



COOPÉRATION  
CANADA



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# MESSAGE FROM CO-CHAIRS AND CEO

Dear Members and Supporters,

2023-24 was a year where Cooperation Canada's mission – to work in partnership with others for a fairer, safer and more sustainable world – felt more important than ever. In the face of rising geopolitical instability and complexity, and entrenched global economic, social and political injustices, we were motivated to work with our members and partners to drive positive change in Canada and around the world.

Supporting our members in these efforts is at the centre of our work at Cooperation Canada. In 2023-24, we were thrilled to pass the 100-member mark, welcoming the Canadian Association of Midwives, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Habitat for Humanity, International Justice Mission and Raising the Village to Cooperation Canada. Welcome to our network!

We focused energy and attention on active engagement with Canadian parliamentarians, and the Government of Canada, to push for bold Canadian global leadership on international cooperation. We worked alongside our members to advocate strategically and persistently for Canada to step up investments in international assistance in Budget 2024, and welcomed the new commitments to humanitarian assistance that were made. We engaged many parliamentarians on the life-saving and life-changing work of Canadian international cooperation, including at our International Development Week Hill Day in February 2024, sharing stories and evidence of the impact of Canadian leadership and engagement in international cooperation.

Amidst rising violence and humanitarian needs in Gaza, we worked alongside members to call on Canada to support a humanitarian ceasefire, and were very pleased to see our collective and tenacious advocacy efforts result in the passage of Bill C-41, removing barriers to the delivery of humanitarian aid in Afghanistan. And as Canada looked to refresh its approach to its engagement in Africa and the Indo-Pacific, we mobilized members to ensure that their expertise, insights and partnerships informed Canada's approach to these key regions of the world.

We drew on strategic foresight approaches to look ahead to the future of international cooperation through our Global Cooperation Futures Initiative, supported members to operationalize commitments to shifting power in international cooperation and created opportunities for more active collaboration to drive action on 'triple nexus' programming in international cooperation. We were honoured to play a role in the incubation and launch of Resilient Societies, an activist-led hub working to protect and promote civic space globally, building on Cooperation Canada's long legacy of investing in efforts to support an enabling environment for civil society.

This year we continued to engage actively with Global Affairs Canada (GAC) to foster and encourage collaboration and best practice in partnerships between the government and its partners. We played a vital role as Co-Chair of Canada's Civil Society Policy Advisory Group, contributed valuable insights and advice to GAC as it rolled out the Grants and Contribution Transformation Initiative and worked

hard to support collaboration between GAC and Canadian partners on a range of important financial and operational matters.

The Anti-Racist Cooperation (ARC) Hub continued its important work – through trainings, knowledge-sharing events and resources – to equip Canadian international cooperation actors to understand and implement anti-racist principles and practices in their work. Digna, the Canadian Centre of Expertise on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH), advanced its work to drive organizational culture change through training, consultation services and resources. This year, it enhanced its focus on intersectional approaches to PSEAH, including through a collaborative conference with the ARC Hub. We remain proud to host the Humanitarian Response Network (HRN), which this year embarked on a strategic review and launched a new Strategic Plan 2024-2029, positioning the network to support HRN members to learn and collaborate to enhance their humanitarian impact.

To be best positioned to support our members and partners to enhance their influence, innovation and impact in a fast-changing world, we know that we must ensure that Cooperation Canada is a resilient and sustainable organization. This year, after considerable engagement with our staff and Board, we launched our new Anti-Racism, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Justice (AEDIJ) Strategy and Action Plan 2023-2026 which will guide our organization's journey on AEDIJ in the coming years. We worked hard to build Cooperation Canada's financial resilience and invest in our talented and dedicated team. We are grateful to Cooperation Canada's Board of Directors, for their dedication and guidance over the last year, and are inspired by the work of Cooperation Canada's staff.

At Cooperation Canada, we truly believe that we are stronger when we work together. As we look out to a world of instability, complexity and injustice, we remain optimistic about what we can achieve working together. We are grateful for your ongoing solidarity and support, and look forward to collaborating with our members and partners in the year ahead!



Kate Higgins  
Chief Executive Officer



Eileen Alma  
Co-Chair



Christine Bui  
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 and 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 and Advisory Group (CPAG), Climate Action Network Canada (CAN-Rac), Food Security Policy Group (FSPG), Future Planning Initiative (FPI), Humanitarian Policy and 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, including Civil7 (parallel to the G7 process), Community of Democracies (through its Civil Society Pillar), Convenors for the Future, Convenors for Power Shift, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE), Pledge for Change, OECD Development Assistance Committee Civil Society Reference Group, Forus International and Reality of Aid Network.

