

CANADA'S FEMINIST INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

On June 9, 2017, the Government of Canada launched Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy. The policy adopts an integrated approach to development, humanitarian, and peace and security assistance centred on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. This is the most effective way to reduce poverty and build a more inclusive, peaceful and prosperous world.

That commitment will be put into action through six action areas:

- gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls (core action area);
- human dignity;
- growth that works for everyone;
- environment and climate action;
- inclusive governance; and
- peace and security.

The action areas are based on clear evidence and take into account Canada's experience and comparative advantage. The policy itself is aligned with key global frameworks. One such framework is the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Another important framework is the Paris Agreement of the United Nations (UN) Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The Feminist International Assistance Policy equips Canada to lead and engage on the most important challenges all countries face. Indeed, not everyone has benefited equally from the dramatic reductions in global poverty over the last three decades. Hundreds of millions of people, especially women and girls, still live in poverty with limited access to resources and opportunities. They face major risks of violent conflict, climate and environmental hazards, and economic and political insecurity.



The policy is the result of an extensive review led by Global Affairs Canada. This review included broad and inclusive consultations with more than 15,000 people in more than 65 countries. It explored how Canada could deliver more innovative and effective international assistance, based on evidence and best practices. As a result, the policy strives to maximize the effectiveness of its international assistance in a variety of ways. This includes:

- providing more integrated and responsive assistance;
- investing in innovation and research;
- delivering better reporting on results;
- developing more effective partnerships; and
- concentrating on those regions where Canada can make the greatest difference.

In December 2016, Global Affairs Canada published an online summary of feedback from the consultations. For more details, visit the [What We Heard Report](#).⁶

Updates on the implementation of Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy will appear in next year's Report to Parliament on the Government of Canada's Official Development Assistance.

For more information, see the [Feminist International Assistance Policy](#).⁷

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7. <http://www.international.gc.ca/gac-amc/campaign-campagne/iap-pai/index.aspx?lang=eng>