



COOPÉRATION
CANADA

ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025

MESSAGE FROM CO-CHAIRS AND CEOS



Kate Higgins

Chief Executive Officer

Dear members and supporters,

2024–25 was a year marked by rising global tensions, humanitarian crises and growing threats to civic space—reminders that Canada’s voice, values and action on the world stage are urgently needed. At the same time, we entered a new chapter at home, with a federal election called before the end of the fiscal year, offering renewed opportunity for Canada to lead boldly on international cooperation. Through it all, Cooperation Canada worked with determination and optimism—supporting our members and partners to defend rights, advance equity and reimagine our collective impact in a rapidly shifting global context.



Shannon Kindornay

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

At the heart of our work is a steadfast commitment to strengthening our sector. This year, we were delighted to welcome five new organizations into our coalition: Action for Humanity Canada, Digital Opportunity Trust, Fondation Paul Gérin-Lajoie, the Humanitarian Coalition and the International Bureau for Children’s Rights. Each brings valuable experience and energy to our growing network, and we are excited to move forward together.



Christine Bui

Co-chair

As Canada prepared to host the 2025 G7, we leaned into our advocacy, convening and research work—building strategic connections across government, civil society and international coalitions. We led Canada’s Civil 7 (C7) process, ensuring equity-driven perspectives shaped G7 deliberations, and convened over 130 participants at the C7 Summit in Ottawa in April 2025. Through the 2024 Canadian Aid Trends Report, strategic communications and a sector-wide open letter to political leaders, we championed bold, principled Canadian leadership.



Usama Khan

Co-chair

We supported our members in responding to some of the most urgent and complex challenges of our time: escalating conflict in Gaza, ongoing crises in Haiti and Sudan, shrinking civic space globally and the rollback of development and humanitarian investments. We reacted quickly to the U.S. decision to cut foreign aid—warning of the ripple effects of donor retreat and advocating for Canada’s continued leadership. At the same time, we continued to invest in evidence and coordination efforts that elevate marginalized voices and promote accountability, including through partnering with Resilient Societies to release the Struggle Across Borders report.

Throughout the year, we created spaces for collective learning, courageous conversation and future-focused thinking. The Global

Cooperation Futures Initiative convened over 350 stakeholders across 17 engagement points, generating a rich body of insight and foresight to guide the sector’s evolution. The 2024 International Cooperation Futures forum—our flagship gathering—brought together more than 400 leaders from across civil society, government, philanthropy and academia for bold dialogue, co-creation and connection. Made possible through collaboration with 51 partnering organizations, the forum showcased how collective expertise, resources and commitment can bring bold ideas and innovative solutions to the forefront. From the debut of Colleen Gray’s live painting *The Light*, to our IDW film screening and the 2025 Cooperation Canada Awards, we celebrated the people and ideas that are moving our sector forward.

Beyond the forum, we were pleased to renew our partnership with Global Affairs Canada until August 2026, enabling us to continue advancing effective, feminist international assistance. Through this partnership, we will deliver capacity-strengthening initiatives, foster collaboration across the sector, and share knowledge, tools and resources to help Canadian international cooperation and humanitarian organizations maximize their impact. We also launched a new partnership with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) to research the Canadian ecosystem for collaboration and partnership through an examination of Canada’s international cooperation coalitions. This initiative will help identify and inform opportunities for strategic partnerships both across civil society and between civil society and IDRC’s rich research networks.

We made important strides in our internal equity and resilience. In year two of our Anti-Racism, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Justice Strategy, we deepened commitments across our programs, partnerships and governance. We marked the successful completion of the ARC Hub’s three-year mandate, launched powerful new tools and trainings and reaffirmed our responsibility to advance

racial justice in all that we do. In January 2025, members ratified an updated Code of Ethics, informed by Indigenous teachings and Southern partner feedback, reflecting our shared aspiration to uphold integrity and humility in global cooperation.

In parallel, the Board of Directors took meaningful steps to embed equity, diversity, inclusion, justice and belonging within its own governance practices. Following the resignation of an Indigenous Board member in September 2024, the Board paused planned elections and the ratification of the revised Code of Ethics to create space for reflection and repair. This process led to a revised call for nominations centred on equity, with a renewed focus on Indigenous leadership, francophone inclusion and broader representation of Canada’s diversity. Additional steps to enhance onboarding, foster inclusive governance and build Board capacity around Indigenous governance practices are now underway—reflecting a deep commitment to building a Board that is accountable, inclusive and representative of our membership.

All of this was made possible by our dedicated team, our committed Board and most of all—by you, our members and partners. Thank you for your vision, leadership and solidarity. As we look ahead to an increasingly uncertain and unequal world, we remain grounded in our mission and optimistic about what we can accomplish together.