In addition, Cooperation Canada works collaboratively with Imagine Canada and Philanthropic Foundations of Canada on not-for-profit leadership and charity regulatory reform, including through participation in Imagine Canada’s Federal Funding Reform Working Group which aims to improve charitable sector funding.

## 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.



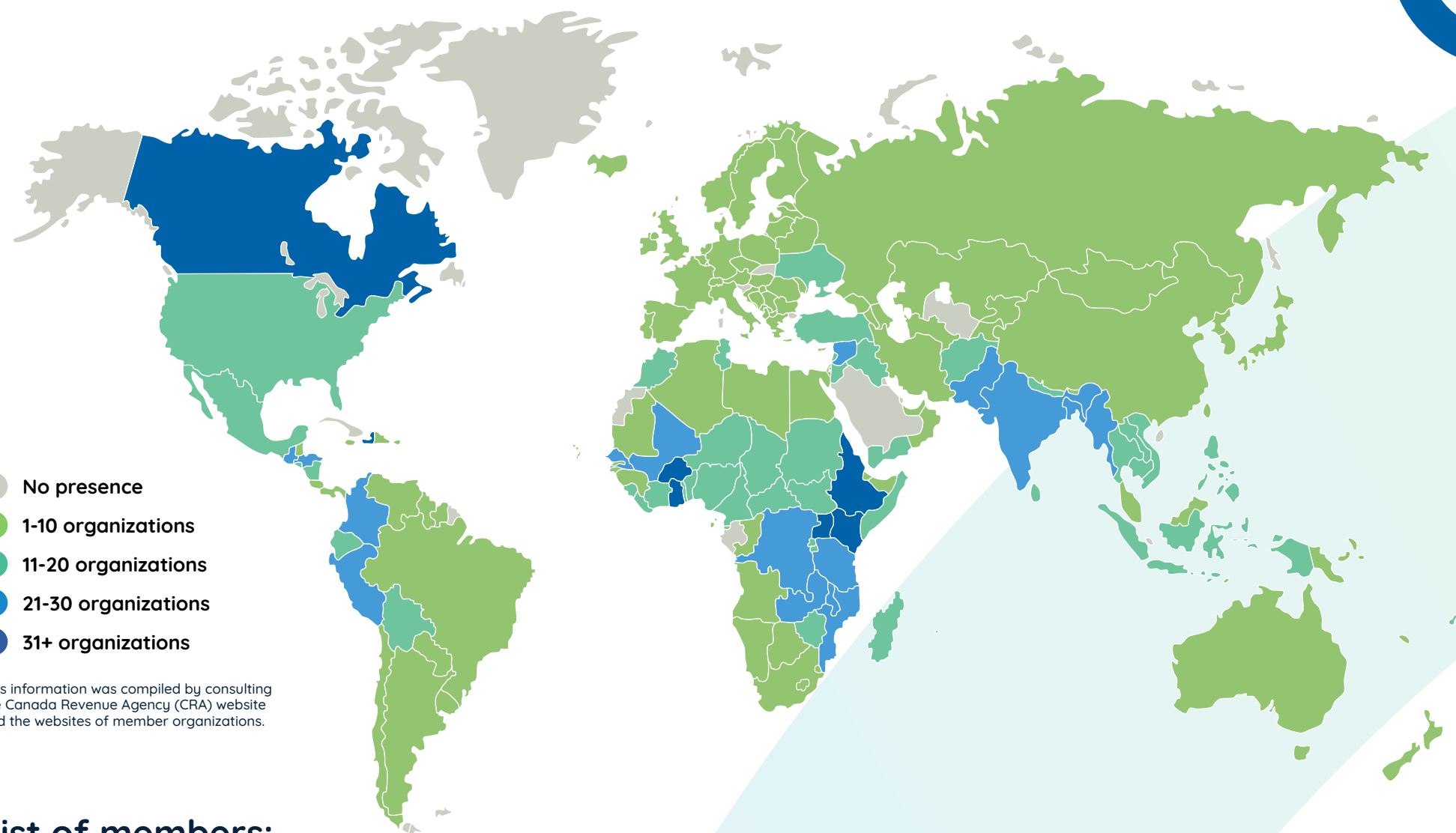
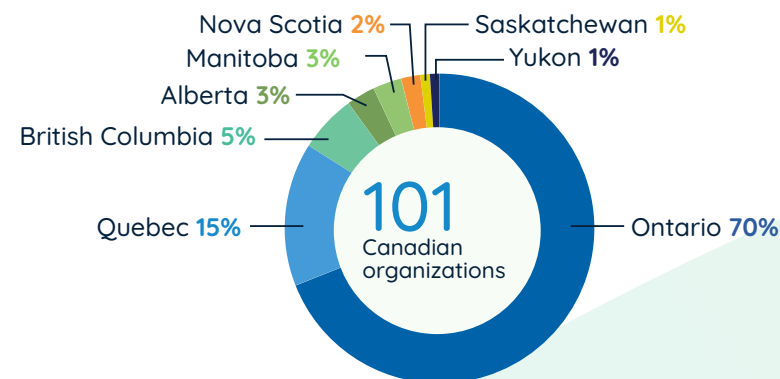
### We Innovate

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

Five new members joined Cooperation Canada in 2023-24! We are very pleased to welcome the Canadian Association of Midwives, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Habitat for Humanity, International Justice Mission and Raising the Village.



