



To ensure that Canada's international assistance is best able to achieve the goals of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, Canada will focus its efforts on six action areas:

- ▶ **CORE ACTION AREA: GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS**
- ▶ **HUMAN DIGNITY (HEALTH AND NUTRITION, EDUCATION, HUMANITARIAN ACTION)**
- ▶ **GROWTH THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE**
- ▶ **ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION**
- ▶ **INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE**
- ▶ **PEACE AND SECURITY**

These action areas represent interrelated global challenges that, when addressed, will make a significant difference in the lives of the world's poorest and most vulnerable citizens, particularly women and girls.

Canada's approach will build upon our experience in increasing food security, ensure safe and secure futures for children and youth, stimulate sustainable economic growth and advance democracy, peacebuilding, stability and security. The new action areas demonstrate a shift toward a focus on the poorest and most vulnerable, and reflect areas in which we can have the greatest impact. An integrated approach across these six areas will allow us to deliver a transformational change to those most in need.

Within each action area Canada recognizes the importance of gender equality and the role that empowered women and girls can play in building a better future for themselves and for their entire communities.