In solidarity,

Kate Higgins
Chief Executive Officer

Shannon Kindornay
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Christine Bui
Co-chair

Usama Khan
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.



CANADIAN & GLOBAL COALITIONS

At Cooperation Canada, we value collaboration, solidarity and collective action. Through active engagement in Canadian and global coalitions, we work with diverse partners to advance a fairer, safer and more sustainable world. By sharing knowledge, coordinating advocacy and amplifying our members' voices, we strengthen connections, influence policy and create space for diverse actors to pursue shared goals.

In Canada, Cooperation Canada participates in and collaborates with a number of Canadian coalitions, including the Canadian Association of International Development Professionals, Canadian Association for Studies in International Development, Canadian Coalition for Climate Change and Development, Canadian International Education Policy Working Group, Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability, Canadian Peacebuilding Partners Network, Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health (through the Public Engagement & Research Working Group), Civil Society Policy and Advisory Group, Climate Action Network Canada, Food Security Policy Group, Future Planning Initiative, Humanitarian Policy and Advisory Group, International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group, Imagine Canada (through the Fair Funding for Nonprofits coalition), Philanthropic Foundations of Canada and Women's Rights Policy Group.

Cooperation Canada is also actively engaging with international coalitions and networks, including, CIVICUS, 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, Global Civil Society Financing for Development Mechanism, Global Summit Watch, Forus International, OECD Development Assistance Committee Civil Society Reference Group, Pledge for Change and Reality of Aid Network.

OUR APPROACH

We bring our expertise, agility and proactive approach to strengthen the contribution of Canada's international cooperation and humanitarian assistance sector for 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

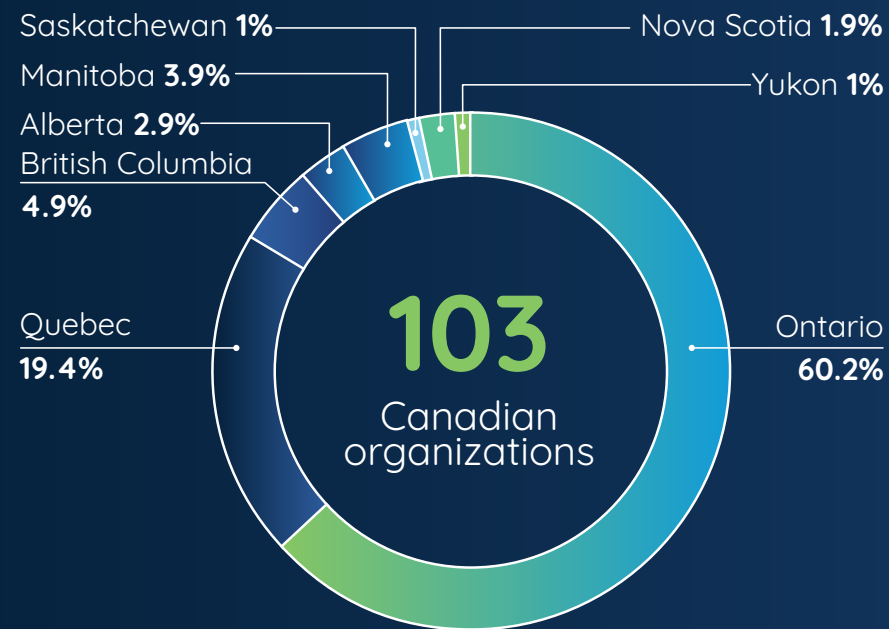
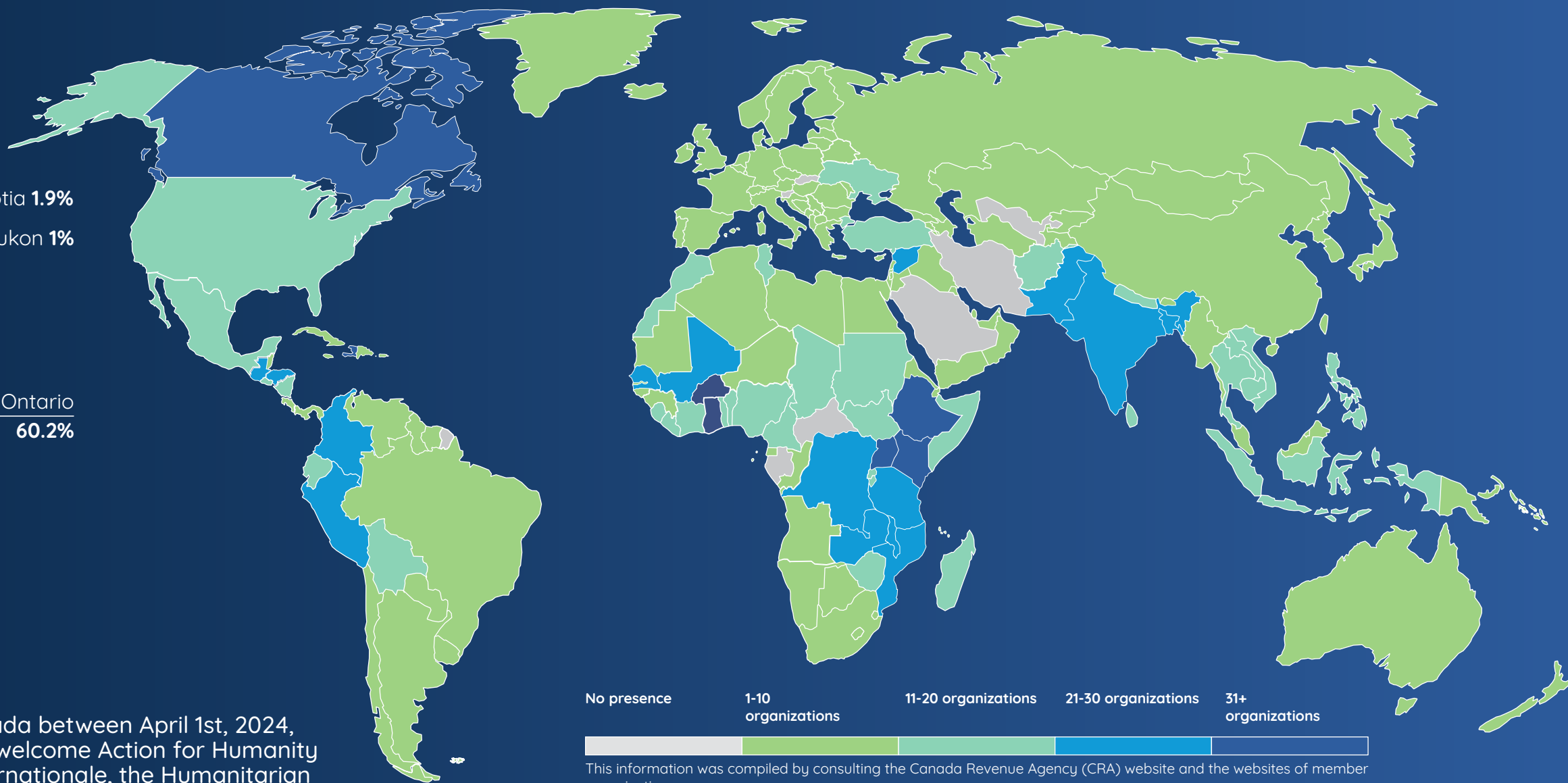