- No presence
- 1-10 organizations
- 11-20 organizations
- 21-30 organizations
- 31+ organizations

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

## List of members:

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|--|--|---|--|---|
| 1. ACTED Canada  | 8. Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC)                                   | 13. Canadian Feed the Children  | 19. CARE Canada  | 57. KAIROS  |
| 2. Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights                                  | 9. Lawyers Without Borders Canada   Avocats sans frontières                                | 14. Canadian Foodgrains Bank   Banque canadienne de grains  | 20. The Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID)   Association canadienne d'études du développement international (ACÉDI) | 58. Kentro Christian Network  |
| 3. Aga Khan Foundation Canada  | 10. British Columbia Council for International Cooperation (BCCIC)                         | 15. Canadian Labour Congress   Congrès du travail du Canada   | 21. Centre d'étude et de coopération internationale (CECI)   | 59. Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC)   |
| 4. AidWatch Canada   | 11. <b>Canadian Association of Midwives   Association canadienne des sages-femmes</b>      | 16. Canadian Lutheran World Relief  | 22. Children Believe   | 60. Mennonite Central Committee Canada (MCC)  |
| 5. Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC)                               | 12. Canadian Association for Global Health   Association canadienne pour la santé mondiale | 17. Canadian Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases (CNNTD)   Réseau canadien pour les maladies tropicales négligées (RCMTN) | 23. Climate Action Network (CAN-Rac)   Réseau action climat (CAN-Rac)  | 61. Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA)  |
| 6. Alternatives  |  | 18. Canadian Red Cross   Croix-Rouge canadienne   | 24. Coady International Institute  | 62. Mission Inclusion (L'ŒUVRE LÉGER)   |
| 7. Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale (AQOCI) |  |   |  | 63. Northern Council for Global Cooperation (NCGC)  |
|  |  |   |  | 64. Nutrition International   |
|  |  |   |  | 65. ONE Global Canada   |
|  |  |   |  | 66. Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC)  |
|  |  |   |  | 67. Operation Eyesight  |
|  |  |   |  | 68. Oxfam Canada  |
|  |  |   |  | 69. Oxfam Québec  |
|  |  |   |  | 70. Parliamentary Centre   Centre parlementaire   |
|  |  |   |  | 71. Partners In Health Canada   |
|  |  |   |  | 72. Pegasus Institute   |
|  |  |   |  | 73. Penny Appeal  |
|  |  |   |  | 74. Plan International Canada   |
|  |  |   |  | 75. Presbyterian World Service & Development  |
|  |  |   |  | 76. Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)   |
|  |  |   |  | 77. Public Service Alliance of Canada Social Justice Fund (SJF/PSAC)                                    |
|  |  |   |  | <b>78. Raising the Village</b>  |
|  |  |   |  | 79. Results Canada  |
|  |  |   |  | 80. Right To Play   |
|  |  |   |  | 81. Santé Monde   |
|  |  |   |  | 82. Samaritan's Purse Canada  |
|  |  |   |  | 83. Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC)   |
|  |  |   |  | 84. Save the Children   Aide à l'enfance  |
|  |  |   |  | 85. SeedChange  |
|  |  |   |  | 86. SOCODEVI  |
|  |  |   |  | 87. SOS Children's Villages   |
|  |  |   |  | 88. SUCO  |
|  |  |   |  | 89. Trade Facilitation Office Canada (TFO Canada)   Bureau de promotion du commerce Canada (TFO Canada) |
|  |  |   |  | 90. United Church of Canada   |
|  |  |   |  | 91. UPA Développement International (UPA DI)  |
|  |  |   |  | 92. Veterinarians without Borders   Vétérinaires sans frontières  |
|  |  |   |  | 93. Victoria International Development Education Association (VIDEA)                                    |
|  |  |   |  | 94. WaterAid Canada   |
|  |  |   |  | 95. Wellspring Foundation for Education   |
|  |  |   |  | 96. World Accord  |
|  |  |   |  | 97. World Federalist Movement Canada   Mouvement fédéraliste mondial Canada                             |
|  |  |   |  | 98. World Renew   |
|  |  |   |  | 99. World University Service of Canada (WUSC)   Entraide universitaire mondiale du Canada (EUMC)        |
|  |  |   |  | 100. World Vision Canada   Vision mondiale Canada   |
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# OUR WORK

## Policy & Advocacy

Cooperation Canada carries out policy analysis, coordination and advocacy to push for bold Canadian leadership, innovation and collaboration in international cooperation and humanitarian assistance.

