

project sensitized municipalities to gender equality issues. This laid the groundwork for gender-based budgeting and other best practices in municipal planning, to be rolled out as the project unfolds.

Canada emphasizes bilateral and multilateral engagement and collaboration when channelling support to partner countries on matters related to international tax and domestic resource mobilization. It delivers such assistance, in part, via the Canada Revenue Agency. As an example, the agency co-sponsored the OECD Forum on Tax Administration's Capacity Building Network. This forum aims to advance work and priorities in supporting international tax capacity-building efforts. The network established a capacity-building framework to:

- anchor these priorities;
- serve as a practical tool to help catalogue, assess and monitor support and activities; and
- improve efficiency by identifying capacity-building gaps and areas of overlap.

To help strengthen capacity in tax administration, the Canada Revenue Agency has continued to leverage a global online prototype called the Knowledge Sharing Platform for Tax Administrations. This platform fosters the practical sharing of tax knowledge and expertise in a cost-effective and sustainable way. Many tax administrations and tax organizations leverage the tool to complement their current programs.

In Haiti, through the DataTorque and C2D Services consortium, Canada has been strengthening the talents of the customs and income tax collection institutions, the customs branch and the income tax branch. With greater capacity, these entities will be able to improve the generation of domestic revenue needed to deliver inclusive public services. With Canadian support in 2017-2018, a computerized tax management system was installed at three income tax branch sites, allowing key personnel to improve their skills. Canada's support also helped push up domestic revenue by 126% between 2010 and 2016, from 19.5 billion Haitian gourdes to 44.2 billion. Over the same period, domestic revenue as a percentage of gross domestic product rose from 7.3% to 9.12%.

The Government of Canada prepared women members of the national legislature to better fulfill their roles and responsibilities via the Support to Democracy in Burkina Faso project, run by Canadian not-for-profit organization Parliamentary Centre. In 2017, through various workshops, the women members of legislature improved their skills in budget and program development, public policy evaluation, internal audits and other areas. In addition, a workshop specifically for 15 women members of Burkina Faso's legislature helped them hone their leadership skills.

In Peru, the Government of Canada has helped the Office of the Public Defender to promote good governance. As a result of this project, 133,656 complaints from citizens regarding the delivery and quality of public services were heard and addressed by the Defensoría del Pueblo.

(Of the citizen complaints filed, 43% came from women.) Furthermore, the project supported the creation of a high-level commission to address violence against women, the first organization of its kind in Peru. As a result of this project's work, the Institutional Strategic Plan of the Defensoría now applies the principles of gender equality, human rights and interculturality (basically, interaction between different cultures).

With support from the Government of Canada, the International Monetary Fund is implementing a project to promote effective public financial management and inclusive economic growth in Central America. In 2017-2018, the Central America-Panama-Dominican Republic Regional Technical Assistance Center trained 21 officials from ministries of finance in the region on best practices in Gender Budgeting in Public Finance Management. The training covered international best practices, as well as the analytical framework to be applied throughout the budget cycle. The acquired skills will help countries to integrate gender considerations into national budget processes.



INNOVATION

In Tanzania, the Government of Canada partnered with UNICEF in 2017-2018 on the Scaling-Up Birth Registration Using Innovative Technology project. This project aims to remove the main barriers mothers face on birth registration so that newborns can be registered and receive birth certificates. This has resulted in an innovative and simplified registration process that uses mobile technology, and a deeper understanding that birth registration is the "first right" upon which access to other rights is dependent. The innovative project centres upon a partnership with a private sector mobile service provider, Tigo. It is also providing smart phones to upload data instantly, facilitating birth registrations in the most marginalized and remote communities, and tracking progress in real time. Ensuring that birth certificates are registered establishes accurate age—essential in efforts to combat child, early and forced marriage. In 2017 alone, these efforts resulted in 1.1 million more children under five being registered in Tanzania.

In Mozambique, Canada's efforts helped increase the registration of vital events, such as births and deaths, in 2017-2018. This ultimately reduced the gap in registration and helped Mozambicans gain their right to identity. This was done through the Strengthening Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems project. This project helped implement a new electronic civil registration system that has registered over 20,000 births, and built the capacity of 312 employees to manage this system. In addition, 76 health workers from 35 hospitals were trained to use the new electronic death certification module. It provides data on causes of death based on the World Health Organization's International Classification of Diseases.

In Guinea, the Public Health Agency of Canada and partners delivered French-language emergency management training sessions in 2017-2018 to employees of Guinea's Centre des opérations d'urgence en santé publique and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control's in-country