Figure 1. Canadian presence

Five new members joined Cooperation Canada between April 1st, 2024, and March 31st, 2025! We are very pleased to welcome Action for Humanity Canada, Doctors of the World, Éducation internationale, the Humanitarian Coalition and the International Bureau for Children’s Rights.



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.

Figure 2. World presence

LIST OF MEMBERS:

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| 1. ACTED Canada | 8. Alternatives | 13. Canadian Association for Global Health Association canadienne pour la santé mondiale | 18. Canadian Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases (CNNTD) Réseau canadien pour les maladies tropicales négligées (RCMTN) | Association canadienne d’études du développement international (ACÉDI) | 26. CODE |
| 2. Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights | 9. Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale (AQOCI) | 14. Canadian Association of Midwives Association canadienne des sages-femmes | 19. Canadian Red Cross Croix-Rouge canadienne | 22. Centre d’étude et de coopération internationale (CECI) | 27. CoDevelopment Canada Association |
| 3. Action for Humanity Canada | 10. Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC) | 15. Canadian Foodgrains Bank Banque canadienne de grains | 20. CARE Canada | 23. Children Believe Fund | 28. Collaboration Santé Internationale (CSI) |
| 4. Aga Khan Foundation Canada | 11. Lawyers Without Borders Canada Avocats sans frontières | 16. Canadian Labour Congress Congrès du travail du Canada | 21. The Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID) | 24. Climate Action Network (CAN-Rac) Réseau action climat (CAN-Rac) | 29. Compassion Canada |
| 5. AidWatch Canada | 12. British Columbia Council for International Cooperation (BCCIC) | 17. Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) | | 25. Coady International Institute | 30. Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada (CDF) |
| 6. Alberta Council for Global Cooperation (ACGC) | | | | | 31. CPA Without Borders CPA Sans Frontières |
| 7. Alongside Hope (Formerly The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)) | | | | | |

LIST OF MEMBERS:

