

The situation in Haiti highlights how security challenges are multi-faceted and inter-related. Canada's initiatives in improving security in Haiti demonstrates the importance that Canada attaches to contributing to its long-term stability and development. Since the departure of President Aristide in February 2004, Canada has helped re-establish stability in Haiti and

assisted in longer-term development efforts. Over five years (2006-2011), Canada has committed \$555 million to Haiti, and has become its second largest bilateral donor. In fact, Haiti is the largest beneficiary of Canadian development assistance in the Americas and the second largest in the world (after Afghanistan). Assistance is coordinated across government

and designed to support three core objectives in Haiti: improved access to basic services, restoration of rule of law and reinforcement of democratic institutions. In addition, the Department of National Defence (DND) is supporting MINUSTAH through the deployment of four Canadian Forces personnel in key positions in the mission's headquarters.

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Her Excellency the Right Honourable Governor General Michaëlle Jean during her visit to Haiti in January 2009

The Global Peace and Security Fund (GPSF)

- Through the GPSF, the Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force (START) of DFAIT, Canada has strengthened the operational and institutional capacity of Haiti's security forces to help improve security in communities so that families can live and work without fear for their personal safety.
- Since 2005, through START, Canada has also contributed a total of \$15 million to Colombia's conflict prevention and peacebuilding efforts. Of this, \$2 million have gone towards the OAS Mission to support the Peace Process in Colombia. START funding supports government and civil society efforts to investigate and prosecute conflict-related crimes, to strengthen transitional justice programs, and to protect the rights of vulnerable groups such as indigenous communities. These funds also bolster the OAS's ongoing efforts to support demobilization of paramilitary forces in Colombia.