

ANNUAL REPORT

2022-23



MESSAGE FROM CO-CHAIRS AND CEO

Dear Members and Supporters,

2022-23 was a big year for Cooperation Canada.

It was a year where the inequalities and injustices that Cooperation Canada members work so hard to address worsened in many parts of the world. Ongoing conflict, deepening food insecurity, global economic instability, the lasting human development impacts of COVID-19, the devastating effects of the climate crisis, and attacks on women's rights, human rights, civic space and democracy were some of the critical issues that our members, working alongside their partners, sought to tackle.

At the same time, our members deepened their commitment to making important organizational and operational changes to ensure their relevance and impact now and into the future. This meant furthering commitments to localizing and decolonizing their advocacy and programming, investing in innovative and new partnerships for financing sustainable development and humanitarian action and actively engaging Canadians on the impact of their work around the world.

It is this inequality and injustice, and the collective action, creativity and change that we must embrace in international cooperation, that continue to motivate us at Cooperation Canada. Indeed, our commitment to supporting and inspiring cooperation for a fairer, safer and more sustainable world feels as important as ever.

Our members remain at the heart of everything we do, and we were excited to welcome the Canadian Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases, Compassion Canada, CPA Without Borders, Fairtrade Canada, HelpAge Canada, International Development and Relief Foundation, SeedChange, Trade Facilitation Office Canada, UPA Développement international and World Accord to the Cooperation Canada membership in 2022-23. We are looking forward to collaborating with and learning from you all!

Following a pandemic period where convening and connecting in person was so difficult, we were thrilled to bring the International Cooperation Futures Festival to the Canadian and global international cooperation community in 2022. Over 500 participants from all over the world joined us to take part in the event, which sought to inject new ideas and energy into Canada's international cooperation community. Through the festival, we at Cooperation Canada explored new partnerships to broaden our engagement with change makers, decision makers and the Canadian public on international cooperation, and we were grateful that so many members felt inspired to support and attend the festival. For International Development Week, we worked closely with our members to engage with parliamentarians on the strategic importance of Canadian international assistance and the life-saving and life-changing impact it is having around the world. We were excited to celebrate excellence in international cooperation with our annual Cooperation Canada Awards.

Working closely with our members, we continued to advocate for bold Canadian global leadership. We pushed hard for the government to keep its promise to increase assistance annually. While Budget 2023 was a disappointing outcome, the sustained effort and coordination of the international cooperation community's advocacy were certainly evident. We partnered with many members to advocate for critical changes to Canada's Criminal Code through the #AidforAfghanistan campaign and worked tirelessly with organizations across the Canadian charity and philanthropic sectors to reform Canada's outdated 'direction and control' rules and modernize Canada's charity regulatory framework. We enthusiastically launched the Global Cooperation Futures Initiative and continued to work hard to improve the effectiveness and impact of Global Affairs Canada's partnerships with civil society. We facilitated connection and joint learning among members through Cooperation Canada's several Working Groups and are inspired by the active participation of so many in these initiatives and collaborations.

We worked with members and partners to build knowledge, capacity and effectiveness on anti-racism, the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and humanitarian action. We officially launched the Anti-Racist Cooperation (ARC) Hub, which seeks to support Canadian organizations to actively tackle racism in their work. DIGNA supported organizations to invest in the best practice and organizational culture change necessary to prevent

sexual exploitation and abuse. We were privileged to continue to host the Humanitarian Response Network (HRN), a vibrant community of Canadian humanitarian organizations that collaborate and coordinate to strengthen the quality and effectiveness of humanitarian action. And while supporting members and partners to build their capacity and drive important internal change, we also looked inwards, launching work to develop Cooperation Canada's own Anti-Racism, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Justice Strategy and Action Plan.

In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in the context of a war between Ukraine and Russia, rising authoritarianism globally, and a climate emergency, the world is certainly feeling more complex, insecure and unequal than it did a decade ago. There is no doubt that we are looking ahead towards a period of instability and complexity for the world – and for the Canadian international cooperation organizations that operate within it. This uncertain external context, coupled with the push for organizations to make critical organizational and operational changes, will bring challenges. It will also bring opportunities. And it should drive us all to embrace innovation and change. We stand ready to support our members to navigate what lies ahead and to do everything we can to bolster our collective contribution to a fairer, safer and more sustainable world.

Thank you for your ongoing solidarity, collaboration and support.



