



conflict-affected states. Through DFATD's Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force, Canada contributed to building peace and security in fragile and conflict-affected states throughout the world.

In 2014–2015, Canada contributed \$27.5 million to the UNDP-managed Law and Order Trust Fund for Afghanistan (LOTFA) to increase the capacity of Afghanistan's police forces. Funds were used to improve direct electronic transfer systems, build infrastructure such as police checkpoints, and support the professionalization of police officers—with a special focus on the professionalization of women in the force.

Also in 2014–2015, Canadian civilian expertise was deployed to fragile states (including Cambodia, Haiti, Iraq, the Philippines and the West Bank and Gaza), as well as to relevant international institutions, thereby bolstering Canada's ability to contribute to policy and programming initiatives in support of fragile and conflict-affected states and regions.

The Canada Fund For Local Initiatives (CFLI) supported 38 projects that focused on entrenching the rule of law and combatting the destabilizing impact of crime and corruption, including through security sector capacity building. Projects included support for law enforcement, promoting transparency in government, and strengthening the judicial branch of government in Afghanistan, Colombia, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Philippines, Senegal, Turkey, Ukraine and Venezuela.

Enabling Transitional Justice and Reconciliation

Transitional justice mechanisms help to lay the foundation required for long-term peace and stability in areas that have experienced violent conflict and authoritarianism.

In 2014–2015, three Canadian police investigators were deployed to Cambodia to work with the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. Through their investigative expertise, including in the area of sexual and gender-based violence, the officers contributed to the tribunal's important work in investigating and prosecuting crimes against humanity committed during the Khmer Rouge regime.

Additional projects that were focused on transitional justice and reconciliation in Colombia, Mali, Somalia and Sri Lanka were also supported through the CFLI.

Protecting Vulnerable Populations, Including Women and Children

State fragility and conflict have different impacts on women and men, girls and boys, based on their gender and their roles and responsibilities within their communities. Although women and girls are frequently victims of today's conflicts, they are also combatants, participants, leaders, negotiators, peacemakers and activists.

In 2014–2015, Canada ensured the full integration of core principles of the resolutions into programming initiatives, under Canada's Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, and as party to the United Nations Security Council Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security.

Also in 2014–2015, Canada contributed to combatting sexual and gender-based violence and related human rights abuses in areas affected by the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), working with multilateral, international, and local organizations throughout the region.

Through the CFLI, approximately 170 projects were also supported that promote women's and girls' rights in fragile states and ensure that the differential impact of conflict on women and girls is recognized and addressed. Approximately 150 projects were also focused on the prevention of sexual violence and early forced marriage.

Canada provided international development assistance to countries in need to remove the threat of landmines, cluster munitions and other explosive remnants of war, and to assist the survivors of mine and explosive remnants of war incidents. This assistance was provided in support of the Ottawa Convention, the Convention on Cluster Munitions—ratified by Canada in March 2015—and the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons.

In 2014–2015, as a small part of a broader envelope of support for mine action programs around the world, START supported the Cooperative Orthotic and Prosthetic Enterprise in Laos with a contribution that is helping create an innovative mobile clinic to bring rehabilitation services to victims of explosive remnants of war living in remote areas of the country.

