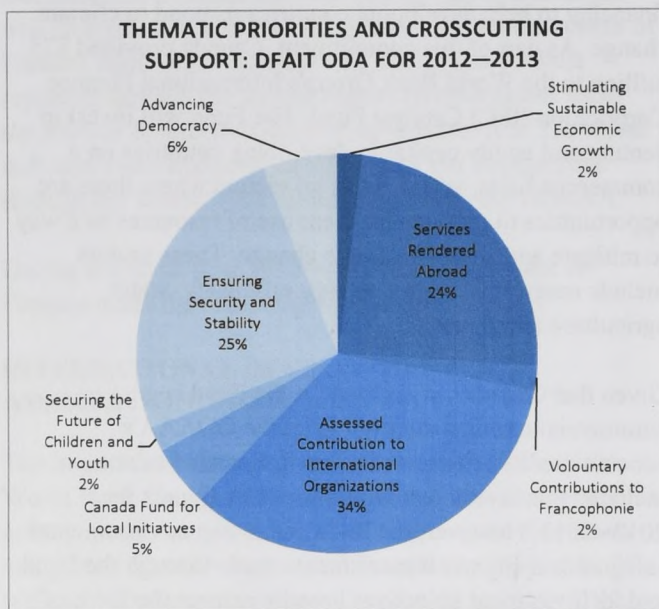


FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE CANADA

\$333.53 MILLION

Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) disbursed a total of \$333.53 million in official development assistance¹⁶ (ODA) for fiscal year 2012–2013 (Graph 1). An additional \$98.67 million in non-ODA was also disbursed for a total of \$431.35 million in total international assistance (Graph 2).



GRAPH 1: DFAIT ODA for fiscal year 2012–2013: Ensuring Security and Stability—\$83.69M; Advancing Democracy—\$18.50M; Securing the Future of Children and Youth—\$8.11M; Stimulating Sustainable Economic Growth—\$6.50M; Assessed Contributions to International Organizations—\$113.03M; Canada Fund for Local Initiatives—\$15.22M; Voluntary Contributions to Francophonie—\$7.27M; Services Rendered Abroad—\$81.21M.

Of the five thematic priorities for Canada’s international assistance, DFAIT’s broad range of international assistance programming focused on the following four: 1) Ensuring Security and Stability; 2) Advancing Democracy; 3) Securing the Future of Children and Youth; and 4) Stimulating Sustainable Economic Growth. In addition, DFAIT provided international assistance through assessed contributions to multilateral organizations, the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, voluntary contributions to La Francophonie, as well as through services rendered to CIDA

¹⁶ The assistance reported meets the requirements of the *Official Development Assistance Accountability Act* and is consistent with the reporting guidelines for development assistance prepared by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

personnel at Canada’s diplomatic and consular missions abroad.

THEMATIC PRIORITIES

ENSURING SECURITY AND STABILITY: \$83.69 million

Global Peace and Security Fund: \$73.69 million

The Global Peace and Security Fund (GPSF) supports the operations of the Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force (START) and is used to conduct international assistance programming in fragile and conflict-affected states such as Afghanistan, Haiti, Libya, South Sudan, Sudan and Syria.

START was initially created to fill a policy, institutional, funding and programming gap between humanitarian and long-term development assistance and the Department of National Defence’s (DND) military and training assistance. START has since established itself as a platform for whole-of-government engagement and policy development in security and stability programming. START provides the Government with a rapid response mechanism by offering effective and timely responses to humanitarian and political emergencies, natural disasters, and armed conflicts abroad.

In partnership with DFAIT personnel, departments such as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Correctional Service of Canada (CSC), Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and DND actively participated in GPSF programming in 2012–2013. Their combined efforts provided critical expertise in areas of peace operations, security and justice sector reform as well as whole-of-government crisis response planning and engagement. Programming in some of the most difficult environments in the world, START served as a platform to channel Government of Canada funding to initiatives that align with Canadian interests and foreign policy priorities, including the following:

- In the broader **Middle East and North Africa**, START contributed approximately \$6.8 million to