We also work closely with Global Affairs Canada to improve the effectiveness of civil society’s partnerships with government, and to strengthen the impact of Canada’s international assistance around the world.

“This budget is addressing one of the most urgent situations right now globally: the desperate situation for millions of people suffering from humanitarian crises and conflicts.”

— KATE HIGGINS, COOPERATION CANADA’S CEO.



Click here to view the 2023 Canadian Aid Trends report, written by Brian Tomlinson, Executive Director, at AidWatch Canada.

In October 2023, we partnered with AidWatch Canada on the 2023 Canadian Aid Trends Report, highlighting trends in Canadian international assistance. Cooperation Canada also contributed to the 2024 Alternative Federal Budget, advocating for an agenda that prioritizes the economic, social, and environmental needs of Canadians.

## Financing for Development

Cooperation Canada stood alongside members and allies to oppose the cuts to international aid made in the 2023 Federal Budget. In the lead-up to Budget 2024, we worked actively with members and partners, including Bigger Than Our Borders, to advocate for increased aid amidst pressing global challenges. The 2024 Federal Budget was a better result: the government committed \$350 million of new funding for humanitarian assistance over two years. This will enable Canada to support partners around the world to provide much-needed assistance in some of the most challenging humanitarian contexts.

Additionally, we organized a public consultation for Global Affairs Canada to engage civil society and actors from the private sector, academia and diplomatic community on Canada’s new Indo-Pacific Strategy, drawing nearly 225 participants.

## Development Effectiveness

In 2023-24, Cooperation Canada and its members played a crucial role in shaping Canada’s engagement in Africa by presenting recommendations to Global Affairs Canada and parliament, including the House and Senate Committees on Foreign Affairs and Trade.

In anticipation of the 2023 G7 summit in Japan, we collaborated with global civil society to develop the Civil7 (C7) communiqué, advocating key policy recommendations at the C7 Summit in Tokyo. A coalition of leading Canadian humanitarian and development organizations also urged the Canadian government to take action on the escalating global hunger crisis.

As Canada prepares for its G7 Presidency in 2025, Cooperation Canada is working to rally organizations to use this upcoming opportunity to push for bold Canadian global leadership on international cooperation.

## Humanitarian Assistance

In 2023-24, Cooperation Canada and Canadian aid organizations pushed for the removal of barriers to humanitarian aid, notably in Afghanistan post-Taliban control. The passage of Bill C-41 in June 2023 was a pivotal step towards enabling Canadian organizations to provide crucial assistance in such contexts.

In November 2023, in partnership with the Humanitarian Response Network of Canada and Nexus Cooperation, Cooperation Canada launched a report on The Global Humanitarian Context,



Click here to view the Global Humanitarian Context report, written by lead-author Suzanne Belliveau at Nexus Cooperation.

offering a comprehensive landscape analysis to understand the dynamic humanitarian environment affecting Canadian organizations. This report underscores the need for adaptation, innovation, sustainable financing and a commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and justice in addressing rising global humanitarian needs.

Amidst escalating violence in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel, Cooperation Canada urged all parties to respect international humanitarian law and called for an immediate cessation of violence. In December 2023, we welcomed Canada’s support for a UN resolution demanding a humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza.

“We stand alongside other Canadian organizations, including several Cooperation Canada members, who have been calling tirelessly for the protection of civilians and upholding of legal and humanitarian obligations.”

— COOPERATION CANADA.

Following the Haitian political crisis in March 2024, Cooperation Canada, along with the [Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale \(AQOCI\)](#) and Concertation pour Haïti, called on Canada to [support Haiti's](#) political transition, combat arms trafficking and provide appropriate humanitarian aid.

Throughout 2023-24, Cooperation Canada supported the Humanitarian Policy & Advocacy Group (HPAG) in facilitating coordination and consultation on humanitarian policy and advocacy with Global Affairs Canada and other government departments.

## Triple Nexus

In 2023-24, Cooperation Canada strengthened its engagement on the triple nexus approach, integrating humanitarian, development and peace efforts. We actively participated in an external working group with Canadian civil society organizations to advocate for dedicated nexus financing and robust policies at Global Affairs Canada, aligning with OECD-DAC recommendations.

To highlight effective strategies and identify challenges in expanding triple nexus programming, Cooperation Canada also released a [spotlight series](#) leveraging the expertise of our members.

## Localization

In 2023-24, Cooperation Canada continued to advance localization agenda, recognizing that power needs to shift in international cooperation, and sustainable development and humanitarian efforts need to put local actors front and centre.

