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MESSAGE FROM CO-CHAIRS AND CEO

Dear Members and Supporters,

In 2021-22

the collision of the COVID-19 pandemic, conflict and climate change exacerbated deep inequalities and injustices in societies, economies and the world. People on the margins of our communities bore the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic. Those who had contributed the least to climate change were among those the most deeply affected. The lives of millions of people – in Afghanistan, Ukraine, and beyond - were put at risk through violence and conflict. And in many parts of the world, we witnessed a resurgence of antidemocratic, anti-feminist and 2SLGBTQ+phobic forces as well as a crack down on civic space and human rights.

At the same time, globally and in Canada, international cooperation actors were moved to shift power, make concrete progress on

localization, decolonization, and reconciliation, and become more actively antiracist. The funding landscape for global development and justice continued to shift. In addition, Canadian international cooperation organizations grappled with critical organizational issues - expectations to maintain the highest ethical standards within operations and programming, an imperative to engage the Canadian public in their life-changing and lifesaving work, and the need for innovation, adaptation and investments in people and culture to ensure future ready organizations.

In this context, Cooperation Canada's mission – to convene, coordinate, and collaborate with Canadian civil society to inspire and implement policies and programs for a fairer, safer and more sustainable world – felt more important than ever. Cooperation Canada's members are at the heart of all our work, and we were thrilled this year to welcome nine new members to Cooperation Canada. Welcome ACTED Canada, Alternatives, Dignity Network Canada, Humanity & Inclusion Canada, Jane Goodall Institute, ONE Canada, PEGASUS Institute, Penny Appeal and Wellspring Foundation for Education to Cooperation Canada!

We continued to advocate for bold Canadian leadership on international cooperation, particularly by increasing **Overseas Development** Assistance (ODA). We engaged across party lines to push for commitments to international cooperation in political party platforms in the lead up to the 2021 federal election and expressed our support of the November 2021 Speech from the Throne's commitment to increasing Canada's foreign assistance budget each year.

Furthermore, we facilitated connections between our members and the new Minister of International Development and hosted outstanding virtual Hill Days that connected members with more than 80 parliamentarians. We mobilized quickly in response to the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan and the Russian invasion of Ukraine, seeking to support our members to make the biggest difference they could in extremely challenging contexts. On the legislative home front, we remained committed to working with our members and others to push for much-needed changes to Canada's out-dated charity regulations.

Even under trying COVID-19 conditions, convening our members remained a key priority, and Cooperation Canada was thrilled to host nine regional and thematic working groups, a Cooperation Forum and a Working Group conference virtually. Collaborating with Global Affairs Canada, and facilitating dialogue between Global Affairs Canada and our members remained central to Cooperation Canada's mandate and priorities.

While seeking to influence others, we held a mirror up to ourselves, launching the Anti-Racism Framework for Canada's International Cooperation Sector and the first baseline report on anti-racism in Canada's international cooperation sector. We were thrilled to continue to host the Humanitarian Response Network, a vibrant community of practice of over 40 Canadian humanitarian organisations, and Digna, the Canadian Centre of Expertise on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, which made great strides in shifting organizational culture to prevent and address sexual

exploitation and abuse in international cooperation.

Amongst all this important work, 2021-22 was a year of considerable transition for Cooperation Canada. We said farewell to Nicolas Moyer and welcomed Maxime Michel and Shannon Kindornay who very capably guided Cooperation Canada as Interim CEOs. It was our great pleasure to announce the appointment of Kate Higgins as the CEO of Cooperation Canada. We are deeply grateful to the board members and staff of Cooperation Canada for facilitating a smooth transition.

We are excited about what lies ahead for Cooperation Canada, and our collective efforts to contribute to a fairer, safer and more sustainable world. Thank you to all our members and supporters for your collaboration and solidarity.



Kate Higgins Chief Executive Officer



Richard Veenstra Co-Chair



Eileen Alma Co-Chair

OUR VISION & MISSION

e aspire to a world where global poverty and inequality are eradicated, human rights are respected and protected, gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment are achieved, and climate action and environmental sustainability are realized – for all people everywhere.

