

Partnerships for human security

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Canada is committed to working with like-minded partners, at home and abroad, to build a world where people are more secure. The success of the human security agenda depends on innovative coalition building and close cooperation with like-minded governments, international organizations, NGOs and members of the broader policy and research communities.

CIDA Peacebuilding Fund

The DFAIT Human Security Program is part of the overall Canadian Peacebuilding Initiative in partnership with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Peacebuilding Fund. Created in April in 1997 with an annual budget of \$10 million, the CIDA Peacebuilding Fund supports activities aimed at conflict prevention, post-conflict resolution and reconstruction. It aims to provide a bridge between emergency humanitarian aid and longer-term bilateral programs. Its activities are concentrated on developing countries threatened with armed conflict where peacebuilding initiatives are possible and where intervention cannot occur under other Canadian funding mechanisms. The CIDA Peacebuilding Fund is on-line at: www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/peace.

IDRC Peacebuilding and Reconstruction Program Initiative

The IDRC Peacebuilding and Reconstruction Program Initiative works to enhance knowledge and understanding of three key aspects of post-war transitions: democratization, human security, and the political economy of peacebuilding. The Initiative promotes peacebuilding research, policy development and capacity building to assist Southern countries moving beyond conflict and violence. The Initiative currently focusses on programming in Central America, Africa and the Middle East, as well as on select global projects such as Peace and Conflict Impact Assessment. The IDRC Peacebuilding and Reconstruction Program Initiative is on-line at: www.idrc.ca/peace.

Canadian Peacebuilding Coordinating Committee

The Canadian Peacebuilding Coordinating Committee (CPCC) is a national network of Canadian NGOs involved in human security activities. Founded in 1994 to articulate policy and directions for the non-governmental peacebuilding community and to facilitate greater dialogue with the Canadian government, the CPCC is a unique vehicle for consolidating and strengthening Canadian responses to human security threats. The CPCC organizes government-NGO consultations, including the annual Peacebuilding and Human Security Consultations, as well as more focussed policy dialogues on issues such as gender and peacebuilding, children and armed conflict, small arms, conflict prevention, South Asia and Afghanistan. The CPCC is on-line at: www.cpcc.ottawa.on.ca.

Two sisters are reunited after exile. The gender aspects of conflict are a key area of focus for the human security agenda and its partners.

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