Following a series of learning events featuring speakers from Canada and the Global South, Cooperation Canada organized a pivotal workshop in November 2023. Members discussed moving the powershift agenda from theory to practice, sharing

perspectives on the evolving roles of Canadian INGOs and generating practical ideas such as creating a dedicated hub or community of practice.

In December 2023, we released the working paper [Shifting Power in International Cooperation: Connecting the Dots](#), which contextualizes, and brings together key initiatives related to localization taking place in Canada and globally.



Click [here](#) to view the Shifting Power in International Cooperation report, written by [Carelle Mang-Benza](#), Policy Lead at Cooperation Canada.

In March 2024, we became a supporter of the [Pledge for Change](#), reinforcing our commitment to building a cooperation ecosystem grounded in equity, solidarity and humility. This series of initiatives underscores Cooperation Canada's commitment to the powershift agenda and our drive to work with our members to put it into practice.

## Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

At Cooperation Canada, we know the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are an important global framework for steering our efforts to foster a more equitable and sustainable world. In 2023-24, we contributed to advancing the SDGs through collaborative initiatives and advocacy.

In June 2023, we participated in the Together/Ensemble conference, discussing Canada's implementation of the SDGs. In July 2023, we joined the Canadian delegation at the United Nations High-Level Political Forum, where Canada's 2023 Voluntary National Review was presented. September saw us at the UN General Assembly High-Level Week, engaging at events led by our members and partners, and advocating for more and better civil society representation. In March 2024, we contributed to the eighth annual [Progressing National SDGs Implementation report](#), providing independent analysis of global SDG progress.

## Civic Space & Democracy

In November 2023, we were proud to be part of the launch [Resilient Societies](#) at the Global Centre for Pluralism. This activist-led hub supports human rights defenders in exile, fostering collaboration and advocacy in closing civic spaces. It builds on Canada's commitment to diversity and pluralism, creating programs that impact both the diaspora and activists' home countries. Resilient Societies strengthens the voice and agency of civil society activists, countering global democratic backsliding and the shrinking of civic space. Cooperation Canada is thrilled to be providing incubation support to this exciting new initiative.

As a long-time contributor to the Community of Democracies, in 2023 Cooperation Canada participated in the Civil Society Pillar Assembly of the Community of Democracies (CoD) in Panama City, playing a crucial role in advocating for civil society's priorities and interests to inform this community on democracy and human rights.

Finally, ahead of the Global Democracy Coalition (GDC) Forum, we partnered with the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy to organize a regional dialogue on combating electoral misinformation. Insights from this consultation were shared at the GDC Americas Forum in February 2024 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.



The Resilient Societies launch event, hosted by the Global Centre for Pluralism, was attended by leading representatives from civil society, academia, and government including Meredith Preston McGhie, Secretary General at the Global Centre for Pluralism, Anita Vandenbeld, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Development, Maiwand Rahyab, founder and CEO of Resilient Societies, Sayed Madadi, non-resident Fellow at the Middle East Institute in Washington, and editor at KabulNow, Ketty Nivyabandi, Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada, Julie Delahanty, President of the International Development Research Centre, Tara Denham, Director-General of Human Rights, Freedoms and Inclusion at Global Affairs Canada, Chris Eaton, Executive Director of World University Service of Canada, and Kate Higgins, CEO at Cooperation Canada. © Melody Maloney / Cooperation Canada.

## International Cooperation Futures

In 2022, Cooperation Canada launched the [Global Cooperation Futures Initiative](#), funded by the [International Development Research Centre](#), to envision future global development cooperation scenarios for the post-2030 era. The initiative began with an April 2023 workshop to align objectives and research parameters. Cooperation Canada also conducted focus group discussions, workshops, surveys, and dialogues in Canada and five regions (Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America and the Middle East and North Africa), gathering local insights

and perceptions about emerging trends, signals of change and visions of the future of international cooperation.

The initiative's second phase begun in December 2023, leveraging foresight methodologies to develop three plausible scenarios for global development. Workshops with Canadian and global actors were held to refine research priorities and map scenario journeys. In February 2024, the [Global Landscape Analysis Report](#) was released, offering a detailed overview of factors influencing global development cooperation, including trends and changes across social, political, environmental, economic and technological domains.



Click here to view the Global Landscape Analysis of the International Cooperation Sector report, written by [Andy Roxane Ouedraogo](#), Research and Program Officer, and [Carelle Mang-Benza](#), Policy Lead, at Cooperation Canada.

In November 2023, Cooperation Canada partnered with the [International Development Research Centre \(IDRC\)](#) to host the first of a series of webinars on artificial intelligence for development with a view of raising awareness about the issues, opportunities and challenges in this space for Canadian actors working in international development and humanitarian assistance.

