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MESSAGE FROM CO-CHAIRS AND CEOs

Dear members and supporters,

2025–26 was a year of profound change for Canada and the world. Conflict, backsliding on human rights and democracy, economic uncertainty and rising humanitarian needs placed growing pressure on the international system. At the same time, international assistance resources declined sharply globally, with devastating consequences for some of the world’s most vulnerable communities. Canada entered a new political chapter as well, raising important questions about our country’s role in an increasingly contested and uncertain world.

These shifts are not temporary. The assumptions, institutions, financing models and partnerships that have long shaped international cooperation are changing rapidly. For Cooperation Canada and our members, this means navigating immediate pressures while also helping to shape what comes next.

Throughout the year, Cooperation Canada worked to do just that: bringing important voices and perspectives together, supporting members through change, and helping shape the national conversation about Canada’s role in the world.

During Canada’s G7 presidency, we led the Civil 7 process, bringing civil society from Canada and around the world together around shared recommendations on climate, economic justice, humanitarian action, peace, democracy and civic space. Through International Development Week and Hill Day, we mobilized our community to engage parliamentarians across party lines and make the case for ambitious Canadian global leadership.

We also helped the sector respond collectively to a rapidly changing development financing environment, bolstered our joint advocacy, and advanced important conversations about shifting power in international cooperation. The Humanitarian Response Network connected organizations responding to crises around the world, while our 2025 Leaders’ Forum created space to confront difficult questions about our collective future. Our community also continued to grow, welcoming 12 new members and bringing Cooperation Canada’s membership to 110 organizations across the country. These new members bring diverse perspectives, expertise and experiences to our coalition, broadening the voices around our table and strengthening our collective capacity to shape the future of international cooperation.

As we look ahead, we do so with confidence. This is a moment to come together—not simply to respond to change, but to help shape it. By acting collectively, we can strengthen principled international cooperation and help position Canada—and the world—for the future.

Thank you to our members, partners, Board and team for your leadership, trust and commitment,



Kate Higgins

Chief Executive Officer



Shannon Kindornay

Deputy Chief Executive Officer



Béatrice Vaugrante

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 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.