- 32. Crossroads International | Carrefour international
- 33. Cuso International
- 34. Development and Peace - Caritas Canada | Développement et paix - Caritas Canada
- 35. Desjardin International Development | Développement international Desjardins
- 36. Digital Opportunity Trust**
- 37. Dignity Network Canada | Réseau Dignité Canada
- 38. Equality Fund | Fonds Égalité
- 39. Equitas
- 40. Fairtrade Canada
- 41. Farm Radio International | Radios rurales internationales
- 42. Federation of Canadian Municipalities | Fédération canadienne des municipalités
- 43. Fondation Paul Gérin-Lajoie
- 44. Food for the Hungry Canada
- 45. Forum of Federations | Forum des fédérations
- 46. Grandmothers Advocacy Network (GRAN)
- 47. Habitat for Humanity | Habitat pour l'humanité
- 48. HelpAge Canada
- 49. Hope and Healing International
- 50. Human Concern International
- 51. Humanitarian Coalition**
- 52. Humanity & Inclusion | Humanité & Inclusion
- 53. Inter Pares
- 54. International Bureau for Children's Rights (IBCR)**
- 55. International Development and Relief Foundation (IDRF)
- 56. International Development Institute / Humber College
- 57. International Justice Mission
- 58. Islamic Relief Canada
- 59. Jane Goodall Institute of Canada
- 60. KAIROS Canada
- 61. Kentro Christian Network
- 62. Kinvia
- 63. Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC)
- 64. Mennonite Central Committee Canada (MCC)
- 65. Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA)
- 66. Mission Inclusion (L'ŒUVRE LÉGER)
- 67. Northern Council for Global Cooperation (NCGC)
- 68. Nutrition International
- 69. ONE Global Canada
- 70. Ontario Council for International Cooperation (OCIC)
- 71. Operation Eyesight
- 72. Oxfam Canada
- 73. Oxfam Québec
- 74. Partners In Health Canada
- 75. Pegasus Institute
- 76. Penny Appeal
- 77. Plan International Canada
- 78. Presbyterian World Service & Development
- 79. Public Service Alliance of Canada Social Justice Fund (SJF/PSAC)
- 80. Raising the Village
- 81. Results Canada
- 82. Right To Play International
- 83. Samaritan's Purse Canada
- 84. Santé Monde
- 85. Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC)
- 86. Save the Children | Aide à l'enfance

- 87. SeedChange | Sème l'avenir
- 88. SOCODEVI
- 89. SOS Children's Villages
- 90. SUCO
- 91. The Hunger Project Canada
- 92. Trade Facilitation Office Canada (TFO Canada) | Bureau de promotion du commerce Canada (TFO Canada)
- 93. United Church of Canada
- 94. UPA Développement International (UPA DI)
- 95. Veterinarians without Borders | Vétérinaires sans frontières
- 96. VIDEA
- 97. WaterAid Canada
- 98. Wellspring Foundation for Education
- 99. World Accord
- 100. World Renew
- 101. World University Service of Canada (WUSC) | Entraide universitaire mondiale du Canada (EUMC)
- 102. World Vision Canada | Vision mondiale Canada
- 103. YMCA Canada

POLICY & ADVOCACY

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

Civil Society & Civic Space

In 2024–25, Cooperation Canada advanced its civic space work through research, engagement and global collaboration. Together with **Resilient Societies** we supported exiled human rights defenders, including through a U.S. launch event in Washington, and collaborated on **Struggle Across Borders**—a report funded by the International Development Research Centre that documents the experiences of exiled activists in Canada.

At the same time, we strengthened sector solidarity through shared learning and strategy. Internationally, we joined Forus' General Assembly in Gaborone, contributing to key discussions on localization, democracy and digitalization. Cooperation Canada was also elected to Forus' Council, one of just 15 members guiding a global network that represents more than 22,000 organizations and works to safeguard civil society participation in decision-making.

Cooperation Canada is ensuring that Canada's legal, policy and funding environment enables civil society to thrive. In 2024–25, we advanced research and global advocacy on civic freedoms while working at home to strengthen the operating environment for Canadian charities and nonprofits. We partnered regularly with Imagine Canada, including through the Fair Funding for Nonprofits coalition, to advance modernized, equitable and more reliable federal funding practices that enable organizations to maximize their impact. Cooperation Canada also partnered with the Canadian Muslim Public Affairs Council and Imagine Canada to bring together sector and government leaders to identify ways to strengthen solidarity across the charitable sector.

Together with Imagine Canada and the Health Charities Coalition of Canada, we secured a federal extension of the charitable donations deadline following a four-week postal strike—providing critical relief for organizations facing severe year-end revenue losses.