Kate Higgins
Chief Executive Officer



Eileen Alma
Co-Chair



Odette McCarthy
Co-Chair

OUR VISION & MISSION



We 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, and partners in Canada and around the globe, to inspire and implement policies and programs for a fairer, safer and more sustainable world.

Established in 1968 as the Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC), the organization changed its name to Cooperation Canada in October 2020.

CANADIAN & GLOBAL COALITIONS



Cooperation Canada is an active member of Canadian and global coalitions.

In Canada, Cooperation Canada participates in and collaborates with a number of Canadian coalitions, including the Canadian Association for Studies in International Development (CASID), Canadian Coalition for Climate Change & Development (C4D), Canadian International Education Policy Working Group (CIEPWG), Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability (CNCA), Canadian Peacebuilding Partners Network, Canadian Partnership for Women and Children’s Health (CanWaCH), Civil Society Policy & Advisory Group (CPAG), Climate Action Network Canada (CAN-Rac), Food Security Policy Group, Future Planning Initiative, Humanitarian Policy & Advisory Group (HPAG), International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group (ICLMG) and Women’s Rights Policy Group.

Cooperation Canada is also actively engaging with international coalitions and networks, such as Civil7 (through the G7 process), Community of Democracies (through its Civil Society Pillar), Convenors for the Future, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE), Development Assistance Committee Civil Society Reference Group, Forus International and Reality of Aid Network.

In addition, Cooperation Canada works collaboratively with Imagine Canada on not-for-profit leadership, charity regulatory reform and federal government funding reform initiatives for the charitable sector.

OUR APPROACH

We bring our expertise, agility and proactive approach to strengthen the contribution of Canada’s international cooperation 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 international cooperation and humanitarian organizations, and 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 society, as independent international cooperation actors, to effectively mobilize support, influence policy and act on global development and humanitarian issues through timely programs, policy perspectives, research and analysis.