OUR APPROACH

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



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

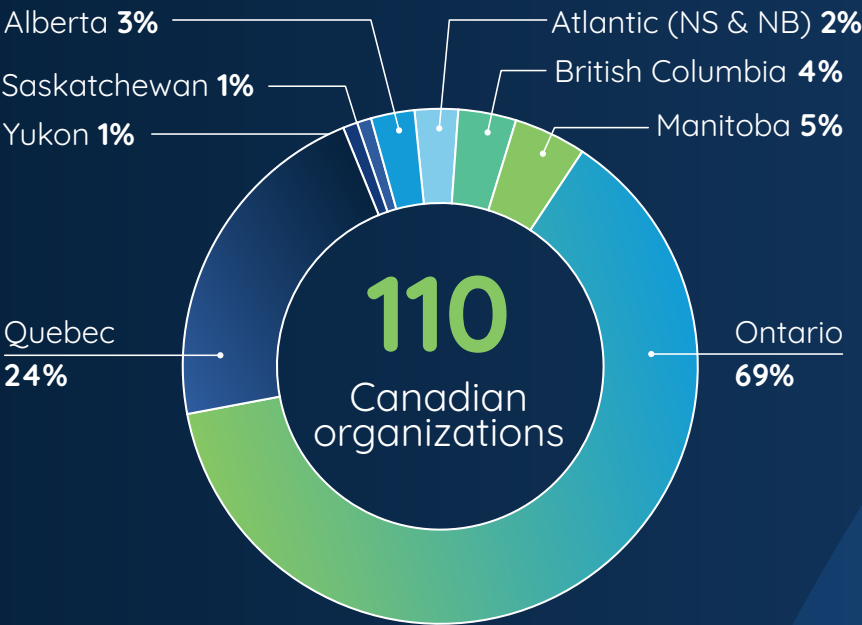
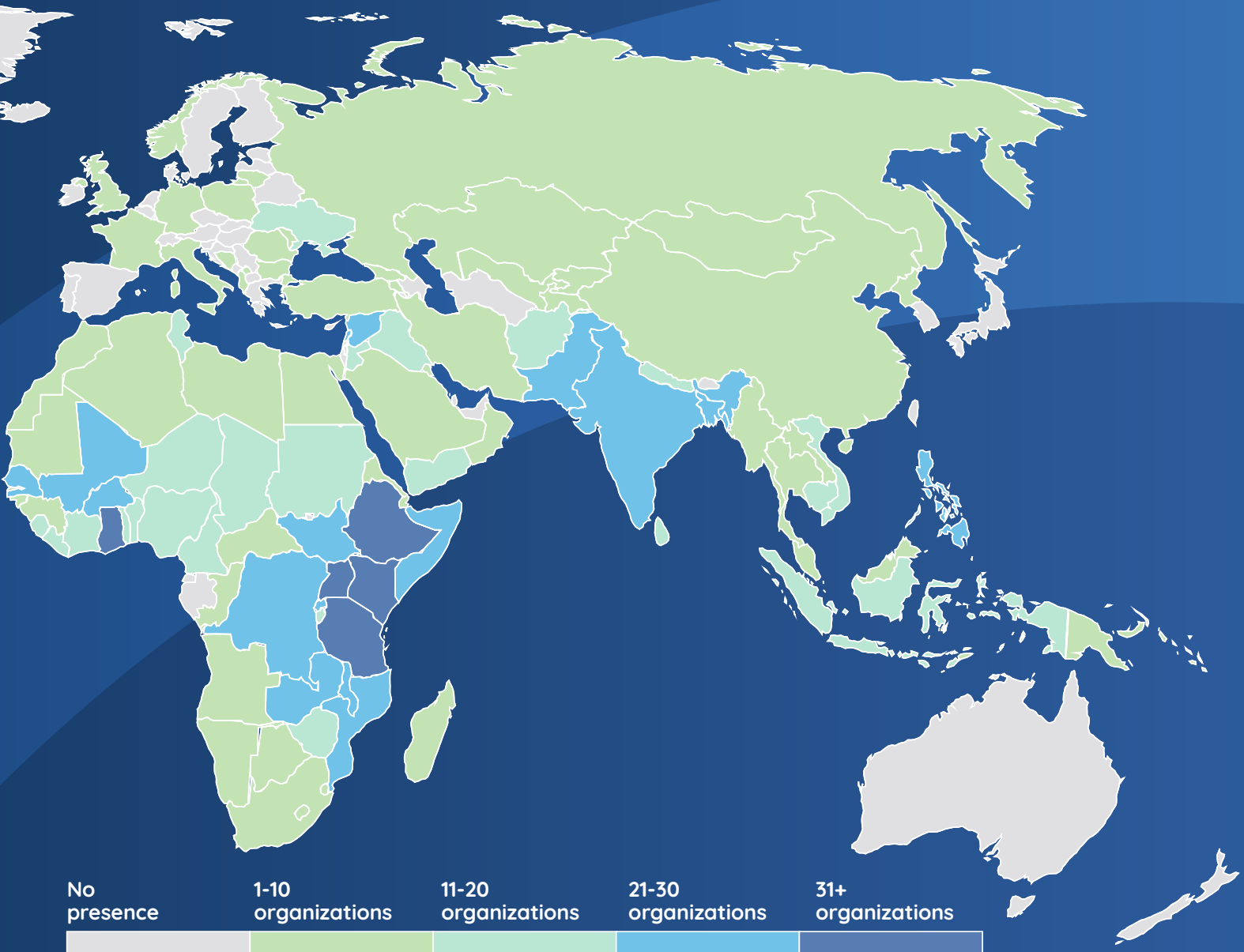


Figure 1. Canadian presence



Information reflects the reporting cycle ending December 31, 2025, and is drawn primarily from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) website. Where unavailable, organizations' websites were consulted. Global presence is based on publicly available information and may not reflect the exact scope of members' activities.

Figure 2. World presence

Twelve new members joined Cooperation Canada between April 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026. We are very pleased to welcome Action Against Hunger Canada, Amref Canada, CAMFED Canada, the Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR), Conflict and Resilience Research Institute Canada (CRRIC), Droplets of Mercy, Expand Hope Foundation, Orbis Canada, the Peter Gilgan Foundation, RACI Canada, The SecDev Foundation and Tostan Canada.

