

GENDER, SECURITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

As a result of a Canada-supported project with civil society organization IMPACT to build responsible and conflict-free mineral supply chains in the Democratic Republic of Congo, 62 women from five communities and six mine sites established the Network for the Empowerment of Women in Mining Communities (RAEFECOM). RAEFECOM aims to improve living conditions for women, promote their rights and access to social services, and build solidarity. The network is documenting cases of sexual violence and working with local organizations to ensure that survivors can access the services they need. The creation of RAEFECOM is proof of women's strengthened decision-making and leadership roles in the involved communities.

Objective 4: Meet the specific needs of women and girls in humanitarian settings, including the upholding of their sexual rights and access to sexual and reproductive health services

Rating: On track

Canada took on a global leadership role in promoting gender-responsive humanitarian assistance and sexual and reproductive health services through increased levels of funding, intensified advocacy and initiatives such as the Minister of International Development championing the SheDecides global movement. In addition, the government is pleased to confirm the following:

- Humanitarian assistance that integrated gender equality increased from 53% to 93% during the reporting period.¹⁴
- For the Action Plan focus countries the DRC, Syria and Iraq, which receive significant levels of Canadian humanitarian assistance funding, 100% of humanitarian assistance programming integrated gender equality considerations. These results were accomplished by a range of measures, such as updating the Global Affairs Canada's NGO funding application guidelines, providing additional guidance to staff and partners, and prioritizing gender-responsive project proposals.
- In Guatemala, 37,899 adolescent girls, to a large majority Indigenous, are better able to express and exercise their rights to decide on important life choices such as relationship formation/marriage, childbearing, sexuality and education.

¹⁴ The target in the implementation plan is 80% by 2021.