Artificial Intelligence was discussed from various lenses including Indigenous, feminist and sustainable AI, with experts highlighting practical uses of AI in the international development context and reflecting on its use(s) and utility.

## Engaging with Global Affairs Canada

In 2023-24, Cooperation Canada continued to play a vital role as Co-Chair of Canada's Civil Society Policy Advisory Group, a key forum that fosters collaboration between Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and civil society to further Canada's commitments under its Policy on Civil Society Partnerships for International Assistance.

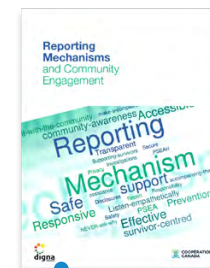
Cooperation Canada was an active participant in GAC's Partner Advisory Group, contributing valuable insights and advice as GAC progresses with its ambitious Grants and Contributions Transformation Initiative.

Cooperation Canada's Chief Financial Officer Working Group continued to serve as a crucial liaison with GAC's Chief Financial Officer Branch. In 2023-24, this collaboration included significant involvement in GAC's annual Spring CFO Roundtable. Additionally, senior GAC officials engaged in critical discussions with Cooperation Canada members on key policy updates, addressing topics such as holdbacks, budget flexibility and cost-sharing.



The consultation on implementing Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy brought together about 80 participants within the walls of Global Affairs Canada and an additional 124 online from the development, philanthropic, business, government and diplomatic sectors. © Jennifer Bernard / Cooperation Canada

## Cooperation Canada's Publications



MAY 2023

Reporting Mechanisms and Community Engagement

DIGNA



JULY 2023

The Future of Canada's Engagement with Africa

COOPERATION CANADA



JULY 2023

Facilitator Guide for Training on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

DIGNA



OCTOBER 2023

2023 Canadian Aid Trends

COOPERATION CANADA



NOVEMBER 2023

The Global Humanitarian Context

COOPERATION CANADA



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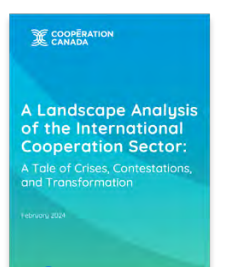
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DECEMBER 2023

Collective Commitment: 2023 Pulse Check on Progress Towards Anti-racism by Canada's International Cooperation Sector

ARC HUB



FEBRUARY 2024

Global Landscape Analysis of the International Cooperation Sector

COOPERATION CANADA

# 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.

The forum featured insightful contributions from distinguished speakers, including the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, the Minister of International Development, Vinod Rajasekaran, Editor-in-Chief of Future of Good, and Danika Littlechild, who is Cree from the Ermineskin Cree Nation and Assistant Professor in the Department of Law and Legal Studies at Carleton University. Their contributions enriched the dialogue, inspiring participants with their expertise and perspectives on the profound changes and challenges facing Canadian organizations and leaders.

## 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.

### Cooperation Canada Leaders' Forum

In October 2023, Cooperation Canada hosted its first **Leaders' Forum**, an opportunity for more than 70 leaders from Cooperation Canada member organizations to meet, network and strategize on the key priorities, trends and contexts shaping international cooperation and the role of Canadian international cooperation organizations in the world.



The Leaders Forum featured insightful contributions from distinguished speakers, including the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, the Minister of International Development. © Jennifer Bernard / Cooperation Canada.



In October 2023, more than 70 leaders from Cooperation Canada member organizations attended the Leaders' Forum at the allsaints event space in Ottawa, discussing the profound changes and challenges facing Canadian organizations and leaders. © Jennifer Bernard / Cooperation Canada.





## International Development Week

International Development Week 2024 was once again an important moment for Cooperation Canada and our members!

We had a full agenda this year. At our annual advocacy day on Parliament Hill, more than 50 representatives from Cooperation Canada member organizations met with parliamentarians from the Liberal Party, Conservative Party, Bloc Québécois, New Democratic Party and Green Party. In these meetings, and at a sold-out Parliamentary Reception, we reaffirmed the strategic importance of Canadian international assistance and showcased the life-saving and life-changing difference it makes in the lives of millions of people around the world

Other International Development Week 2024 activities included a film screening that deliberately linked Black History Month and International Development Week, and a special appearance by our CEO, Kate Higgins, and our Policy Lead, Carelle Mang-Benza, before the **Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade** to discuss Canada's engagement with Africa.

We thank all our members and everyone who helped us organize this special week of activities and influence!



Our CEO, Kate Higgins, and our Policy Lead, Carelle Mang-Benza speak before the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade about Canada's engagement with Africa.



