Throughout this report, you will find examples of how the policy was implemented in different countries, and the results achieved. Attention is given to how Canada is improving the effectiveness of its international assistance. This includes Canada's work on innovation and research, aid transparency, innovative financing to support sustainable development and building new partnerships with diverse stakeholders.

Recognizing the importance of monitoring and reporting in international assistance programming, Global Affairs Canada reiterated its commitment to evidence-based decision making in the policy.

As highlighted in Budget 2018, the government is committed to ensuring that information on Canada's international assistance funding is open and transparent. The government is continuing to explore how to further enhance its international assistance reporting and how to better communicate the government's efforts to Canadians, non-governmental organizations and the international community. This report is one

example of these efforts, as it seeks to present information in a more engaging and streamlined fashion, with greater reference to related web content. The government will continue to seek to improve its reporting to Canadians. Feedback is welcome.

HIGHLIGHTING INNOVATION IN CANADA'S ODA ACTIVITIES

INNOVATION

This year's report highlights how innovation has been integrated throughout Canada's ODA activities in various fields. The Innovation Icon can be found next to results that advanced innovation in 2017-2018. A comprehensive overview of Canada's efforts to drive innovation can be found under the Advancing Development Innovation section in this report.

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