary and secondary schools and received their accreditation from two partner universities. As a result, these individuals eventually obtained formal work as teachers outside of the camps.

In Jordan, Canada's support has improved school-based planning and decision-making via training teachers, principals, supervisors and school management committees in the 3,567 public schools attended by Jordanian and Syrian refugee children.

In Mali, Canada's \$20 million support for Plan International Canada helps increase access to safe and secure primary education and early childhood centres. The project contributed to an increase in the national gross primary enrolment rate (from 57.6 percent in 2014 to 83.1 percent in 2015). Over 27,000 children, approximately half of whom are girls, are also being provided with nutritional daily meals.

In 2015-2016, Employment and Social Development Canada's Labour Program provided \$350,000 to the International Labour Organization for a pilot project in Jordan that reduces the number of children in the labour market and increases the rate of school completion among Syrian refugees and within host communities.

TOGETHER FOR GIRLS

Canada is contributing \$5 million to UNICEF and Together for Girls, a global public-private partnership that helps countries to prevent and respond to violence against children.

In Cambodia, the Together for Girls partnership financed a study on the Economic Burden of Health Consequences of Violence Against Children, providing key evidence on the prevalence, consequences and impact of childhood violence. As a result, a costed action plan to prevent and address violence against girls and boys is now being developed by Cambodia's National Steering Committee for Violence Against Children. Government, civil society, donors and other stakeholders have also increased their support for action to address violence against children.

Canada's support for the partnership also helps implement child-friendly healthcare and education systems in Cambodia. For example, with Cambodia's Ministry of Health, Canada is helping 25 health facilities use a Child Protection Clinical Handbook for screening, treating, reporting and referral of children subjected to violence and sexual abuse. With Canada's support, 100 primary schools are also improving positive discipline and effective classroom management training for teachers and administrators.

ENSURING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Canada is working to strengthen national systems to protect children and youth, particularly girls, from all forms of violence and harmful practices. This includes reducing human (child) trafficking and combatting gender-based violence and sexual exploitation, promoting safe and secure schools, supporting at-risk youth, and preventing child, early and forced marriage.