Cooperation Canada is the national independent voice for international cooperation. As a coalition, we convene, coordinate, and collaborate with Canadian civil society to inspire and implement policies and programs for a fairer, safer, and more sustainable world.

From CCIC to Cooperation Canada: Our Story

1968

The Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC) was established in 1968 in Ottawa with a clear and bold mission to end global poverty and to promote social justice and human dignity for all.

In its early days, the organization focused on establishing clear networks with the government,

members and partners through publications, meetings, and consultations. Activities concentrated on events run by the humanitarian agencies of the United Nations, as well as public engagement. The goal was to engage the government delegations who attended those conferences through direct lobbying while running public advocacy campaigns

2008

CCIC faced a major financial crisis in 2008 and 2009 with the loss of core government funding. Deprived of its primary source of funding CCIC halted the majority of its programs.

To recover, a total restructuring took place, which included the establishment of a new membership system that prioritized member services and permitted full operational independence from government funding. CCIC's members stepped up, standing in solidarity with the organization and ensuring that CCIC could continue its mission.

2018

In 2018, CCIC was a beneficiary of the creative agency McMillan's Betterful project, a project that awards a non-profit organization with pro bono rebranding work.

2020

Through collaboration and creativity, CCIC's new name and branding was launched October of 2020 – Cooperation Canada was born!

in Canada.

OUR APPROACH

e bring our expertise, agility, and proactive approach to strengthen the contribution of Canada's global development and humanitarian assistance sector to a fairer, safer, and more sustainable world.



WE ENABLE

Cooperation Canada seeks to foster a collaborative, connected and inclusive environment for Canadian global development and humanitarian organizations, as well as our partners around the world, to realize our full collective potential and shared vision for the future.



WE LEAD

Cooperation Canada works to promote the voice, expertise and leadership of civil societu. as independent development actors, to effectively mobilize support, influence policy and act on alobal development and humanitarian issues through timely programs, policy perspectives, research and analysis.



WE INNOVATE

Cooperation Canada inspires and supports the growth of a relevant, responsive and effective global development and humanitarian aid sector that, through a wide range of innovations, can create lasting impact and change in collaboration with our partners.



In 2021-22 Cooperation Canada was thrilled that 100% of our members renewed their membership, and 9 NEW MEMBERS joined us! We are so happy to welcome ACTED Canada, Alternatives, Dignity Network Canada, Humanity & Inclusion Canada, Jane Goodall Institute, ONE Canada, PEGASUS Institute, Penny Appeal and Wellspring Foundation for Education to Cooperation Canada!

OUR MEMBERS

ACTED Canada Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights Aga Khan Foundation Canada AidWatch Canada Alberta Council for Global Cooperation AQOCI Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC) Lawyers Without Borders Canada British Columbia Council for International Cooperation (BCCIC) Canada World Youth Canadian Association for Global Canadian Feed The Children Canadian Foodgrains Bank **CARE** Canada CASID (The Canadian Association for the Study of International and cooperation (CECI) Children Believe Fund Coady International Institute

Cuso International **Desjardins International** Developpement Development and Peace -Caritas Canada **Dignity Network Canada Equality Fund** Farm Radio International Food for the Hungry Canada Forum of Federations Grandmothers Advocacy Network (GRAN) Hope and Healing International **HOPE International Development** Agency Human Concern International Humanity & Inclusion Humber College Hunger Project Canada International Children's Awareness - ICA Canada InterPares Islamic Relief Canada Jane Goodall Institute Kentro Christian Network Canada Mennonite Economic Development Cooperation (OCIC)

Operation Eyesight Oxfam Canada Oxfam Quebec Pacific Peoples' Partnership Parliamentary Centre Partners In Health Canada Pegasus Institute Penny Appeal Plan International Canada Presbuterian World Service & Development Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) Public Service Alliance of Canada Social Justice Fund (SJF/PSAC) **Results** Canada Right To Play Samaritan's Purse Canada Santé Monde International Save the Children Victoria International Development World Federalist Movement World Renew World University Service of Canada (WUSC) World Vision Canada YMCA Canada

OUR WORK

ADVOCACY & POLICY • •

Cooperation Canada carries out policy analysis, coordination and advocacy to push for bold Canadian leadership, innovation and collaboration on global development and humanitarian assistance.

