

- In Colombia, Canada's support for Indigenous women in peacebuilding resulted in 20 members of the National Council of Indigenous Women receiving training, 15 of whom are actively engaged in decision-making and communications activities in the Colombian peace process.
- In Mali, Canadian financial support resulted in hundreds of women gaining increased leadership and peacebuilding skills.
- In Burundi, Canada's support to the WPHF contributed to the creation of a women's mediation network that is effectively preventing violence at the local level.
- In Iraq, a project training 42 women in decision-making processes related to national reconciliation in liberated areas resulted in four of those trained participating as political candidates and 13 as organizers in the 2018 parliamentary elections.
- Canada partnered with the UN Development Programme (UNDP) to support women's organizations in seven participation N-Peace<sup>5</sup> countries, and with the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) to support women's rights organizations in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries.
- In multilateral forums, Canada established a Group of Friends of Women, Peace and Security in Geneva, similar to the Canadian-led Group of Friends in New York. These groups facilitate information sharing, advance policy positions, and leverage the impact of advocacy efforts

In South Sudan, Canada has worked alongside civil society and like-minded countries to increase the number of women's rights groups and women leaders represented in the peace process. The embassy used social and traditional media and various events to advocate for women's meaningful participation in the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)<sup>6</sup> and with other stakeholders, including parties to the conflict. Results include an increased number of women participating in the High Level Revitalization Forum (HLRF)<sup>7</sup> and a commitment by the parties to the HLRF to include women and girls and address their needs in the implementation of the cessation of hostilities agreement signed on December 21, 2017.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>5</sup> N-Peace is a network that supports women's leadership for conflict prevention, resolution and peacebuilding. The seven countries were Afghanistan, Pakistan, Indonesian, Nepal, Philippines, Myanmar and Sri Lanka.

<sup>6</sup> IGAD is a regional organization comprising Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda that works to achieve peace, prosperity and regional integration in the in the Horn of Africa. IGAD is mediating and facilitating peace discussions in South Sudan.

<sup>7</sup> HLRF was initiated in June 2017 by the leaders of IGAD to revive the stalled 2015 peace agreement in South Sudan. The HLRF process is ongoing.

<sup>8</sup> Article 2.5 of the agreement reads: "Each party and any entity with responsibility for any aspect of the agreement shall take the necessary steps to ensure that women and girls are not excluded or disadvantaged in the implementation of any aspect of this agreement, and that their special needs and vulnerabilities are fully addressed."