

Annex A

Tracking of International Assistance Investments to advance Women, Peace and Security

Background: There is no internationally agreed method to track international assistance investments to advance WPS. In reporting undertaken under the previous Action Plan, in fiscal year (FY) 2014–15 and 2015–16, Global Affairs Canada tracked its WPS-related funding using a method that included the total funding allocated to projects that specifically advanced WPS or that contained a WPS component based on an analysis conducted by individual programming officers. Due to the subjective nature of such analyses, inconsistencies in reporting were possible and may have resulted in inaccurate figures.

Canada's new funding tracking method: Taking these lessons into account, and building upon the OECD's Development Assistance Committee (OECD-DAC) approach to capturing international assistance spending allocated to advancing gender equality in fragile states, Canada has developed a new method to track WPS spending. This method is based on a combination of OECD-DAC purpose codes,²¹ Global Affairs Canada's gender equality (GE) codes,²² and a list of fragile and conflict-affected states created using three indices: the Fragile States Index, Global Peace Index and OECD States of Fragility Report. The projects are captured in our project database using these search criteria. Because of the application of OECD-DAC codes, the method can more accurately capture the relevant WPS components of projects, thereby providing more accurate reporting on funding amounts.

WPS funding: During the reporting year, based on this new method, preliminary reporting demonstrates that Global Affairs Canada disbursed approximately \$408 million to projects advancing the WPS agenda, as compared to \$221 million in the previous year.^{23, 24} These figures stem from 215 projects that fully integrated gender considerations (GE-02) and from 55 projects that targeted advancing gender equality (GE-03).

²¹ **OECD purpose codes:** Relief coordination, protection and support services; Emergency food aid; Material relief assistance and services; Reconstruction relief and rehabilitation; Conflict prevention and resolution, peace and security; Civilian peace-building, conflict prevention and resolution; Participation in international peacekeeping operations; Security system management and reform; Public sector policy and admin management; Anti-corruption organizations and institutions; Legal and judicial development; Justice law and order policy planning and administration; Police; Judicial affairs; Prisons; Democratic participation and civil society; Elections, legislatures and political parties; Media and free flow of information; Human rights; Ending violence against women and girls; Primary education; Sexual and reproductive rights; Reproductive health care; Family planning; STD control, including HIV/AIDS; Personnel development for population and reproductive health; Social mitigation of HIV/AIDS; Population policy and administrative management. **Global Affairs Canada Internal codes:** Combatting violent extremism and foreign terrorist fighters; Combatting the financing of terrorism; Preventing violent extremism; Cybercrime.

²² Global Affairs Canada is tracking GE-02 and GE-03 codes to more accurately capture WPS programming. Canada defines GE-02 (gender equality is fully integrated) as an initiative that will result in observable changes in behaviour, practice or performance that contribute to gender equality and GE-03 (gender equality is targeted) as an initiative whose principal objective is gender equality.

²³ Tracking of WPS funding for FY 2016–17 did not include the Anti-Crime and Counter-Terrorism programs, which will account for \$20 million of the total amount for FY 2017–18.

²⁴ These numbers are preliminary and subject to change. All reporting on international assistance spending undergoes quality control, and as a result the final numbers are adjusted. For FY 2016–17, the quality control was completed for international assistance spending, thus the reporting for this time period is correct. However, for FY 2017–18, the international assistance spending will undergo quality control in January 2019. Consequently, Canada's actual WPS spending in FY 2017–18 will be available only in the FY 2018–19 progress report.