In 2021-2022, Cooperation Canada worked on a range of important issues.

INCREASING & IMPROVING ODA

With Canada's official development assistance (ODA) spending declining as a percentage of gross national income (GNI) for a decade, Cooperation Canada worked in 2021-22 to reverse this downward trend. In collaboration with members and other partners, we launched Bigger Than Our Borders, a campaign for increased Canadian leadership and solidarity in the world.

We followed and engaged actively in federal budget cycles, tracking Canada's commitment to ODA. Our reaction to the April 2021 federal budget was that it was a "missed opportunity" for Canada to show global leadership in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and a global climate crisis. We continued to push for ambitious Canadian global leadership, collaborating with the Canadian Coalition on Climate Change and Development (C4D), the Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health (CanWaCH) and the Canadian International Education Policy Working Group (CIEPWG) on a pre-budget consultation and budget submission that focused on the need for Canadian leadership on the "3-Cs": COVID-19, climate and conflict. We were pleased to once again draft the International Assistance chapter of the 2022 Alternative Federal Budget, published annually by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Cooperation Canada worked to engage and influence political parties in the leadup to the September 2021 federal election. Our early post-election analysis and an alternative mandate letter for the Minister of International Development were developed in partnership with Cooperation Canada members and released to support our advocacy efforts following the election. We were pleased that the Speech from the Throne in November 2021 committed to increasing Canada's foreign assistance budget each year, and will use this as a key pillar of ongoing advocacy.

We worked alongside **Cooperation Canada members** and allies to push for specific international assistance commitments in 2021-22. We pushed for Canada to make a bold investment in the care economy at the Generation Equality Forum in June 2021 and were pleased when Prime Minister Trudeau committed \$100 million in new international assistance funding dedicated to paid and unpaid care work, the first targeted global investment

in the care economy by a donor government. We welcomed the doubling of Canada's commitment to international climate finance at the G7 Summit hosted by the UK in 2021. We asked the Government of Canada to waive the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) to support universal access to the COVID-19 vaccine.

The quality of ODA, as well as the quantity, remains a priority for Cooperation Canada. In 2021-22, we conducted important analysis on the new definition of ODA in Canada's ODA Accountability Act and participated in the OECD Development Assistance Committee Mid-Term Review of Canada.

DIRECTION & CONTROL

Canada's charities are regulated by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) directives, called "Direction and Control," which emanate from provisions of the Income Tax Act. In 2021-22, **Cooperation Canada worked** actively with others to push for a fairer Canadian charitable sector. This included working with other charities, Members of Parliament, and lawyers to support Bill S-216, the Effective and Accountable Charities Act, proposed by Senator Ratna Omidvar.

The Cooperation Canada **Direction & Control Working** Group formed in the fall of 2021 and immediately started mobilizing the Canadian international development and humanitarian assistance sector, organizing learning events on direction and control, crafting advocacy messages for members, and engaging with non-members to ensure strategic alignment in our collective advocacy efforts to push for changes to Canada's outdated charity regulations and the ability to engage in more equitable partnerships in Canada and around the world.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Cooperation Canada continued to support the Humanitarian Policy and Advocacy Group (HPAG). The HPAG is a group of Canadian civil society organizations that work collectively to coordinate, consult and advocate to push for Canadian leadership in response to humanitarian crises around the world. HPAG and its members engage regularly with Global Affairs Canada, other relevant Government of Canada departments and parliamentarians to meet their objectives.

