
INTRODUCTION

Launched on November 1, 2017, Canada's National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security¹ calls for a holistic approach to improving security, promoting gender equality and building sustainable peace across all of Canada's efforts in fragile, conflict-affected and humanitarian settings. It aims to ensure a coherent, government-wide response to the needs identified in the WPS agenda and, by extension, to advance the agenda in tandem with local and international partners. The Action Plan is a central plank in Canada's Feminist Foreign Policy, which includes the Feminist International Assistance and Canadian Defence policies.

Several government departments and agencies play an active role in implementing Canada's Action Plan. Lead partners are Global Affairs Canada, the Department of National Defence (DND), the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). Supporting and new partners are Public Safety Canada (PS), Status of Women Canada (SWC), Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), the Department of Justice, Indigenous

Services Canada (ISC), and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC). In addition to applying Gender-based Analysis Plus (GBA+) in policy and programming at home and abroad, departments and agencies also take specific measures to promote diversity and gender equality. Their plans for advancing the WPS agenda and the Action Plan's objectives are publicly available.

The Action Plan has already galvanized efforts by government departments and agencies to increase efforts both domestically and overseas. International assistance programs have channelled additional resources and developed new tools to further incorporate WPS into their investments. During the reporting year, for example, Global Affairs Canada disbursed \$408 million to projects advancing the WPS agenda, as compared to \$221 million in the year prior. During this period, Canada also increased advocacy and political leadership in both the bilateral and multilateral context, promoting WPS in more than 60 high-level interventions.

¹ [Canada.ca/action-plan-women-peace-security](https://www.canada.ca/action-plan-women-peace-security)