

Canada helped more than 9,000 refugees and vulnerable people to gain access to health care, social services, and language training during their first 12 months in Canada.

Environment Canada supported initiatives ranging from monitoring water quality to improving the meteorological and hydrologic capacities of developing countries. Finance Canada and Export Development Canada worked together to forgive loans to heavily indebted developing countries, allowing them to break free from the debilitating debt that impedes efforts to alleviate poverty. These are just a few examples of how Canada is working to improve lives in the developing world. With a focus on efficiency and accountability, we are always seeking to get the most out of every Canadian tax dollar spent on development.

Canada remains committed to promoting freedom, prosperity, and the rule of law in the world, and development is key to the achievement of this objective. Canadians should take enormous pride in their development work and in the contributions that the Canadian government is making all over the world on their behalf. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of people less fortunate than ourselves, and helping create a secure and prosperous world for current and future generations.

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