Afghanistan was a key priority in our humanitarian advocacy in 2021-21. Following the withdrawal of NATO forces from Afghanistan in August 2021, Cooperation Canada mobilized and worked alongside members to push for bold Canadian humanitarian leadership in response. We launched the Cooperation Canada Afghanistan Crisis Exchange Group, comprised of members seeking to connect and collaborate on Afghanistan issues. We released a statement urging Canada to mobilize resources to respond to the crisis that unfolded, engaged with the Afghanistan Task Force at Global Affairs Canada and Immigration, **Refugees and Citizenship** Canada, and sought to ensure that Cooperation Canada members could testify at the House of Commons Special Committee on Afghanistan. Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, a Cooperation Canada Ukraine Exchange Group was established to support collaboration and collective action by Cooperation Canada members seeking to respond quickly to this crisis.

2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Cooperation Canada led the development of the sixth edition of the Progressing National SDGs Implementation report. The report provides independent analysis of progress on SDG implementation reporting by United Nations Member States to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). Supported by a coalition of civil society organizations from around the world and prepared by Cooperation Canada, the report examined the current status of 2030 Agenda implementation, unpacked trends in reporting and identified good practices. The launch event, in February 2022, included participation from more than 200 people from civil society, governments and the UN system across the world!

Progressing National SDGs Implementation Report Partners

ActionAid (Denmark) Action for Sustainable Development (A4SD) Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) Bond Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (CEPEI) CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) Forus International Global Focus International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) Save the Children (UK) Sightsavers World Vision International.

COLLABORATION WITH GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA

Collaborating with Global Affairs Canada, and facilitating dialogue between Global Affairs Canada and our members, is central to Cooperation Canada's mandate and priorities. In 2021-22, Cooperation Canada stepped in as Co-Chair of the Civil Society Policy Advisory Group (CPAG), informed the Task Force on Increasing Efficiency (TaFIE) and supported dialogue between Cooperation Canada's CFO Working Group and Global Affairs Canada, including the CFO Dialogue in November 2021. Cooperation Canada engaged in and coordinated civil society participation in roundtables with the Honourable Harjit Sajjan, the new Minister of International Development, and with Deputy Minister Chris MacLennan on the localization agenda. With the aim of enabling civil society to inform the Government of Canada's foreign and international assistance policy and global engagements, Cooperation Canada facilitated a range of dialogues and discussions with Global Affairs Canada, including on Canada's participation in the Communities of Democracy, the Summit of the Americas and the Commission on the Status of Women.

CONVENE & COLLABORATE

In 2021-22, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to disrupt the way we interact and meet with our members and partners. Cooperation Canada worked hard to maintain purposeful connections and convening between members, stakeholders and new actors in Canada and the world, to enable mutual learning, foster new ideas, and generate new collaborations and partnerships for collective action!

EVENTS

Cooperation Canada is an independent, neutral and trusted organizer of events. In all our events, we champion diversity of perspectives, high ethical standards and inclusive processes that drive us to collaborate, connect, and disrupt our thinking.

2022 International Development Week & the Cooperation Canada Awards

During International Development Week (IDW), held on February 7-11, 2022, Cooperation Canada connected its members with federal Members of Parliament to share our collective ambitions and demands for bolder Canadian policies and funding for international assistance around the world. Our collective concern for COVID-19, climate and conflict formed the centrepiece of messaging during IDW, and Cooperation Canada members met with Members of Parliament from across the political spectrum. We

were proud to have so many productive conversations with Members of Parliament. Senators and senior officials about the impact Canadian global development and humanitarian assistance organizations are having across the world! During IDW 2022, Cooperation Canada was thrilled to announce the winners of the 2021 Cooperation Canada Awards, which recognize excellence and merit in the field of international cooperation.

The 2021 Karen Takacs Award was awarded to Rita Morbia, of InterPares, for her outstanding leadership and commitment to promoting women's equality. Rita exemplifies the qualities that Karen Takacs possessed, actively promoting movements for peace and democracy, women's rights and Indigenous self-determination.

