

CIDA remained committed to inclusive consultations with Canadians and with our stakeholders overseas including partner governments, other donors, and civil society.

TABLE 2: CIDA AID SPENDING BY THEMATIC PRIORITY 2012–2013

THEMATIC PRIORITY	SPENDING (\$)
Increasing food security ⁶	687,281,103
Securing the future of children and youth	1,011,197,191
Stimulating sustainable economic growth	954,595,972
Advancing democracy	114,172,533
Ensuring security and stability	8,641,744
International humanitarian assistance ⁷	346,789,219
Not Assigned to a Thematic Priority	
Health, education and social services ⁸	30,504,231
Other ⁹	72,061,607
Administrative costs	221,072,671
Total	3,446,316,271

THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Increasing food security \$ 687.3 million

By carrying out Canada's Food Security Strategy, CIDA continued to improve access to safe and nutritious food for those who need it most in the developing world. Canada's food security initiatives are guided by three paths: sustainable agricultural development, food assistance and nutrition, and research and development.

Highlights of CIDA's work on food security in 2012–2013 include the following:

- At the 2012 G8 Summit, Canada reinforced its leadership in combating food insecurity. Along with the other G8 members, Canada announced its support for the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition. The New Alliance aims to raise 50 million people in Sub-Saharan Africa out of poverty over the next 10 years by engaging private sector partners to increase investment in sustainable agricultural development and mobilize policy commitments from African governments on food

⁶ Includes emergency food assistance of \$190.81 million.

⁷ Does not include emergency food assistance, which is included in food security spending.

⁸ Includes health, education and social services not targeting children or youth.

⁹ Other includes legacy programs coded as multisector aid as well as development-awareness programs.

security. In 2012, Canada committed \$71 million to Ghana and \$98 million to Ethiopia to support their three-year New Alliance country cooperation frameworks. In particular, the "Assistance to Ghanaian Food Insecure" initiative reached 746,245 members (445,846 women and 300,399 men) of vulnerable households in northern Ghana between 2010 and 2012, exceeding its target of 662,250 beneficiaries. By 2012, the project had achieved an eight-percent reduction in acute malnutrition among vulnerable children under five, dropping from 14.7 percent in 2010 to 6.7 percent in 2012.

- Working with its international partners and other donors, Canada continued to provide policy leadership in the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement¹⁰ launched in 2010. This effort aims at greater coherence, efficiency and impact by coordinating initiatives at the global and country level, supporting the scale up of direct nutrition interventions, and promoting the adoption of a multisectoral approach.
- Canada successfully chaired the negotiations for the 2012 Food Assistance Convention (FAC), and was one of the first Parties to ratify the new FAC to ensure that minimum levels of food assistance are made available to help meet the food and nutrition needs of the most vulnerable populations. In February 2013, Canada announced its minimum annual commitment of \$250 million in food assistance funding.
- With Canadian Government support, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank delivered 40,677 tonnes of food assistance to 2.1 million people in 37 countries, and the United Nations World Food Programme delivered 3.5 million tonnes of food assistance to more than 97 million people in 80 countries. The vast majority of beneficiaries—82 million—were women and children. This included the distribution of emergency food assistance to 2.5 million people in Syria.
- With long-term institutional support from Canada and other donors, the International Fund for Agricultural Development trained more than 4.5 million people in 2012 to use improved agricultural practices and technologies, enabling them to increase productivity. An additional 30 million borrowers received financial assistance, making it possible for them to invest in their farms and businesses.

¹⁰ www.scalingupnutrition.org/about