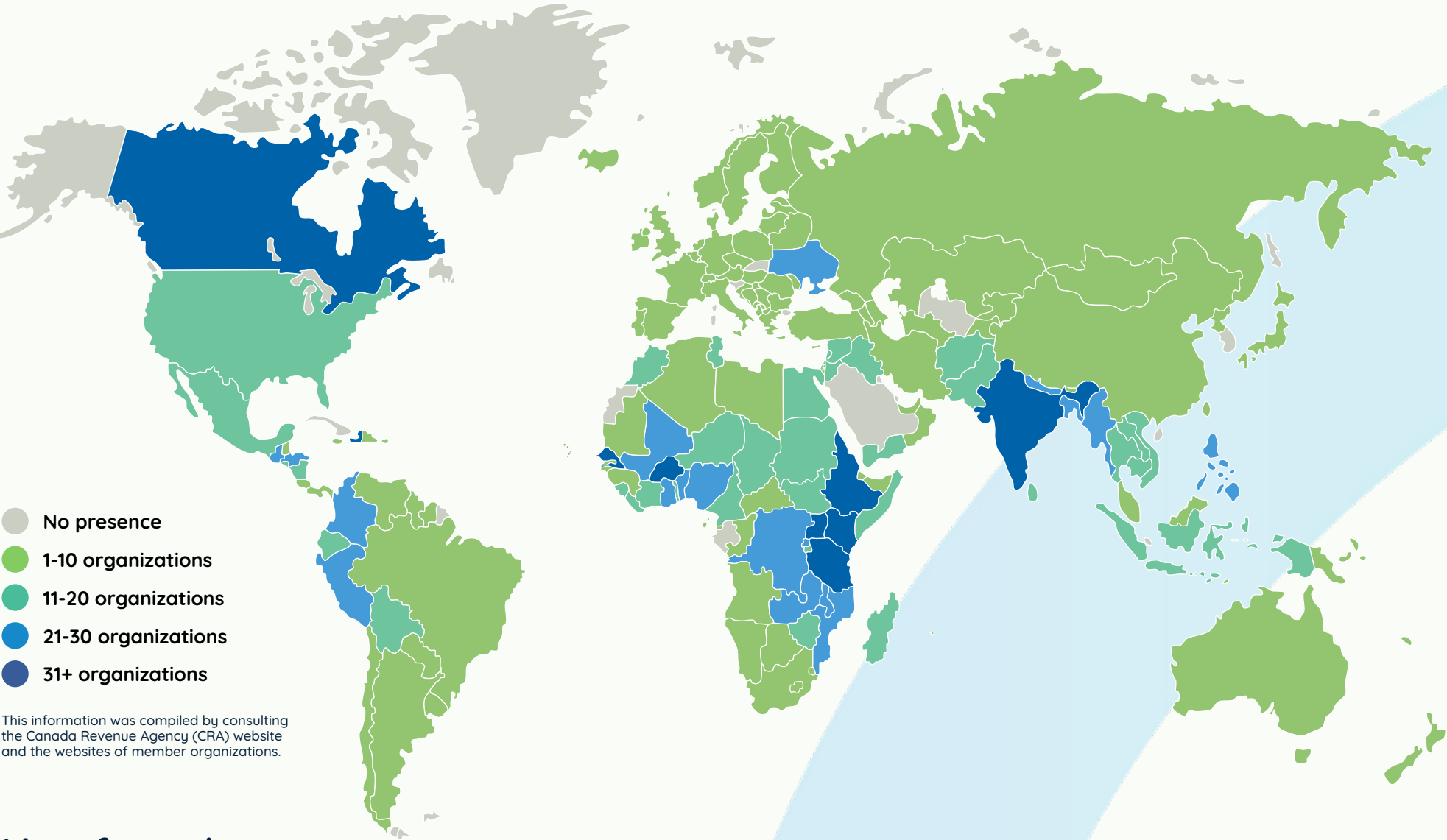


We Innovate

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

OUR MEMBERS

Ten new members joined Cooperation Canada in 2022-23! We are very pleased to welcome Canadian Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases (CNNTD), Compassion Canada, CPA Without Borders, Fairtrade Canada, HelpAge Canada, International Development and Relief Foundation (IDRF), SeedChange, Trade Facilitation Office (TFO) Canada, UPA Développement International (UPA DI) and World Accord!



This information was compiled by consulting the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) website and the websites of member organizations.

List of members:

ACTED Canada
Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights
Aga Khan Foundation Canada
AidWatch Canada
Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC)
Alternatives
Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale (AQOCI)

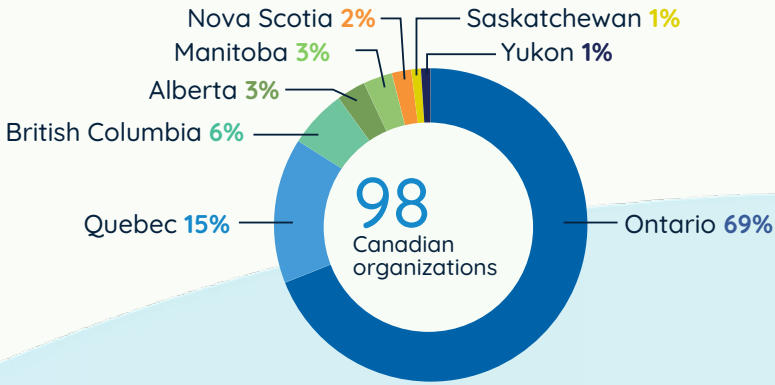
Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC)
Lawyers Without Borders Canada
British Columbia Council for International Cooperation (BCCIC)
Canadian Feed the Children
Canadian Foodgrains Bank
Canadian Labour Congress

Canadian Lutheran World Relief
Canadian Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases (CNNTD)
Canadian Red Cross
Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)
CARE Canada
CASID (The Canadian Association for the Study of International Development)

Centre for international studies and cooperation (CECI)
Children Believe Fund
Climate Action Network (CAN-Rac)
Coady International Institute
CODE
CoDevelopment Canada Association

Collaboration Santé Internationale (CSI)
Compassion Canada
Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada (CDF)
CPA Without Borders
Crossroads International
Cuso International
Desjardins International Development
Development and Peace - Caritas Canada
Dignity Network Canada
Equality Fund
Equitas
Fairtrade Canada
Farm Radio International
Food for the Hungry Canada
Forum of Federations
Grandmothers Advocacy Network (GRAN)
HelpAge Canada
Hope and Healing International
HOPE International Development Agency
Human Concern International
Humanity and Inclusion
Humber College
Hunger Project Canada
International Development and Relief Foundation (IDRF)
International Children's Awareness - ICA Canada
Inter Pares
Islamic Relief Canada
Jane Goodall Institute
KAIIROS
Kentro Christian Network
Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC)
Mennonite Central Committee Canada (MCC)
Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA)
Mission Inclusion (L'ŒUVRE LÉGER)
Northern Council for Global Cooperation (NCGC)
Nutrition International
Oikocredit Canada
ONE Global (Canada)

Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC)
Operation Eyesight
Oxfam Canada
Oxfam Québec
Pacific Peoples' Partnership Association
Parliamentary Centre
Partners In Health Canada
Pegasus Institute
Penny Appeal
Plan International Canada
Presbyterian 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
Santé Monde
Samaritan's Purse Canada
Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC)
Save the Children
SeedChange
SOCODEVI
SOS Children's Villages
SUCO
Trade Facilitation Office (TFO) Canada
United Church of Canada
UPA Développement international (UPA DI)
Veterinarians Without Borders
Victoria International Development Education Association (VIDEA)
WaterAid Canada
Wellspring Foundation for Education
World Accord
World Federalist Movement - Canada / Mouvement fédéraliste mondial - Canada
World Renew
World University Service of Canada (WUSC)
World Vision Canada
YMCA



OUR WORK

Policy & Advocacy



Cooperation Canada carries out policy analysis, coordination and advocacy to push for bold Canadian leadership, innovation and collaboration on international cooperation and humanitarian assistance. This year, Cooperation Canada's policy and advocacy work focused on international cooperation finance, development effectiveness, humanitarian assistance, Canadian charity law and regulations (with a focus on direction and control), localization, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), civic space and democracy and international cooperation futures. We continued to engage closely with Global Affairs Canada to improve the effectiveness of civil society partnerships with the government and enhance the impact of Canada's international assistance around the world.

International Cooperation Finance

Cooperation Canada and its members responded positively to the federal budget released in April 2022, which allocated \$8.15 billion to international assistance. We appreciated the government's commitment to international assistance but called for more predictable and transparent budgets and spending in the future. Collectively with our members, we called for a \$10 billion international assistance allocation by 2025 in our pre-budget submission. [Responding to the annual call for submissions](#) from the Department of Finance on Canada's official development assistance, Cooperation Canada emphasized the importance of diligence in respecting human rights and ensuring value for money in development objectives.

Considerable analytical, coordination and advocacy efforts were devoted to pushing the government to keep its promise to increase international assistance year-on-year in the 2023 Federal Budget. Despite our coordinated actions, the 2023 Federal Budget disappointed, with cuts to the international assistance budget. In partnership with [Bigger Than Our Borders](#) and our members, we led a strong, swift and coordinated response, issuing a [statement](#) signed by 100 organizations, published on budget night, which attracted media attention, notably in the [Globe and Mail](#) and [La Presse](#).

Development Effectiveness

Cooperation Canada continued to advocate for the improved effectiveness of Canadian international assistance, including at the third High-Level Meeting (HLM) of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC or Global Partnership).

Cooperation Canada joined civil society from across the world in the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness and welcomed Canada's endorsement of the Donor Statement on Supporting Locally Led Development.

Humanitarian Assistance

In 2022-23, Cooperation Canada continued its support to the Humanitarian Policy & Advocacy Group (HPAG) which seeks to facilitate coordination, discussion and consultation in the international cooperation sector, as well as with Global Affairs

Canada and other relevant Canadian government departments, on shared priorities and challenges on humanitarian policy and advocacy.

Throughout the year, the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan remained one of HPAG's top priorities, notably with the launch of the [#AidForAfghanistan](#) campaign. Cooperation Canada, in partnership with 17 leading Canadian humanitarian organizations, called for the removal of legal obstacles that prevent Canadian non-governmental organizations from sending vital aid to people in Afghanistan. In March 2023, the group [celebrated](#) the introduction of the Canadian government's Bill C-41, amending the



The Aid for Afghanistan campaign brought together a coalition of humanitarian organizations calling on Canada to act and remove the legal barriers preventing the delivery of humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan.

Canadian Criminal Code to allow Canadian aid organizations to provide humanitarian support in Afghanistan without fear of criminal prosecution.

As food insecurity increased throughout the world, particularly with the exacerbation of the Ukrainian conflict, Cooperation Canada was pleased to see the Government of Canada step up with new funding to address the global hunger crisis but was clear in [our statement](#) that these new funds must not be diverted from other existing humanitarian priorities.

