

save lives when disaster struck. This was done by deploying emergency telecommunication equipment and capacity to assist the following countries: Malawi, Mozambique, Vanuatu, Micronesia, Nepal, Kenya, Myanmar and the Dominican Republic.

The union also offered direct technical assistance in Zambia, Uganda, Niger and Tanzania to:

- deploy early warning telecommunication systems and communication protocols during emergencies,
- establish a national emergency telecommunications plan, and
- use telecommunications for emergency situations, and disaster preparedness, prediction, detection and mitigation.

In addition, the union organized two regional workshops, one in Botswana and one in Benin, to help develop national e-health strategies. Another two regional workshops, one in Bangkok, Thailand, and one in Budapest, Hungary, helped develop national e-agriculture strategies. A training session for almost 300 Indigenous leaders on the use of information and communications technologies in the Americas proved successful as well.

## CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO TAX ORGANIZATIONS

Canada's international tax capacity building efforts are being led by Global Affairs Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). Working with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and regional tax organizations—whose members are primarily developing countries—the CRA shares its expertise to improve tax policy and practices. Global Affairs Canada also works with a range of partners on tax programming, including the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and private sector organizations.

Taxation is an important aspect of development as it mobilizes domestic resources and helps countries develop economically. The G-20 international tax agenda and the 2030 Agenda have influenced the work of these regional tax organizations by underscoring the importance of building capacity in the tax administrations of developing countries. In July 2015, Canada joined more than 30 other countries and international organizations to launch the Addis Tax Initiative, which seeks to double domestic resource mobilization capacity building by 2020.

In 2015-2016, CRA focused on in-kind support for tax administration capacity building in developing countries. As part of its in-kind contribution to the OECD, CRA provided training at nine events – primarily for tax officials from developing countries—through the Global Relations Program, OECD global forums on various tax subjects, and the International Academy for Tax Crime Investigation.

## CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Canada's contributions of \$14.62 million to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) helps the Organization implement its 2014-2019 strategic plan. In 2015, the Americas became the world's first region to eliminate rubella and congenital rubella syndrome, largely due to a 15-year consolidated effort and the implementation of this strategic plan. This is considered to be a historic milestone for public health.

In 2015, Canada used its membership on the PAHO Executive Committee to lead the development of the Strategy and Plan of Action on Strengthening the Health System to Address Violence Against Women. By adopting this strategy and plan of action, PAHO member states recognized that violence against women is a public health and human rights problem, and pledged to ensure that their health systems will prevent and respond to such violence.

Canada's support for PAHO helps enhance global health security by strengthening public health services in the Americas region via sharing of information, and strengthening surveillance and response capabilities to public health emergencies.

## PARKS CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

Parks Canada's multilateral funding contributes to three organizations directly mandated with achieving the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development goals: the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); the International Union for Conservation of Nature; and the International Centre for the Study of Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property.

UNESCO's World Heritage mission is to encourage international cooperation in the conservation of the world's cultural and natural heritage. Parks Canada provides funding to the World Heritage Fund, intended to supplement national efforts for the conservation and management of World Heritage when adequate resources cannot be secured at the national level. The World Heritage Convention recognizes cultural and natural heritage places that contribute to maintaining ecological diversity, provide a platform for sustainable economic development, and act as centres for learning and peaceful cultural exchange.