## A sold-out Parliamentary Reception



The Parliamentary Reception was organized by Bigger Than our Borders, CanWACH, ONE, Results and Cooperation Canada in collaboration with the Parliamentary Global Cooperation Caucus. © Nick Ghattas / Cooperation Canada.



# Day on the Hill

On February 6, Cooperation Canada and its members took to Parliament Hill and pushed for Canada to strengthen its global leadership ahead of Budget 2024, meeting with over 50 Members of Parliament. © Nick Ghattas / Cooperation Canada.



## Cooperation Canada Awards

We were proud to recognize innovation and excellence in international cooperation at the annual [Cooperation Canada Awards](#).

This year, the Karen Takacs Award was awarded to Catherine Liao, Director at ReSurge Africa, and Odette McCarthy, Executive Director at Equitas, for their feminist advocacy and collaborative leadership in international cooperation.

Musu Taylor-Lewis, Executive Director at Food for the Hungry, and Tiyahna Padmore, Project Manager at World Vision Canada, were winners of the Innovation & Impact Award (individual) in partnership with [World University Service of Canada \(WUSC\)](#), for their leadership on anti-racism and decolonization in international cooperation. Girls of Tomorrow Foundation won the Innovation & Impact Award (organization) in partnership with WUSC, for their work combating menstrual stigma in Uganda.

## 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](#)
- [Indigenous Rights and Reconciliation Working Group](#)
- [Innovative Finance Working Group](#)
- [Localization Working Group](#)
- [Policy Working Group](#)



## 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](mailto:membership@cooperation.ca).

## Subscribe to our newsletter

Subscribe to Cooperation Canada's newsletter to receive updates and news on our initiatives, influence and impact.

## Follow us on social media



# Build Capacity

## 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, established in 2020 with support from Global Affairs Canada and 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.



The 2023-24 period was a dynamic and productive time for the ARC Hub as we progressed with our strategic vision of equipping organizations and individuals in the Canadian international cooperation sector to achieve anti-racist outcomes. We offered numerous trainings, knowledge-sharing events, and various resourcing techniques to build our sector's capacity to understand and implement anti-racist principles and practices in all aspects of our work. During this time, we navigated the third signatory period, where 71 diverse organizations signed on to the Anti-Racism Framework. The ARC Hub also collaborated to host its first conference in partnership with Digna, focusing on intersectional approaches to international cooperation. The ARC Hub continued providing one-on-one support to organizations and launched a roster of experts that can be harnessed to help organizations advance toward our shared goal of anti-racism.

The ARC Hub remains committed to building a strategic vision for the international cooperation sector on anti-racism, and ensuring it is equipped with the necessary tools to continue this critical work.

## Digna, the Canadian Centre of Expertise on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (PSEAH)

Digna, the [Canadian Centre of Expertise on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment \(PSEAH\)](#) is a Canadian initiative dedicated to improving PSEAH 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, abuse and harassment in operations and partnerships, with a particular focus on women and girls.



In 2023-24, Digna continued to advance work on PSEAH by integrating more intersectional approaches. Digna collaborated with ARC to enhance intersectional safeguarding approaches with the [ARC x Digna Conference](#) in October 2023 which saw significant engagement, leading to tangible strategies for protecting vulnerable populations. Ongoing efforts continue to push for renewed commitments in the evolving sector landscape.

At the [2023 Cooperation Canada GAC Dialogue](#), Digna presented findings from its organizational assessment tool, highlighting the sector's remarkable progress in PSEAH benchmarks.

The sector's continued engagement and accomplishments provide reassurance as we move forward, demonstrating substantial impact in improving PSEAH measures.

## Humanitarian Response Network (HRN)

In 2023-24, the [Humanitarian Response Network \(HRN\)](#) significantly advanced its mission to enhance the quality and efficiency of Canadian humanitarian action. The network hosted key events such as its Triannual and Head of Agency meetings, fostering discussions on critical issues including the impact of sanctions on humanitarian aid, the Global Refugee Forum, food security, triple nexus approaches and financing for humanitarian action. Networking opportunities with GAC officials and among members strengthened policy impact and collaboration.



The HRN offered essential trainings in areas such as Sphere Humanitarian Standards: Basics and Training of Trainers, Personal Security, Gender Equality, Duty of Care, Results-Based Management and Anti-Racism, ensuring members were well-equipped with necessary skills. Representatives also took part in major global forums such as the UNHCR Annual Executive Committee meeting, the Global Refugee Forum and the ICVA, amplifying the influence of Canadian humanitarian aid actors on the world stage.

In 2023-24, the HRN undertook a strategic review involving its 43 members and other stakeholders, resulting in a new [Strategic Plan 2024-2029](#). This process has enabled the network to remain relevant and effective.