Charity Law and Regulations: Direction & Control

Cooperation Canada engaged in significant advocacy efforts this year to modernize and reform Canada's outdated charity regulatory framework. The April 2022 Federal Budget included a reference to addressing "Direction and Control", a Canadian exception based on the Income Tax Act that for decades has impeded the quality of programs implemented by Canadian civil society in Canada and abroad. Specifically, the government announced amendments to the Income Tax Act that would respect the spirit of Bill S-216, the Effective and Accountable Charities Act, a private Bill proposed by Senator Ratna Omidvar. The budget announcement and subsequent proposed amendment spurred an intense mobilization of the charitable sector, including Cooperation Canada, eager to rid the Income Tax Act of outdated provisions. This included an [open letter](#) to Minister Freeland in May 2022 led by Cooperation Canada, with more than 75 signatories. The sector's concerted efforts led to substantial and meaningful revisions.

Cooperation Canada continued to monitor the interpretation of the revised Income Tax Act by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and collaborated

with members on a [written response](#) to the draft guidance outlining how registered charities can make disbursements to non-charities, appreciating the efforts made to address the charitable sector's concerns, yet stressing that the guidance over-emphasizes risk and still imposes onerous requirements on charities.

Localization

Throughout the year, Cooperation Canada's Localization Working Group organized several learning sessions, facilitated by both member organizations (including Equality Fund, MEDA and VIDEA) sharing their localization journey and Global South actors from Kenya, India, Pakistan, Kenya and El Salvador offering their regional perspectives, on shifting power in international cooperation.

In addition, Cooperation Canada is engaging with the Canadian government to make progress on the localization agenda. Part of this work involves Cooperation Canada playing an active role in facilitating conversations between international civil society coalitions and governments, including Global Affairs Canada, on how to put localization into practice.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

This year, Cooperation Canada again partnered with a range of global civil society partners and coalitions to support the development of the seventh edition of the [Progressing National SDGs Implementation](#) report. The report provides an independent analysis of the progress on SDG implementation reporting by UN Member States. The launch event, in February 2023, brought together hundreds of participants from civil society, governments and the UN system.

Ahead of Canada's Voluntary National Review in 2023, a process by which countries assess and present national progress in implementing the 2030 Agenda, Cooperation Canada prepared a submission to the government reflecting on the international cooperation dimensions of Canadian SDG implementation.

Civic Space & Democracy

Cooperation Canada continued to engage with Global Affairs Canada on the implementation of Canada's Civil Society Partnerships Policy. The [CSO-GAC Dialogue](#), which took place in June 2022, focused on fostering an enabling environment for civil society in Canada and around the world, and prioritized discussions on civic space and democracy and facilitating inclusive and collaborative partnerships.

Cooperation Canada was proud to be the Canadian civil society focal point for the Community of Democracies, particularly in this year with Canada holding the Presidency. This offered opportunities to pursue important conversations on the role of civil society in democracy and civic space with the Government of Canada, and partners around the world, including at the Community of Democracies General Assembly in New York in September 2022.

International Cooperation Futures

In partnership with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Cooperation Canada was thrilled to launch the [Global Cooperation Futures Initiative](#) in October 2022. This initiative is an exciting opportunity for Cooperation Canada to lead work with partners and experts in Canada and around the world to anticipate and reimagine the future of international cooperation using strategic foresight tools and insights.

The project was launched in October 2022 during the International Cooperation Futures Festival and aims to reimagine next-generation global cooperation to help Canadian and international civil society actors better respond to plausible scenarios in the next five to ten years.

Engaging with Global Affairs Canada

Cooperation Canada's collaboration with Global Affairs Canada (GAC) is at the core of its mission and priorities. Cooperation Canada co-chaired the Civil Society Policy Advisory Group (CPAG), a key space for driving forward the implementation of Canada's Civil Society Partnerships Policy. We worked closely with GAC's Partnership Branch as it launched the Grants and Contributions Transformation process, including through the Partner Advisory Group (formerly the Taskforce for Improving Effectiveness - TaFIE), advocating for ongoing engagement with civil society, and a focus on improving the efficiency, effectiveness and equity of partnerships, through this significant change process.

