

## CANADA'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

To advance Canada's aid effectiveness agenda and maintain the focus of its international assistance, Canada's international assistance in 2015-2016 was guided by five thematic priorities:

- stimulating sustainable economic growth
- increasing food security
- securing the future of children and youth
- advancing democracy
- promoting stability and security.

Additionally, to build upon Canada's comparative advantage, crosscutting themes—increasing environmental sustainability, advancing gender equality, and helping to strengthen governance—were integrated into all of Canada's international assistance.

Canada's thematic priorities are currently being reconsidered as part of the Government's International Assistance Review. The review will inform how Canada can best use its resources to address emerging global challenges and which priorities will guide its development assistance. The empowerment of women and girls will be at the heart of the new priorities. Canada will also continue to help the poorest and most vulnerable populations and support fragile states.

## STIMULATING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH



Global Affairs Canada's Sustainable Economic Growth Strategy seeks to create balanced, long-term economic growth that increases revenue generation, creates employment, and leads to poverty reduction in developing countries. In 2015-2016, Canada's sustainable economic growth initiatives focused on building economic foundations, growing businesses and investing in people.

### BUILDING ECONOMIC FOUNDATIONS

Governments play a key role in creating the conditions and institutional frameworks for investment, innovation and economic growth. Canada is helping developing countries build their capacity to ensure sound transparent financial and economic management, and establish public policies that encourage private investment and reduce corruption. In alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ("2030 Agenda"), Canada is also providing support to governments of



developing countries to build the necessary legislative and regulatory business, industrial and financial frameworks to enable sustainable growth.