

# PARTNERSHIPS

The official development assistance (ODA) that Canada provides to developing countries is a valuable source of support to people and communities in need. Canada uses a variety of mechanisms and partnerships in a given context, taking smart risks to deliver greater impact.

Canada has a strong reputation for being able to work constructively with a broad range of multilateral partners. Canada draws on its membership in key multilateral groups—including the United Nations (UN), the G7, the G20, the Commonwealth, La Francophonie and others—to champion gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

The government also benefits from a robust ecosystem of civil society partners. These partners deliver international assistance programming, contribute to ongoing policy dialogue on global issues and engage Canadians in support of international development, the 2030 Agenda and Canada's international assistance priorities.

Canada is adapting its international assistance approaches and partnerships to better respond to local needs and opportunities in the diverse range of countries where it works.

## ENGAGING WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Canada recognizes the importance of a strong multilateral system to help address shared challenges and advance common objectives, such as a more just, peaceful and sustainable world. Canada supports a number of multilateral development institutions, global initiatives and international organizations to help alleviate poverty and address pressing global challenges.

Canada's partnerships with these organizations leverage their expertise, networks and economies of scale to amplify the reach and impact of Canada's assistance. Canada works to ensure that these institutions and the multilateral system (the overall network of international organizations)



### EDUCATION FOR TRANSFORMATION IN ECUADOR

The Canadian International Resources and Development Institute is implementing the Education for Transformation of Artisanal to Small-Scale Mining in Ecuador project.

"The communities of Zaruma and Portovelo in Ecuador have been lacking reliable information for the small-scale and artisanal gold mining sector. The pilot project for data sampling collection has filled this gap. Furthermore, the collaboration with the institute allowed the team working in Ecuador to provide training to students who live in the community. This training will help the students to foster the professionalization of the mining sector and transform their communities."

—Dr. Colon Velazquez, local academic project lead (informal interview, May 2018).

function effectively, deliver strong results and build consensus on important global issues.

In the context of its Feminist International Assistance Policy, Canada has also worked actively to reform and renew the multilateral rules-based system, so it is best positioned to address 21st century realities. This includes firmly advocating for gender equality in the management and operations of these organizations and in their outcomes, to address systemic disparities and foster transformational change.