GAC sought Cooperation Canada's support in the implementation of the new Indo-Pacific Strategy, particularly for civil society consultations and coordination on this important Canadian foreign policy priority. We continued to engage closely with GAC's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Branch, including through our CFO Working Group. We actively participated in GAC's Overhead Policy Review process on the compensation of indirect/overhead costs incurred by Canadian organizations carrying out development assistance projects subject to a contribution agreement.

Convene & Collaborate



Cooperation Canada enables connections and collaborations between members and partners in Canada and around the world to enable mutual learning, foster new ideas and generate new partnerships for collective action.

Events

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

International Cooperation Futures Festival

In October 2022, Cooperation Canada hosted the [International Cooperation Futures Festival](#). The festival's ambition was to inject new ideas and energy into Canada's international cooperation ecosystem – and it delivered!

We were thrilled to host over 500 participants from across the world, who represented a range of sectors and perspectives, including civil society, government, politics, academia and the private sector. With the incredible support of our 24 partners and supporters, we examined the trends and disruptors shaping the future of international cooperation. Our Content Partner, [Future of Good](#), helped spread the word about our festival, which focused on the future of the humanitarian system, the global hunger crisis, intersectional feminism, climate justice, decolonizing development, democracy, human rights and innovative finance.

We had the opportunity to engage with decision-makers, including the Minister of International Development, the Honorable Harjit Sajjan and his Parliamentary Secretary Anita Vandenbeld, and several federal Members of Parliament from across



+500

PARTICIPANTS

24

PARTNERS

29

EXHIBITORS

+56

SPEAKERS



From left to right: 2022 Futures Festival's Plenary on Imagining the Future, Soirée, Plenary on Trends and Disruptors Shaping International Cooperation Futures, In Conversation with the Minister of International Development and registration desk © Abdul Sameer /Cooperation Canada

the political spectrum. Through the [Walrus Talks on the Global Hunger Crisis](#), we engaged Canadians – in-person and online – on the connections between the local, national and global dimensions of the global hunger emergency. We were thrilled to

partner with Global Affairs Canada to deliver a fantastic “GAC Day of Dialogues” – an opportunity for discussion and collaboration between Global Affairs Canada staff and Canadian and global international cooperation actors.

Cooperation Canada Awards

Each year, Cooperation Canada is pleased to announce the winners of the [Cooperation Canada Awards](#), which recognizes excellence and merit in the field of international cooperation. This year was no exception with the [2022 Innovation & Impact Awards](#), in collaboration with World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and the Lewis Perinbam Award Trustees, which were presented to Brenda

Arakaza, President of Development & Peace – Caritas Canada, Farm Radio International and Justice Education Society (JES). Over 100 people attended the ceremony and we were delighted to welcome the Minister of International Development, the Honourable Harjit Sajjan, to deliver the keynote address.



In February 2023, Cooperation Canada and its members spent a day on Parliament Hill, in Ottawa, speaking to parliamentarians and their staff.

International Development Week 2023

During [International Development Week](#) (IDW), held on February 5-11, 2023, Cooperation Canada and its members spent a day on Parliament Hill speaking to parliamentarians and their staff about the strategic importance of international assistance and the difference it is making in the lives of millions of people worldwide. More than 40 people from Cooperation Canada member organizations met with parliamentarians from the Bloc Québécois, Conservative Party, Green Party, New Democratic Party and Liberal Party. They called on the Canadian government to keep its promise to increase international assistance funding and commit to a predictable, three-year plan to increase international assistance in the 2023 Federal Budget. Kate Higgins, Cooperation Canada's CEO, [testified](#) at the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade for a special International Development Week hearing and we partnered with the Aga Khan Foundation of Canada for the Canadian launch of the 2022 United Nations Human Development Report.

+30
MEETINGS

40
MEMBERS

35
**MEMBERS OF
PARLIAMENT &
GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS**

Cooperation Canada's 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 and impact.

Africa-Canada Forum

Asia-Pacific Working Group

CFO Working Group

Communications Working Group

Direction & Control Working Group

Human Resources Working Group

Innovative Finance Working Group

Localization Working Group

Policy Working Group

Afghanistan Crisis Exchange

Build Capacity



Among Cooperation Canada's Working Groups, the Chief Financial Officer Working Group and Human Resources Working Group offer spaces for knowledge exchange and good practice in organizational resilience. Cooperation Canada's [Code of Ethics](#) serves as a foundational set of principles to promote development effectiveness among members and promote trust. In addition, Cooperation Canada hosts three programs aimed at promoting anti-racism, the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and good practice in humanitarian assistance, supported by Global Affairs Canada. These programs promote the adoption of policies, procedures and good practice to advance on these important agendas in international cooperation.