Cooperation Canada, in collaboration with World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and the Trustees of the Lewis Perinbam Award, was proud to present the Innovation & Impact Award to Vinod Rajasekaran for launching Future of Good, a digital publication covering stories, innovations and trends shaping social impact in Canada and the world. Cause Canada received the organizational Innovation & Impact Award for its innovative, pilot project, "Mi Small Wef" No More: Eradicating Child Marriage in Sierra Leone by Working with Men in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

2021 Cooperation Canada Forum

In June 2021, 473 Cooperation Canada members and stakeholders gathered online for the second virtual Cooperation Canada Forum. During this three-day event, participants attended panel discussions and workshops, covering topics including federal election advocacy, anti-racist development cooperation, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse in international cooperation, and modernizing Canada's charity regulatory framework.

Cooperation Canada Working Group Conference

Cooperation Canada organized a two-day Working Group Conference in November 2021 aimed at learning, networking and collaboration. Cooperation Canada Working Groups participated in thematic brainstorms, speed dating sessions, trainings and much more!

Town Hall with Minister of International Development

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In February 2022, Cooperation Canada partnered with sister coalitions, including the Canadian Association for International Development Professionals (CAIDP), Climate Action Network (CAN-Rac), the Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health (CanWaCH), the Inter-Council Network (ICN), and Dignity Network Canada, to host a conversation with Canada's new Minister for International Development, the Honourable Harjit Sajjan. Attended by close to 500 representatives from government, civil society, academia and the private sector, the event was an opportunity to learn about the Minister's vision for Canada's international cooperation. In the lead-up to the event, Cooperation Canada consulted members on key priorities, and a read-out was published and shared that highlighted key points discussed during the town hall.

WORKING GROUPS

Cooperation Canada's working groups are collaborative spaces where members work together and connect to share learnings, develop best practices, and maximize collective influence.

Africa-Canada Forum Asia-Pacific Working Group CFO Working Group Direction & Control Working Group Fundraising Working Group Human Resources Working Group Innovative Finance Working Group Localization Working Group Youth Engagement Working Group Afghanistan Crisis Exchange Ukraine Crisis Exchange Group

STRENGTHEN CAPACITY

ANTI-RACIST COOPERATION

Following the death of George Floyd in summer 2020 and the global conversation that occurred around acknowledging the effects of systematic anti-Blackness, an informal advisory group convened by Cooperation Canada launched a set of sector-wide consultations to establish an anti-racism framework for international cooperation, developed by the sector for the sector. The result of these efforts was the Anti-Racism Framework for Canada's International Cooperation Sector, launched in January 2021 with 71 signatory organizations. As part of their commitments to anti-racism, signatories completed the first annual survey on sector progress towards anti-racism. Using this data, a group of sector volunteers, the Taskforce for Accountability, produced the first baseline report on anti-racism in Canada's international cooperation sector. The report was launched on 21 June 2021, at an event attended by 170 people and opened by the Honourable Karina Gould, Minister of International Development.

>> In December 2021,

Cooperation Canada received support from Global Affairs Canada to support the sector with dedicated resources, building on the energy and commitments of countless volunteers from organizations across the sector. The ARC Hub is a dedicated coordination secretariat and resource centre for the sector. The ARC Hub's goal is to help Canadian international development and humanitarian organizations improve their ability to integrate anti-racism and intersectional feminism into their work through the creation of resources, knowledgesharing spaces, networks of support, and training. This year's report on the sector's progress which will inform the ARC Hub's work denotes an exciting and continued commitment to anti-racism by our sector. With an increase from 71 to 83 signatories the report is an important piece of building collective and sustainable futures for the Canadian international cooperation sector.



CANADIAN CENTRE OF EXPERTISE ON PSEA (DIGNA)

Cooperation Canada hosts Digna, the Canadian Centre of Expertise on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA), an initiative funded by Global Affairs Canada.

Digna aims to contribute to organizational culture change within the Canadian international cooperation community by providing training, online resources, and consultation services to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse in operations and partnerships, particularly of women and girls.

