



With this new approach, Canada will support sustainable development through:

### 1. MORE EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH FRAGILE STATES AND COUNTRIES IN CRISIS

Better-integrated support will help developing countries facing crisis situations or protracted humanitarian challenges.

### 2. STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Longer-term development assistance for low-income countries will reduce poverty and vulnerability and create the conditions for more inclusive growth.

### 3. PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR TRANSITION

Targeted assistance that supports more democratic, inclusive and accountable governance, and that supports sustained economic growth in middle-income countries, will help those countries transition into fuller, more self-sufficient economic partners.

Canada will also maintain an ability to provide targeted and shorter-term assistance to a range of countries and regions.

As part of this new approach, Canada will increase its support for least-developed countries. And we will scale up support to those countries where population growth and climate change will continue to have a disproportionate impact. Half of the world's poorest citizens live in sub-Saharan Africa. For that reason, **Canada will ensure that no less than 50 percent of its bilateral international development assistance is directed to sub-Saharan African countries by 2021-22.**

## CONCLUSION

Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy is a reflection of who we are as Canadians. It expresses our belief that it is possible to build a more peaceful, more inclusive and more prosperous world. It guides our support for the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. And it particularly recognizes that women and girls are powerful agents of change for development and peace.

With its strong focus on gender equality, and built upon six action areas chosen for their ability to deliver transformational change, this policy will help address the needs of those living in poverty and facing ongoing inequality and conflict. It is a policy that seeks to offer real opportunities—the kind that will make a lasting difference in the lives of women and girls, help to break the cycle of poverty for all and build a more peaceful, more inclusive and more prosperous world. A world where no one is left behind.