Anti-Racist Cooperation (ARC) Hub

The [Anti-Racist Cooperation \(ARC\) Hub](#) is a dedicated coordination secretariat on anti-racism, that provides resources, knowledge-exchange platforms and other supports for Canadian international cooperation organizations in their work to tackle racism and apply racial justice principles and approaches to their efforts. The ARC Hub, housed at Cooperation Canada, builds on the efforts of the Anti-Racism Task Force for Accountability and an existing Anti-Racism Framework for Canada's International Cooperation Sector, established in 2020.

2022-23 was a busy year for the ARC Hub: the program was officially launched with an event in July 2022, with the participation of Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Development, Anita Vandenberg, and the team at VIDEA. The launch was an opportunity for our team to share our plans for the program and build relationships with the international cooperation sector for future collaboration on anti-racism. The ARC Hub also published its second annual progress report, *Collective Commitment: Sustaining Efforts Towards Anti-Racist Change in Canada's International Cooperation Sector*, which tracks and encourages progress and accountability on commitments towards dismantling racism in Canada's work in international cooperation. Throughout the year, we hosted multiple trainings, knowledge-sharing events and meetings with partners and potential collaborators, in an effort to support ongoing anti-racism efforts in international cooperation.

The ARC Hub also supported wider Cooperation Canada initiatives such as the International Futures Festival, as well as key internal equity work at Cooperation Canada.



Digna, the Canadian Centre of Expertise on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)

DIGNA is a Canadian initiative dedicated to improving the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) in international cooperation. With support from Global Affairs Canada, DIGNA aims to drive organizational culture change by providing training, online resources and consultation services to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse in operations and partnerships, with a particular focus on women and girls.

In 2022-23, DIGNA successfully encouraged more Canadian organizations to adopt PSEA policies and initiate organizational changes through the development and implementation of PSEA work plans. A significant highlight was the PSEA Train the Trainers Course, which trained Canadian focal points to effectively educate their staff, volunteers and partners on PSEA and promote best practices. DIGNA also released a series of insightful case studies sharing best practices in PSEA. DIGNA looks forward to continuing with this critical work over the coming year!

Humanitarian Response Network (HRN)

Cooperation Canada has the privilege of hosting the [Humanitarian Response Network \(HRN\)](#). The HRN is a vibrant community of practice of more than 40 Canadian humanitarian organizations that seeks to enhance coordination, skills and dialogue to strengthen the quality and efficiency of humanitarian actions.

The Tri-Annual Meetings are a core activity of the HRN, where members and guest speakers share knowledge and discuss various experiences. In 2022-23, these meetings focused on food security and famine prevention, crises in Haiti, Ethiopia, Ukraine and Afghanistan, gender-based violence and mental health and psychosocial support and the “triple nexus” approach. The June 2022 HRN Head of Agency meeting was a fantastic opportunity for senior leaders to discuss organizational effectiveness and the global food security crisis, and to interact with GAC officials on the future of international assistance.

The HRN also proudly sent a representative to the UNHCR Executive Committee in Geneva as part of the Canadian delegation. In 2022-23, the network conducted a strategic review, gathering input from all members and stakeholders. This review is a fantastic opportunity to shape next steps and the future of the HRN!

Advancing Equity at Cooperation Canada and in International Cooperation

Cooperation Canada has a long history of promoting social, economic and political justice. It also acknowledges its past shortcomings in addressing colonial legacies and inequalities in international cooperation. In response to global uprisings against racial injustice and ongoing sexual misconduct in international cooperation, Cooperation Canada is taking action, working with members to launch the Anti-Racist Cooperation Framework and the Leaders’ Pledge on Preventing and Addressing Sexual Misconduct, as well as supporting the establishment of an informal network on Reconciliation and Indigenous Rights in international cooperation. Recognizing the need for evolving commitments, Cooperation Canada upholds ethical principles through its [Code of Ethics](#), regularly updating it to align with emerging good practices and values.

