

In Bangladesh, Canada contributed to that government's overall health sector program between 2013 and 2017, along with other donors. This helped to raise the proportion of deliveries by skilled birth attendants at health facilities from 26% to 42% (631,000 deliveries).

In Guatemala, Canada supported the World Food Programme to ensure that more than 30,000 children between six months and 23 months of age had sufficient, nutritious food. Solola, Chimaltenango and Totonicapán were among the regions that benefited from these efforts. This project began in 2013-2014 and will run through to 2018-2019.

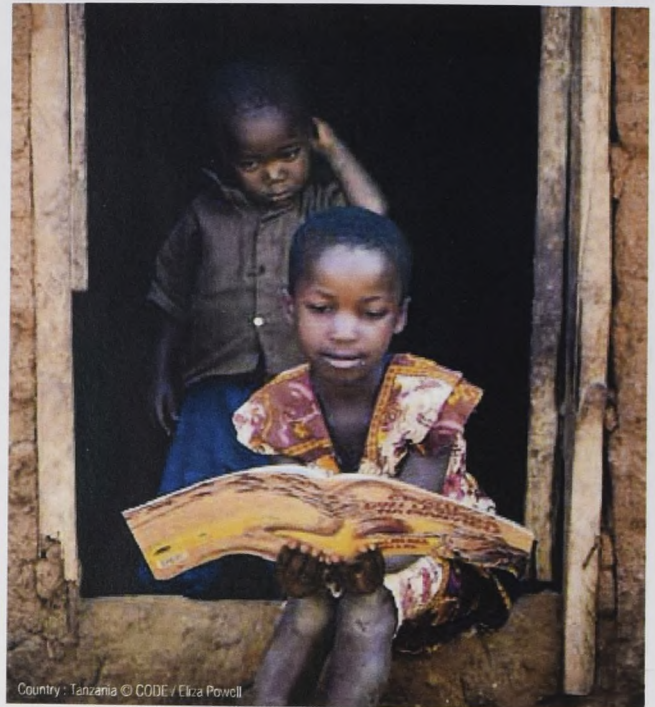
EDUCATION

Global Affairs Canada's education programming aims to help children, youth and adults gain access to quality education and skills training. These provide the foundation for lifelong learning and success. Canada's objectives are to:

- improve access to education, particularly for girls and women and other marginalized groups;
- improve the quality of education, with particular focus on teachers and teacher training, relevant curriculum, and teaching and learning materials;
- improve access and quality of learning opportunities for youth in and out of school, in both formal and non-formal settings; and
- increase access to demand-driven technical vocational education and training (including literacy and numeracy), which meet the employment needs of youth and adults.

Canada's programming emphasizes country ownership of education systems in order to promote long-term sustainable results. Canada works in partnership with developing country governments, non-governmental and civil society organizations, and other education stakeholders such as the multilateral Global Partnership for Education. These partnerships help develop and support the implementation of country-led education sector plans.

Furthermore, Global Affairs Canada is committed to supporting gender equality and girls' and women's empowerment by addressing barriers to education for girls. These barriers include menstrual hygiene management and sexual and gender-based violence.



In 2016-2017, Canada made several announcements supporting education efforts in developing countries.

- In August 2016, International Development and La Francophonie Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau announced \$20 million in funding (2016-2021) for Senegal's Ministry of National Education, the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Plan International to create safe school environments for 750,000 students. The Minister also announced \$3 million in funding (2016-2019) to build Senegal's capacity to repair and manage textbooks.
- In September 2016, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau pledged \$20 million to the Education Cannot Wait fund (2016-2018). This innovative public-private partnership addresses the critical need for education in emergencies.
- The Prime Minister also made several announcements on education projects as part of Canada's Syria response. This included \$25 million to improve the capacity of education systems in Jordan and Lebanon. It also included \$78 million (2016-2019) for the No Lost Generation Initiative to provide education and child protection services to affected children.