Canadian Global Leadership

The 2024–25 period has been a pivotal year for Cooperation Canada, marked by leadership on the global stage as Canada prepared to host the G7, significant policy engagement and strengthened support for humanitarian and development priorities.

In 2025, Cooperation Canada led the Civil 7 (C7), ensuring civil society voices shape global decision-making. Through thematic working groups and broad consultations, we developed equity-driven recommendations captured in the **2025 C7 Communiqué**, presented at the **C7 Summit in Ottawa** with over 130 participants.



[Click here](#) to view the 2025 C7 Communiqué

During the 2025 federal election, we supported members with tools and coordinated an open letter to party leaders calling for strong global leadership. After the election, we welcomed **Prime Minister Mark Carney**, his cabinet and MPs, reaffirming the sector’s commitment to advancing Canada’s global role.

We welcomed the **2024 Federal Budget’s** boost for humanitarian needs, highlighted by a statement signed by over 100 organizations calling for sustained support. We also launched the **2024 Canadian Aid Trends Report** and raised concerns over major **USAID cuts**, emphasizing Canada’s responsibility to protect development and humanitarian gains.



→ [Click here](#) to view the **2024 Canadian Aid Trends Report** written by Brian Tomlinson, Executive Director, AidWatch Canada



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, CEO, Cooperation Canada
Canadian Aid Sector Welcomes Budget Boost for Humanitarian Needs –

Public opinion research from November 2024 showed strong support among Canadians for leadership on poverty, crises and climate change, reflecting our calls for robust global engagement.



Investing in international assistance strengthens communities, enhances security and positions Canada to have influence in a rapidly changing world. It is both the right and the smart thing to do!

Kate Higgins, CEO, Cooperation Canada
Cooperation Canada Statement on USAID Cuts and Canada’s Role in the World –

Humanitarian Action

Throughout 2024–25, Cooperation Canada engaged with members to advocate for strong Canadian leadership and action in response to conflict and suffering. Sustained advocacy was conducted with and in support of our members in response to the ongoing atrocities and conflict in **Gaza**, **Haiti** and **Sudan** through public statements, government engagement, media engagement, press conferences and calls to action. This work highlighted that Canada must lead with principle, with an obligation to protect those in the most vulnerable situations, promote and respect international humanitarian law and ensure that violations are met with accountability. We also backed new research, **Canadian CSOs and the Triple Nexus**, on how civil society organizations navigate the humanitarian-development-peace nexus, identifying gaps and opportunities for integration.

Through continued support and collaboration with the Humanitarian Policy & Advocacy Group (HPAG), Cooperation Canada strengthened coordination and consultation on humanitarian policy and advocacy with Global Affairs Canada and other government departments.

Organizational Effectiveness

Cooperation Canada continues to support its members in strengthening organizational effectiveness, recognizing that resilient, adaptive organizations are essential to advancing our shared mission. Through the Human Resources Working Group, members shared experiences on issues such as unionized environments, employee engagement and performance reviews, and conducted a member survey on work modalities to identify common challenges and opportunities.

Our Chief Financial Officer Working Group sustained strong engagement with Global Affairs Canada on risk management, audit preparation and indirect costs, while also contributing to proposed accounting standards changes.

In 2024–25, we relaunched the Emerging Leaders Network, creating a vibrant space for early career professionals to learn, build community and access leadership opportunities—reflecting our commitment to supporting the next generation of leaders who will shape Canada’s role in international cooperation and humanitarian action.

Sustainable Development

In 2024–25, Cooperation Canada deepened its engagement on sustainable development by creating spaces for critical reflection and forward-looking strategy. Through the IDRC-funded **Global Cooperation Futures Initiative**, we engaged over 350 stakeholders across 17 data collection points to explore emerging trends and plausible scenarios for the future of international cooperation. Key outputs, including the **Regional Perspectives Report on Signs of Change and Visions of the Future of Global Cooperation**, **The Post-2030 Landscape: A World of Asymmetry and Realignment** and **A Landscape Analysis of the International Cooperation Sector**, outlined regional visions and plausible futures for global cooperation in 2035. Designed with a strong equity lens, the process emphasized inclusive participation, knowledge co-creation and foresight capacity building across civil society.



→ [Click here](#) to view the **The Post-2030 Landscape: A World of Asymmetry and Realignment** by Cooperation Canada

Advancing Equitable Partnership with Global Affairs Canada

In 2024–25, Cooperation Canada continued to play a vital role as Co-Chair of Canada’s Civil Society Policy Advisory Group, a key forum fostering collaboration between Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and civil society under Canada’s Policy on Civil Society Partnerships for International Assistance. We advanced commitments around reconciliation and supported works streams in localization, funding transparency, civic space and governance. Cooperation Canada also remained an active participant in GAC’s Partner Advisory Group, providing valuable insights and advice as GAC progresses with its ambitious Grants and Contributions Transformation Initiative.