In 2022, Cooperation Canada began an intentional journey towards becoming a more equitable organization, making significant investments in human and financial resources. This included updating employee engagement, procurement, recruitment processes and performance reviews with a focus on equity. Regular AEDIJ discussions were facilitated to create learning spaces for Cooperation Canada, and we are privileged to host and learn from the [Anti-Racist Cooperation \(ARC\) Hub](#). With the support of expert consultants, Cooperation Canada is developing an Anti-Racism, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Justice (AEDIJ) Strategy and Action Plan. To support this, we facilitated discussions and learning sessions with the Board of Directors and staff and conducted an equity assessment and established an AEDIJ committee to refine organizational priorities. We look forward to launching our comprehensive AEDIJ strategy, inspired by global diversity, equity and inclusion benchmarks, later in 2023.

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 us at membership@cooperation.ca.

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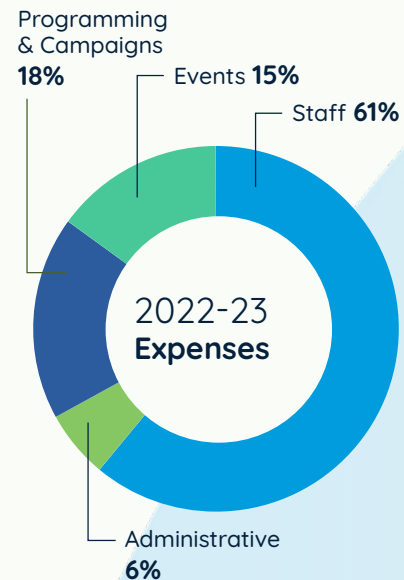
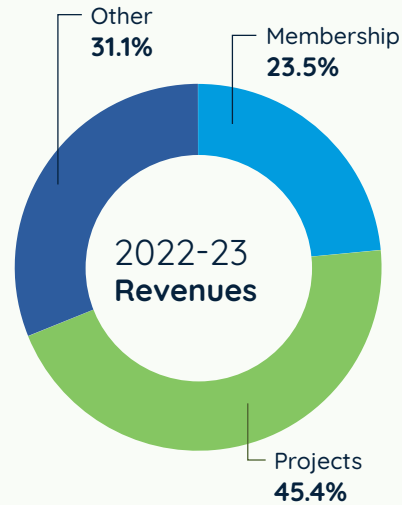
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FINANCIALS

March 31	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	\$ 1,612,749	\$ 1,222,197
Trade and other receivables (Note 2)	253,094	169,395
Prepaid expenses	28,896	13,743
Investment - current portion (Note 3)	-	250,336
	1,894,739	1,655,671
Investment - long-term portion (Note 3)	250,210	-
Tangible capital assets (Note 4)	7,867	11,239
	\$ 2,152,816	\$ 1,666,910
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current		
Trade payables and other operating liabilities	\$ 143,000	\$ 131,285
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 5)	30,000	-
Deferred contributions (Note 5)	1,635,843	991,057
	1,808,843	1,122,342
Long-term debt	-	30,000
	1,808,843	1,152,342
Net assets		
Internally restricted		
Invested in tangible capital assets	7,867	11,239
Restricted reserve fund	225,000	225,000
General reserve fund	97,899	157,899
Unrestricted net assets	13,207	120,430
	343,973	514,568
	\$ 2,152,816	\$ 1,666,910



For the year ended March 31	2023	2022
Revenues		
Institutional donors	\$ 1,427,371	\$ 971,550
Membership fees	735,725	727,535
Event registration fees and sponsorships	607,449	32,330
Other revenues (general sales, donations and other)	283,725	84,649
Interest revenue	53,980	1,453
Humanitarian Response Network - membership fees	29,917	38,333
Government assistance	-	129,021
	3,138,167	1,984,871
Expenses (Schedule)		
Annual conference and events	579,974	75,899
Anti-Racism Cooperation Hub	229,541	30,656
Communications	229,215	204,402
Enhanced Canadian support for sustainable development	485,591	389,296
Humanitarian Response Network	185,958	197,178
International Development Research Centre	28,539	-
InterAction	211,530	-
Member engagement	183,368	156,286
Operations management	665,164	395,917
Operational Grant	50,172	-
Open Philanthropy	18,255	-
PSEA Sector Hub	305,403	295,750
Research and policy	136,052	275,229
	3,308,762	2,020,613
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures for the year	\$ (170,595)	\$ (35,742)

Cooperation Canada would like to thank the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and Open Philanthropy for their support, without which we would not be able to carry out our important work to build a world that's fair, safe and sustainable for all.

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