

Key results

Canada continued to support the Agro-economic Development Project in three districts of Sri Lanka's Northern Province. In 2016-2017, the project built the capacities of nine agriculture producer organizations and their 9,281 members, of which 2,347 were women. By providing business development services, technical skills training and agricultural inputs, Canada is helping the organizations and their members to increase production, processing and sales. Most of those receiving help were displaced by the civil war that ended in 2009.

Since 2014, Canada's ongoing support to the Advancing Specialized Skills for Economic Transformation project in Sri Lanka has strengthened the vocational skills of 2,835 youth (including 743 women). It has also resulted in 1,521 private sector job placements (including 434 for women) in trades such as hospitality and construction. These results have been achieved by supporting the revision of vocational training courses to better reflect business priorities, training instructors and providing training to youth.