LIST OF MEMBERS:

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|---|---|--|
| 1. ACTED Canada | 7. Alberta Council for Global Cooperation | 12. Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC) |
| 2. Action Against Hunger Canada | 8. Alongside Hope | 13. British Columbia Council for International Cooperation (BCCIC) |
| 3. Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights | 9. Alternatives | 14. CAMFED Canada |
| 4. Action for Humanity Canada | 10. Amref Canada | 15. Canadian Association for Global Health (CAGH) |
| 5. Aga Khan Foundation Canada | 11. Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale (AQOCI) | 16. Canadian Association of Midwives |
| 6. AidWatch Canada | | |

LIST OF MEMBERS:

17. Canadian Foodgrains Bank

18. Canadian Labour Congress

19. Canadian Lutheran World Relief

20. Canadian Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases

21. Canadian Red Cross

22. **Canadians Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR)**

23. CARE Canada

24. CASID (The Canadian Association for the Study of International Development)

25. Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI)

26. Children Believe Fund

27. Climate Action Network

28. Coady International Institute

29. CODE

30. CoDevelopment Canada Association

31. Collaboration Santé Internationale (CSI)

32. Compassion Canada

33. **Conflict and Resilience Research Institute Canada (CRRIC)**

34. Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada (CDF)

35. CPA sans frontières

36. Crossroads International

37. Cuso International

38. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada

39. Développement international Desjardins

40. Digital Opportunity Trust (DOT)

41. Dignity Network Canada

42. **Droplets of Mercy**

43. Education Internationale

44. Equality Fund

45. Equitas

46. **Expand Hope Foundation**

47. Fairtrade Canada

48. Farm Radio International

49. Federation of Canadian Municipalities

50. Fondation Paul Gérin-Lajoie

51. Food for the Hungry Canada

52. Forum of Federations

53. Grandmothers Advocacy Network (GRAN)

54. Habitat for Humanity

55. Hope and Healing International

56. Human Concern International

57. Humanitarian Coalition

58. Humanity and Inclusion

59. International Bureau for Children’s Rights (IBCR)

60. International Development and Relief Foundation

61. International Justice Mission

62. InterPares

63. Islamic Relief Canada

64. Jane Goodall Institute

65. KAIROS

66. Kentro Christian Network (formerly CCRDA)

67. Kinvia

68. Lawyers without Borders Canada

69. Manitoba Council for International Cooperation

70. Médecins du Monde

71. Mennonite Central Committee Canada

72. Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA)

73. Mission Inclusion (L’ŒUVRE LÉGER)

74. Northern Council for Global Cooperation (NCGC)

75. Nutrition International

76. ONE Global (Canada)

77. Ontario Council for International

Cooperation (OCIC)

78. Operation Eyesight

79. **Orbis Canada**

80. Oxfam Canada

81. Oxfam Québec

82. Partners In Health Canada

83. Pegasus Institute

84. Penny Appeal

85. **Peter Gilgan Foundation**

86. Plan International Canada

87. Presbyterian World Service & Development

88. Public Service Alliance of Canada Social Justice Fund (SJF/PSAC)

89. **RACI Canada**

90. Results Canada

91. Right To Play

92. Santé Monde (autrefois CCISD)

93. Saskatchewan Council for International

94. Save the Children

95. SeedChange

96. SOCODEVI

97. SOS Children’s Villages

98. SUCO

99. TFO Canada

100. **The SecDev Foundation**

101. **Tostan Canada**

102. United Church of Canada

103. UPA Développement International (UPA DI)

104. VIDEA

105. WaterAid Canada

106. World Accord

107. World Renew

108. WUSC

109. World Vision Canada

110. YMCA

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 Peace Partners Network, Canadian Partnership for Women and Children’s Health, Civil Society Policy and Advisory Group, Climate Action Network Canada, Food Security Policy Group, Future Planning Initiative, Humanitarian Policy and Advisory Group, Humanitarian Response Network, Global Gender Equality Coalition, International Civil Liberties

Monitoring Group, Nexus Working Group, Nutrition Working Group and Women’s Rights Policy Group.

Cooperation Canada is also actively engaging with international coalitions and networks, including, CIVICUS, Civil7 and Civil 20 (G7 and G20 engagement groups), 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.