A key highlight for Digna in 2021-22 was the launch of the Digna PSEA Organizational Assessment tool. Developed by Digna's Leadership Working Group, the tool is helping organizations evaluate where they are on their PSEA journey. It was used both to support organizations in evaluating their own progress, but also to measure the collective progress of the sector on PSEA, and found that more and more Canadian organizations are making considerable improvements! Other highlights for 2021-22 for Digna included the launch of a new Directory of PSEA Service Providers,

well-attended workshops on trauma-informed approaches in responding to sexual exploitation and abuse and the launch of a series of case studies in partnership with Cooperation Canada members that identifies, highlights, and shares good practice and experience.



HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE NETWORK (HRN)

Cooperation Canada is proud to host the Humanitarian Response Network of Canada (HRN), a vibrant community of practice made up of over 40 Canadian humanitarian organisations. The HRN seeks to strengthen the quality and efficiency of humanitarian action by creating a conversation around key humanitarian policy issues and practices.



H U M A N I T A R I A N — Response Network of CANADA

FINANCIALS

March 31	2022		2021
ASSETS			
Current	• • • • • • • • •	•	
Cash Investment - current portion (Note2)	\$ 1,222,197 250,336	\$	1,001,449
Trade and other receivables (Note 3)	169,395		167,799
Prepaid expenses	13,743		9,526
	1,655,671		1,178,774
Investment - long-term portion (Note 2)	-		250,336
Tangible capital assets (Note 4)	11,239		19,898
	\$ 1,666,910	\$	1,449,008
Current Trade payables and other operating liabilities Deferred contributions (Note 5)	\$ 131,285 991,057	\$	70,517 798,181
Long-term debt (Note 6)	1,122,342 30,000		868,698 30,000
	50,000		30,000
	1,152,342		898,698
Net assets			
Internally restricted			
Invested intangible capital assets Restricted reserve fund	11,239 225,000		19,898 225,000
General reserve fund	157,899		157,899
	120,430		147,513
Unrestricted net assets			
	514,568		550,310

For the year ended March 31	2022	2021
Revenues		
Membership fees	\$ 727,535	\$ 658,846
Regional Working Groups	φ 727,333 -	\$ 050,010 5,452
Humanitarian Response Network - membership fees	38,333	-
Institutional donors	971,550	684,258
Other grants and contributions	67,128	152,512
Event registration fees and sponsorships	32,330	65,300
Other revenues (general sales and donations)	17,521	12,586
Interest revenue	1,453	4,693
Government assistance (Notes 6 and 7)	129,021	342,645
	1,984,871	1,926,292
Expenses (Schedule)		
Annual conference and events	75,899	62,674
Anti-Racism Cooperation Hub	30,656	-
Communications	204,402	150,047
Enhanced Canadian support for sustainable development	389,296	270,199
Humanitarian Response Network	197,178	123,630
Member engagement	156,286	100,238
Operations management	395,917	371,749
PSEA Sector Hub	295,750	218,372
Research and policy	275,229	312,837
	2,020,613	1,609,746
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures for the year	\$ (35,742)	\$ 316,546

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HOW TO ENGAGE

Cooperation Canada brings together Canada's international development and humanitarian organizations and advocates for them by convening sector leaders, influencing policy, and building capacity. Together, we work with partners both inside and outside Canada to build a world that's fair, safe, and sustainable for all.

Become a member!

Be part of a vital coalition working towards a world that's fair, safe, and sustainable for all.

For all member-related inquiries, please contact Marie-Pier "MP" Boisvert at mpboisvert@cooperation.ca

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Land Acknowledgement

Cooperation Canada acknowledges the historical and ongoing oppression and colonization of all Indigenous Peoples, cultures, and lands in what we now know as Canada. The land on which we gather is the traditional unseeded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabe People. We believe that social justice in Canada and globally depends on reconciliation with all Indigenous peoples, including the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, who are the original guardians of the land we are grateful to be sharing.

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