This year, we were pleased to welcome the Grants and Contributions Transformation Team to the International Cooperation Futures Forum, creating an opportunity for extensive engagement with civil society actors on the future of GAC’s funding systems.

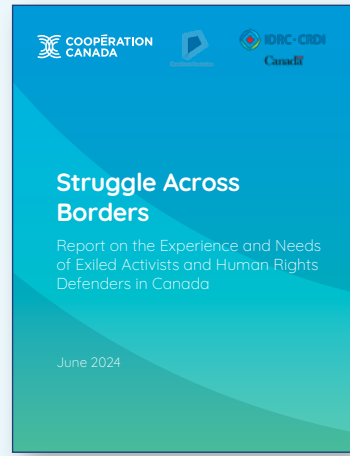
Our Chief Financial Officer Working Group continued to serve as a crucial liaison with GAC’s Chief Financial Officer Branch. In 2024–25, this collaboration included sustained engagement on GAC’s revised Indirect Cost Compensation Policy and Cost Allocation Guide, with the Working Group providing feedback and recommendations to improve clarity, transparency, and alignment with sector realities.

COOPERATION CANADA'S PUBLICATIONS



May 2024

Engaging Canadian Civil Society in the Implementation of Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy
Cooperation Canada



June 2024

Struggle Across Borders: Report on the Experience and Needs of Exiled Activists and Human Rights Defenders in Canada
Cooperation Canada



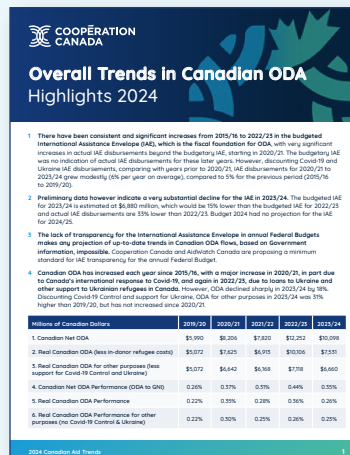
August 2024

Regional Perspectives Report on Signs of Change and Visions of the Future of Global Cooperation
Cooperation Canada



October 2024

The Post 2030 Landscape: A World of Asymmetry and Realignment
Cooperation Canada



January 2025

2024 Canadian Aid Trends report
Cooperation Canada



March 2025

2024 International Cooperation Futures Forum
Cooperation Canada



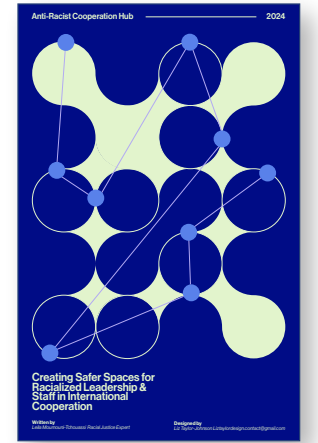
May 2024

A Feminist and Anti-racist Guide and Resource for Organizations
Digna



October 2024

Collective Commitment: Progress and the path ahead for anti-racism in Canada's international cooperation sector 2024
ARC Hub



December 2024

Creating Safer Spaces for Racialized Leadership & Staff in International Cooperation
ARC Hub & Cooperation Canada



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For all member-related inquiries, please contact us at

membership@cooperation.ca

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CONVENE & COLLABORATE

Cooperation Canada enables connections and collaborations between members and partners in Canada and around the world to foster mutual learning, spark new ideas and drive collective action. As an independent, neutral and trusted organizer of events, we bring diverse voices together through inclusive, high-integrity spaces that challenge and advance our sector.

Events

International Cooperation Futures

The **International Cooperation Futures** forum is Cooperation Canada’s flagship event—and a cornerstone gathering for Canada’s international cooperation sector. The sold-out 2024 edition, held from October 8 to 10 at the National Arts Centre on the unceded territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation, brought together over 400 leaders from civil society, government, philanthropy, academia and the private sector.

The forum featured bold conversations, interactive workshops and vibrant networking opportunities—providing a vital space to address emerging challenges,



→ Video Highlights from the International Cooperation Futures Forum

spark innovative ideas and advance collective action. Special thanks to our 51 incredible partners whose co-created sessions, support and collaboration brought these ideas to life, inspiring dialogue and action. We look forward to continuing this work together and welcome your ideas for future partnerships.

Photos and key highlights capture how this landmark event is helping shape the future of international cooperation in Canada and beyond.

