

Canada's contributions also help to advance children's rights in areas such as:

- health and nutrition;
- education and skills development;
- water sanitation and hygiene;
- child protection;
- gender equality; and
- social inclusion.

Canada's long-term support of UN development entities has contributed to many important results that advance gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. For example, thanks to the support of Canada and other countries:

- the United Nations Population Fund has helped 16 million people who accessed services for sexual and reproductive health and rights to address gender-based violence in humanitarian settings;
- the United Nations Development Programme has helped 24.7 million people (51% of them women) benefit from improved livelihoods in 119 countries;
- the United Nations Development Programme has helped 3.2 million people (51% of whom are women) in 35 countries gain access to legal aid services;
- UN Women has trained 4,000 aspiring and elected women leaders in 51 countries;
- UNICEF has provided 2 million adolescent girls with incentives to choose alternatives to child marriage; and
- UNICEF has enabled 870,000 girls and women affected by female genital mutilation to benefit from health, education, welfare and legal services.

Canada also partners with UN organizations in country on shared priorities. For example, Canada's funding to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Honduras is supporting linkages between women and LGBTQ2I organizations to champion causes affecting straight, lesbian and trans women, such as violence prevention and impunity of perpetrators for crimes committed against them. Additionally, with Canada's support, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights is also following emblematic cases of severe violence committed against LGBTQ2I human rights defenders.

In 2017-2018, Canada also provided \$447.5 million in bilateral ODA to support humanitarian action through UN organizations. Canada's humanitarian assistance contributions to UN organizations enables the provision of critical emergency assistance, food assistance, water access, sanitation and livelihoods support during humanitarian crises

to those affected. This includes vulnerable women, children and internally displaced persons. Canada also supports the World Food Programme's school feeding programs as well as a wide range of programs and activities to strengthen the protection of internally displaced persons, and advance accountability to affected people, especially women and girls.

Canadian government departments also engage actively with UN system partners to support their international mandates. For example, in 2017-2018, Canada, through Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, contributed \$4.8 million to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). This is the lead UN agency for telecommunications and information and communications technologies. Of that amount, approximately \$1.3 million is allocated to the work of the Development Sector of the ITU. The organization is an important source of information, education and training in this field for developing nations. To facilitate coordination of its capacity-building support to the membership, ITU has established the ITU Academy, an online platform that integrates all ITU capacity-building activities. Sixty-four training activities were implemented worldwide in 2017-2018, reaching a total of 1,551 participants from 116 countries.

In 2018, Canada, through Parks Canada, contributed \$117,335 to the World Heritage Fund of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). This contribution was allocated to conservation and environmental sustainability efforts that focused on cultural and natural heritage. This work aligns with the United Nation's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. UNESCO's World Heritage Fund seeks to encourage the identification, protection and preservation of cultural and natural heritage considered to be of outstanding value to humanity. Parks Canada's contribution to UNESCO's World Heritage Fund supplements the efforts of developing countries to conserve and manage World Heritage sites when adequate resources cannot be secured at the national level.

Through Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Canada has long been a major contributor to UN agencies working to strengthen environmental governance. In 2017-2018, ECCC contributed to two United Nations Environment Programme endeavours: the Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles, and the Climate and Clean Air Coalition. The coalition supports developing countries through initiatives put in place that reduce the emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in various sectors. ECCC also provides annual support to the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. This fund strives to ensure that the phase-out of ozone-depleting substances does not adversely affect the economies of developing countries.

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities is another notable UN agency on climate action that ECCC funded. The fund contributes to its