

All initiatives address gender equality and promote the empowerment of women and girls.

In 2016-2017, Canada announced \$78.4 million in new international assistance funding to support Colombia's peacebuilding and reconstruction efforts. This includes new projects in:

- humanitarian demining;
- education;
- rural credit;
- transitional justice;
- human rights protection; and
- reparations for victims.

This programming will make a difference in the lives of thousands of conflict-affected women, men and children.

Key results

In 2016-2017, Canada invested in rural development and contributed to the economic empowerment of more than 9,700 rural women. This allowed them to participate as decision makers in agricultural cooperatives and associations. This also gave the women control over resources such as income, credit, infrastructure and land.

Canadian cooperative models for agricultural finance and development are contributing to the transformation of post-conflict rural areas. Canada has supported more than 22,100 small-scale farmers to build viable businesses, access credit and crop insurance, and connect to new markets. Canada's assistance has benefited 172 agricultural cooperatives and associations. It has also benefited 37 financial institutions, including micro-finance organizations, financial cooperatives and agricultural banks.



Canada's assistance enabled the training of 1,426 new teachers in gender-sensitive curriculum, school improvement planning and flexible learning models. This gave young mothers and other vulnerable populations education that schooling does not traditionally reach. Canada improved access to quality education for 17,978 children and youth (53% women and girls) living in some of Colombia's most conflict-affected rural areas.

Canada contributed \$6 million to fund the peace transition in areas aligned with the Government of Colombia's priorities:

- demobilization, disarmament and reintegration;
- security;
- transitional justice;
- mine action;
- governance; and
- rapid response.

This included financial support for the international electoral observation mission for the October 2016 peace accord plebiscite.