## UKRAINE

Following Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity in 2014, Ukraine faced daunting political and economic challenges. Though Ukraine has achieved significant progress, the country's democratic and economic reform efforts are being heavily impacted by the protracted conflict in eastern Ukraine. It not only poses a threat to the country's territorial integrity, but also to its social, economic and political development.

Canada increased its development assistance to Ukraine, aiming to reduce poverty in the country by supporting efforts to stabilize the economy and reduce citizens' vulnerability. Canada's assistance also aims to strengthen the country's democracy through increased citizens' participation, strengthened independent media and judiciary, and promotion of the rule of law. Through its current development programming, Canada is one of the central supporters of Ukraine's democratic and economic reform efforts, particularly in critical areas such as governance, fiscal and agricultural reforms.

