

G7 members play an important role in strengthening and supporting women's economic empowerment. To promote gender equality and to advance women's economic empowerment, G7 members have integrated this commitment into their international-assistance priorities, policies and strategies as outlined below. Significant financial contributions have been made to increase women's access to economic opportunities and to assist countries in the establishment and implementation of laws, policies and institutions supporting women's economic empowerment.

This report assesses progress on implementing the 2015 Elmau commitment by measuring two indicators. The first is G7 support that directly enables women's economic participation by targeting gender equality as a principal or significant objective in economic and productive sectors and in enabling sectors (such as

education and training). Section 2.2 Table 1 provides a breakdown of G7 official development assistance (ODA) in these areas.

The second indicator focuses on support for women to overcome violence, which harms them and reduces their ability to participate economically. Section 2.2 Table 2 provides a breakdown of ODA focused on eliminating violence against women. In addition to drawing on data from the OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC), the commitment to eliminate violence against women allows G7 members to report on their own activities in support of overcoming of barriers to women's economic participation, in keeping with the flexible approach and broad views expressed in the commitment's language.

2.1 Policy Priorities

CANADA



Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy and Commitments to Women's Economic Empowerment

Canada is committed to gender equality and women's economic empowerment as the most effective approach to achieving sustainable growth that works for everyone. Its [Feminist International Assistance Policy](#) recognizes the transformative impact women and girls, including adolescent girls, can have when they are able to reach their full economic potential.

A Holistic Approach

In keeping with Agenda 2030, Canada recognizes that global challenges are interconnected and require a coordinated response. To best increase women's economic empowerment, Canada uses a holistic approach – one that includes diplomacy, trade, security and the expertise of various partners, including a wide range of Canadian government departments and agencies, and the private sector. This approach seeks innovative solutions and partnerships to challenge traditional models of international assistance and accelerate progress towards sustainable development. For example, Canada has established its new development-finance institute, [FinDev Canada](#), to build more partnerships with businesses in developing countries, especially those operated by women and youth. Canada is also committed to a progressive trade agenda that fully considers gender equality during trade negotiations and incorporates greater gender considerations in its free trade agreements (FTAs), demonstrated by the new trade and gender chapter of the modernized Canada-Chile FTA.

Canada also believes it is essential to create an enabling environment for women's economic rights to be realized and upheld. To this end, it committed \$650 million over three years to close the persistent gaps in sexual and reproductive health and rights for women and girls, recognizing that women must have control over their own sexual and reproductive health choices to take full advantage of economic opportunities. Canada also seeks