

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the *Official Development Assistance Accountability Act* (ODAAA), this report addresses the Government of Canada's official development assistance (ODA) spending and activities in fiscal year 2015-2016 (April 1, 2015, to March 31, 2016). It highlights the collective efforts of 17 Canadian federal departments and agencies that have provided ODA to help reduce poverty and build peaceful societies, while creating a more sustainable and inclusive global community. During 2015-2016, the Government of Canada disbursed \$4.82 billion of ODA in over 80 countries. The previous fiscal year's efforts have consistently built upon successes over time to generate economic growth in developing countries, yield nutritious food for those in need, and enable greater access to maternal, newborn and child health services. These have contributed to improved quality of life for many of the world's most vulnerable.



Stimulating sustainable economic growth



Increasing food security



Securing the future of children and youth



Advancing democracy



Promoting stability and security

Since 2009, ODA spending has focused on five thematic priorities, in line with Canada's aid effectiveness agenda. The priorities are: stimulating sustainable economic growth, increasing food security, securing the future of children and youth, advancing democracy, and promoting stability and security. These priorities are complemented by Canada's commitments to maternal, newborn and child health; environmental sustainability; gender equality; accountable governance; and effective humanitarian assistance in a world facing more frequent natural and man-made disasters. The needs of the poorest and most vulnerable are integral to Canada's approach to international assistance, which aims to leave no one behind in the global fight against poverty—a commitment that reflects Canadian values of compassion and generosity. Through ongoing work with partners in the field, we are able to work toward a better future for all.

Yet, the world continues to present new and emerging development challenges. Priorities are regularly re-examined to ensure Canada's ODA remains relevant and directed to helping the most vulnerable.



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