



Electoral training in Afghanistan, with support from the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives.

- In Mali, Canada's support to improve women's access to justice had results such as providing 80 women with legal assistance, with 23 of these cases concluded (a steep increase from six cases concluded in 2016-17).
- With Canadian support, a network of women's rights organizations in the Great Lakes region, including from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Burundi, which amplifies women's voices in the fight for political participation and respect for their rights, became an important agent in addressing SGBV in the region.
- Canada's support to rural co-operatives¹² in Colombia resulted in 95 women being trained in story-telling to reframe and overcome traumatic experiences of violence. A total of 3,455 individuals (60% women) received training on women's rights. This program also supported women's increased and meaningful participation, including as decision makers, in rural cooperatives and associations.
- Aligning with Canada's role as gender focal point for the Global Coalition against Daesh's Working Group on Stabilization, Canada successfully advocated for the WPHF to

Through the CFLI, a small projects fund managed directly by Canada's network of missions abroad, Canada is able to support a range of local organizations that have a strong understanding of the local context and community needs. Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls are both stand-alone priorities as well as cross-cutting themes for CFLI programming. During the reporting period, over \$2 million was disbursed in support of 82 projects related to the implementation of the WPS agenda. Recipients included 19 local women's rights organizations working to promote the human rights of women and girls in fragile and conflict-affected states.

expand to Iraq, a decision made possible by financial contributions from Canada and the United Kingdom.

- A result from efforts in multilateral forums is the Canada-initiated focus on engaging men and boys in the annual Human Rights Council resolution on the elimination of violence against women and girls.
- In Canada, the resettling of Yazidi women and girls and other survivors of Daesh was completed, and Budget 2018 allocated funds to welcome an additional 1,000 refugee women and girls from various conflict zones,¹³ as well as to support newcomer women who are also members of visible minority groups in an effort to remove potential barriers to their employment.

¹² Rural co-operatives are a key part of the Colombian government's strategy to build peace in communities affected by the armed conflict.

¹³ This is in addition to planned refugee resettlement targets through the Women at Risk program.