International Development Week

As part of International Development Week, Cooperation Canada, in partnership with the **International Development Research Centre (IDRC)**, hosted a reception and film screening on February 3, 2025, of **The Legend of the Vagabond Queen of Lagos**. The event also featured the unveiling of **The Light**, a painting by Métis artist Colleen Gray originally created during the 2024 International Cooperation Futures Forum and auctioned in support of Minwaashin Lodge. The evening included a presentation from IDRC on their work in global democracy and a conversation with Temitope Ogungbamila, one of the film’s directors, who provided local context and explored key issues from the film, such as forced displacement and housing rights.

Cooperation Canada’s Awards

On February 6, 2025, the **Cooperation Canada Awards** once again recognized outstanding individuals and organizations advancing a more just, safe and sustainable world. The ceremony featured opening remarks from the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of International Development.

Katrina Leclerc received the 2024 Karen Takacs Award for her exceptional leadership in advancing women, peace and security, and youth rights in global policy—embodying inclusive and feminist peacebuilding.

Dr. Roopan Gill was honoured with the 2024 Individual Innovation & Impact Award for her transformative work in sexual and reproductive health through Vitala Global. The 2024 Organizational Award went to **Développement International Desjardins (DID)** for its inclusive finance work via the Aequitas fund, expanding access to essential services in crisis-affected regions.



Thank you to the partners and speakers of the International Cooperation Futures forum for co-creating, supporting and driving meaningful dialogue.

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.

List of Cooperation Canada Working Groups:

- Africa-Canada Forum
- Asia-Pacific Working Group
- Chief Financial Officer Working Group
- Communications Working Group
- Emerging Leaders Network
- Human Resources Working Group
- Indigenous Rights and Reconciliation Working Group
- Innovative Finance Working Group
- Locally-led Development Working Group
- Policy and Advocacy Working Group



SHIFTING POWER IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Cooperation Canada supports a sector-wide shift towards equity, accountability and locally led responses by fostering spaces, tools and capacities for Canadian organizations to rethink partnerships, funding and decision-making. Rooted in decolonial and feminist thought, our work helps members adapt, collaborate and lead in a rapidly evolving international cooperation landscape.

Anti-Racist Cooperation (ARC) Hub



The **Anti-racist Cooperation (ARC) Hub**, housed at Cooperation Canada and supported by Global Affairs Canada, served as a dedicated coordination secretariat advancing anti-racism in Canada's international cooperation sector. Launched in 2020 to build on the **Anti-Racism Framework** and the work of the Antiracism Task Force for Accountability, the ARC Hub concluded its activities in December 2024, leaving a lasting foundation for continued progress.

In its final year, the ARC Hub delivered various trainings, knowledge-sharing events,

resourcing tools and self-paced learning through the **ARC Learning Centre**. Highlights include the **2024 Anti-racist Cooperation Report** with 63 signatory organizations, a BIPOC-led roundtable series that produced the resource **Creating Safer Spaces for Racialized Leadership & Staff in International Cooperation** and support for two Anti-Racism Incubator Initiatives.

Cooperation Canada remains committed to advancing racial justice across its programs and partnerships and will continue select ARC Hub programming.

Canadian Centre of Expertise on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse



In 2024-25, **The Canadian Centre of Expertise on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (Digna)** made significant strides in advancing more holistic and inclusive approaches on Preventing Sexual Exploitation,

Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH). This included integrating themes like intersectional feminism into its work, resulting in the development of **A Feminist and Anti-racist Guide and Resource for Organizations**. With a strong focus on the

future of the sector, Digna also initiated early steps toward revising the Leaders' Pledge on PSEAH to deepen and renew collective commitments to safeguarding.

Digna's efforts were further supported by a two-year project extension, allowing for

continued impact and momentum. A key milestone was the Senior-Level Dialogue on Safeguarding with Global Affairs Canada, which brought together high-level stakeholders to explore shared priorities and strengthen sector-wide accountability.

Humanitarian Response Network (HRN)



Cooperation Canada is pleased to host the **Humanitarian Response Network (HRN)**. In 2024-25, the HRN strengthened Canada's collective humanitarian voice through key initiatives, including the Heads of Agency Meeting, which set the stage for its 2024-2029 Strategic Plan focused on agility, accountability and localization. The year also marked the start of a new grant from Global Affairs Canada, alongside continued advocacy for stronger protections for aid and health workers in conflict zones.

HRN also launched a call for consultants to conduct a Training Needs Analysis across the three-year grant cycle, identifying priorities to keep capacity-building efforts relevant and effective. The results will shape a learning agenda tailored to the network's needs, reaffirming HRN's commitment to principled, effective and accountable humanitarian action in Canada and globally.