Through these efforts, the HRN facilitated the sharing of lessons learned among its members, provided opportunities for dialogue to promote continuous improvement, collaboration and innovation in humanitarian action, and supported capacity development of HRN members to drive more effective and impactful humanitarian action.

## Advancing Cooperation Canada's Organizational Resilience & Equity

Cooperation Canada's new [Anti-racism, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Justice \(AEDIJ\) Strategy and Action Plan](#) was published in March 2024. This strategy and plan will guide the organization's journey on AEDIJ, shaping the principles that drive our work, our key objectives and the concrete measures we will take in operations and administration, communications and the implementation of programs and activities.

In 2023-24, Cooperation Canada continued to be a signatory to the [Leaders' Pledge on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse](#) and the [Anti-Racism Framework](#), advocating and pushing for a more ethical Canadian international cooperation sector.



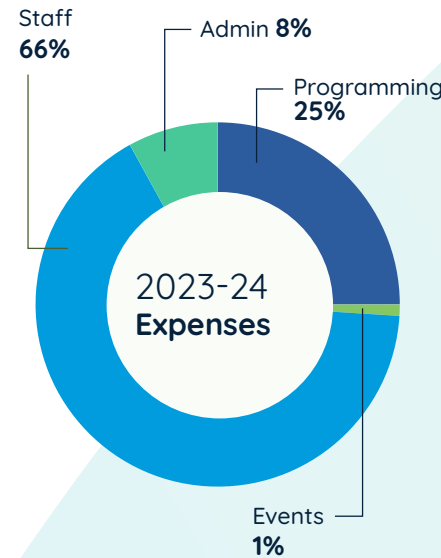
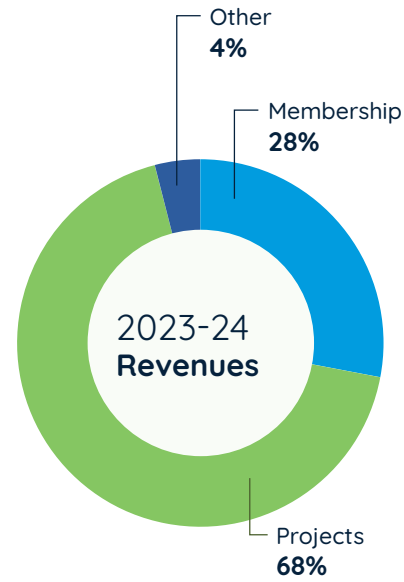
[Click here](#) to view the Anti-racism, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Justice Strategy and Action Plan.

# FINANCIALS

March 31	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 859,678	\$ 1,612,749
Trade and other receivables	279,159	253,094
Prepaid expenses	30,793	28,896
	<b>1,169,630</b>	<b>1,894,793</b>
<b>INVESTMENT</b>	<b>259,184</b>	<b>250,210</b>
<b>TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS</b>	<b>7,783</b>	<b>7,867</b>
	<b>\$ 1,436,597</b>	<b>\$ 2,152,816</b>

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payables and accrued liabilities	\$ 198,282	\$ 143,000
Current portion of long-term debt	-	30,000
Deferred contributions	812,231	1,635,843
	<b>1,010,513</b>	<b>1,808,843</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Internally restricted	7,783	7,867
Invested in tangible capital assets	225,000	225,000
Restricted reserve fund	97,899	97,899
General reserve fund	95,402	13,207
	<b>426,084</b>	<b>343,973</b>
Unrestricted net assets	426,084	343,973
	<b>\$ 1,436,597</b>	<b>\$ 2,152,816</b>



For the year ended March 31	2024	2023
<b>Revenues</b>		
Institutional donors	\$ 1,790,096	\$ 1,427,371
Membership fees	844,983	735,725
Event registration fees and sponsorships	44,560	607,449
Other revenues	256,215	283,725
Interest revenue	56,290	53,980
Humanitarian Response Network - membership fees	58,655	29,917
	<b>3,050,799</b>	<b>3,138,167</b>

<b>Expenses</b>		
Annual conference and events	\$ 37,268	\$ 579,974
Anti-Racism Cooperation Hub	292,491	229,541
Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy	25,079	-
Communications	171,408	229,215
Enhanced Canadian support for sustainable development	190,122	485,591
Humanitarian Response Network	279,421	185,958
International Development Research Centre	148,543	28,53
InterAction	225,434	211,530
Member engagement	73,662	183,368
Operations Management	681,229	665,164
Operational Grant - Gates	337,173	50,172
Open Philanthropy	188,599	18,255
PSEA Sector Hub	215,617	305,403
Research and policy	102,051	136,052
Resilient Societies	591	-
	<b>2,968,688</b>	<b>3,308,762</b>

**Net revenues (expenses) for the year**    \$    82,111    -\$ 170,595

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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 Cooperation Canada's office is located is the traditional unceded 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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