

approach, Global Affairs Canada has developed a robust set of key performance indicators. These indicators will represent a broad snapshot of the department's international assistance portfolio, in line with the SDGs.

By collecting, analyzing and aggregating the results data on these indicators, the department will be able to produce a comprehensive source of performance information. This knowledge will be used to better inform evidence-based decision making and to communicate results to Canadians. It will also be used to demonstrate alignment between the programming portfolio and the objectives of the new Feminist International Assistance Policy.

These efforts will form part of Global Affairs Canada's comprehensive Departmental Data Strategy, which is currently under development. The strategy will maximize the value of collected data by using it to:

- inform policy making and program delivery;
- strengthen the capacity of staff to use data more effectively; and
- improve performance measurement and the communication of results to Canadians.

Global Affairs Canada is also adjusting how it administers and delivers international assistance to improve efficiency. To this end, efforts are underway on various fronts to streamline the way the department works with implementing partners and reduce administrative burdens, both for partners and for the government.

In 2017-2018, the time required in the department to initiate a project was significantly reduced. Another important change that has helped the department streamline work processes relates to how Global Affairs Canada receives funding applications. A new two-phased call for

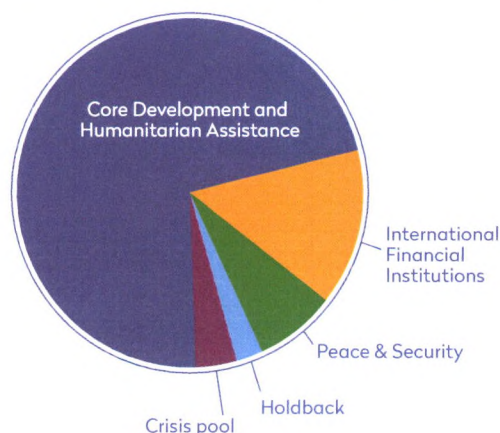
preliminary proposals approach has been put in place and it significantly lessens the initial application burden on partners. Partners also get an indication much sooner as to whether their proposal aligns with departmental objectives and whether it is likely to move ahead for funding consideration.

To increase effectiveness and efficiency, Global Affairs Canada has increased its engagement with civil society and other partners to identify and prioritize areas where operational policies and processes can be improved. Joint solution teams have reviewed and made recommendations to streamline processes and simplify requirements related to reporting, the funding application process, funding agreement templates and the agreement negotiation process. These efforts contribute to stronger partnerships with civil society and reduced administrative burden. This greatly improves Canada's ability to achieve transformative results.

AID TRANSPARENCY

Aid transparency is essential to development effectiveness. It facilitates aid coordination at the country level and helps citizens hold their governments to account. Consistent with the mandate letter of the Minister of International Development and the Feminist International Assistance Policy, Global Affairs Canada leads efforts to strengthen the transparency of Canada's international assistance. These efforts include ensuring access to high-quality open data on activities funded through the International Assistance Envelope and enabling citizens to see how Canada's funding flows through partners to deliver development activities and results on the ground.

International Assistance Envelope Structure Pre-Budget 2018



International Assistance Envelope Structure Post-Budget 2018