Advancing Cooperation Canada's Organizational Resilience & Equity

In 2024-25, Cooperation Canada released its **First Annual Progress Report on the Anti-racism, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Justice Strategy and Action Plan (2023-2026)**, highlighting key milestones, challenges and the organization's commitment to embedding anti-racism, equity, diversity, inclusion and justice across all areas of work, informed by feedback from staff, board and the wider network.

In January 2025, Cooperation Canada members ratified a revised **Code of Ethics**, informed by extensive consultations,

Indigenous learning sessions and feedback from Southern partners. Key changes include replacing outdated operational standards with a dynamic Good Ethical Practice Guide to foster engagement and ethical leadership.

Cooperation Canada also 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.

FINANCIALS

March 31 2025 2024

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$ 1,984,311	859,678
Trade and other receivables	358,636	279,159
Prepaid expenses	39,102	30,793
	2,382,049	1,169,630

INVESTMENTS	288,900	259,184
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TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	15,817	7,783
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	\$	\$
	2,686,766	1,436,597

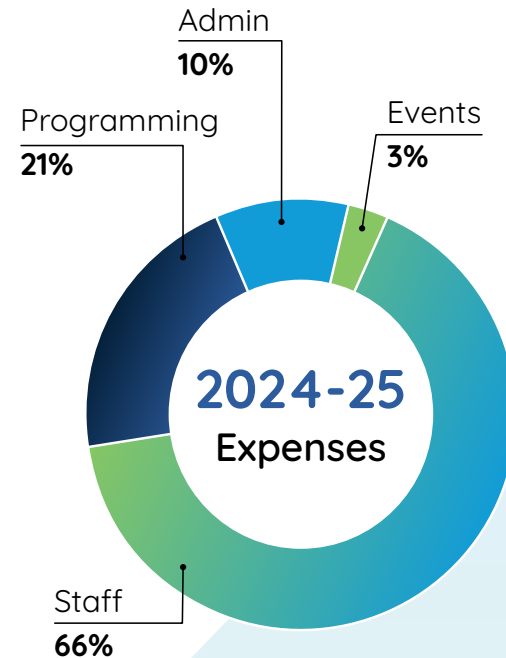
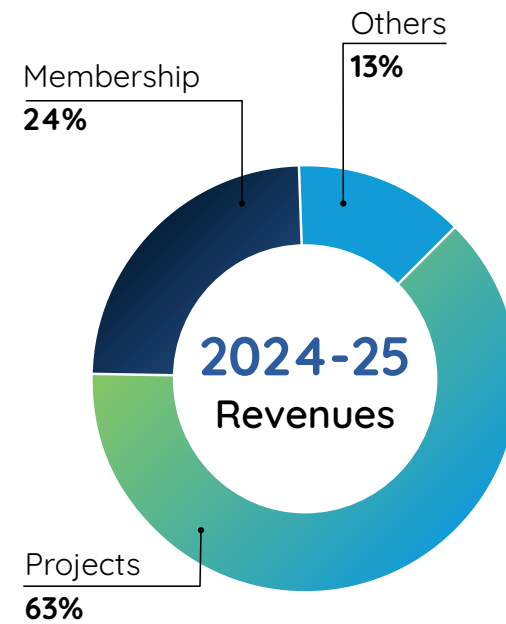
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payables and accrued liabilities	\$ 160,226	\$ 198,282
Deferred contributions	2,018,415	812,231
	2,178,641	1,010,513

NET ASSETS

Internally restricted	15,817	7,783
Invested in tangible capital assets	225,000	225,000
Restricted reserve fund	97,899	97,899
General reserve fund	169,409	95,402
Unrestricted net assets	508,125	426,084
	\$	\$
	2,686,766	1,436,597



For the year ended March 31 2025 2024

Revenues

Institutional donors	\$ 2,153,243	1,790,096
Membership fees	902,751	844,983
Event registration fees and sponsorships	398,835	44,560
Other revenues	265,315	256,215
Interest revenue	76,167	56,290
Humanitarian Response Network - membership fees	37,605	58,655
	3,833,916	3,050,799

Expenses

Annual conference and events	\$ 214,511	37,268
Anti-Racism Cooperation Hub	344,383	292,491
Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy	-	25,079
Communications	148,219	171,408
Enhanced Canadian support for sustainable development	410,458	190,122
Humanitarian Response Network	235,849	279,421
InterAction	238,523	225,434
International Development Research Centre	113,028	148,543
Member engagement	147,854	73,662
Open Philanthropy	124,745	188,599
Operational Grant	5,589	337,173
Operations Management	931,812	681,229
PSEA Sector Hub	714,424	215,617
Research and policy	122,480	102,051
Resilient Societies	-	591
	3,751,875	2,968,688

Net revenues (expenses) for the year \$ 82,041 \$ 82,111

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