In addition, Cooperation Canada works on not-for-profit leadership and charity regulatory reform, including through participation in Imagine Canada’s Fair Funding for Nonprofits coalition which aims to improve charitable sector funding. Cooperation Canada also engages with Philanthropic Foundations of Canada to identify opportunities for greater knowledge sharing, learning and collaboration among foundations and civil society in international cooperation.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Explore our **2025 Coalition Landscape Report**, which maps Canada’s international cooperation coalitions, examines their governance, financing and impact, and offers recommendations to strengthen collaboration across the sector.

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WHAT WE WORK ON

Cooperation Canada is the national voice and coalition for 110 Canadian international development and humanitarian organizations. We bring members and partners together to strengthen collaboration, share knowledge and advance effective, inclusive and accountable international cooperation.

Through advocacy, convening and learning, we help shape policies, strengthen the sector and support more equitable and locally-led approaches to addressing global challenges.

Civil Society, Civic Space & Democracy

As democratic institutions face growing pressure and civic space continues to shrink worldwide, international engagement remained central to Cooperation Canada's efforts to strengthen civil society, protect civic space and advance democratic participation.

Throughout 2025-2026, we engaged with global partners through key international forums, including the [OECD Development Assistance Committee \(DAC\) Civil Society Days](#), [Peace Connect](#), [Berlin Freedom Week](#) and [International Civil Society Week](#). These engagements enabled us to contribute Canadian perspectives to global discussions, strengthen relationships with civil society leaders, policymakers and donors, monitor emerging trends and contribute to collective responses on issues such as geopolitical instability, funding constraints, technological change and locally-led development.

Cooperation Canada also helped make sure these conversations reflected diverse perspectives by supporting Canadian and Global South partners to participate and co-host discussions on the future of civil society. Through these efforts, including the first Canadian civil society delegation to International Civil Society Week, we fostered new partnerships, facilitated knowledge exchange and helped shape international dialogue on the evolving role of civil society in an increasingly complex global environment.

Development Finance & Policy

A profound shift in the global order marked 2025-2026, placing international cooperation under intense pressure

and profoundly reshaping policy and advocacy efforts. Cooperation Canada focused on protecting international development cooperation, humanitarian action and the principles underpinning these.

We coordinated sector-wide engagement through bi-weekly Policy & Advocacy Working Group engagement, creating space for members to share intelligence, align on priorities and shape collective advocacy. This coordination was anchored on key messaging tools, including a sector position paper on why international development cooperation is critical now, and strengthened through a full-day strategy retreat.

Building on this shared foundation, we supported members before and after the 2025 federal election through common messaging, member surveys, grassroots mobilization and targeted government outreach. We also strengthened sector preparedness for emerging risks to civic space, including through protection planning, legal defence fund discussions and scenario work related to potential pressures through CRA and Global Affairs Canada mechanisms. A dedicated rapid response task force coordinated efforts and supported the sector's broader advocacy strategy.

Amid significant reductions in global Official Development Assistance (ODA), we led a coordinated budget advocacy campaign with sector leaders and, alongside CanWaCH, mobilized a sector-wide response to Canadian aid cuts endorsed by more than 100 organizations. We provided timely analysis of the federal budget and Main Estimates.

To strengthen the sector's evidence base, we commissioned research on Canada's development finance landscape, helping shape sector alignment for [safeguarding a poverty-focused core of Canada's ODA](#).

Global Governance

As global challenges increasingly require coordinated international action, Cooperation Canada strengthened civil society engagement in key global governance processes and elevated Canadian perspectives on international development cooperation and humanitarian action.

During Canada's 2025 G7 presidency, we led the Civil 7 (C7) process, engaging Global Affairs Canada while convening global civil society to develop shared recommendations for G7 leaders. In April, we hosted the C7 Summit in Ottawa, bringing together Canadian and international civil society leaders, diplomats and government officials, and presented collective recommendations of global civil society to Canada's G7 Sherpa. We continued this engagement at the G7 Summit Media Centre in Alberta and released coordinated [civil society responses](#) calling for stronger action on financing development, climate action, debt relief and civic space.



Cooperation Canada and members at the G7 Leaders Summit in June, 2025.

Throughout the year, we fostered dialogue between government, civil society and international partners, including a ministerial roundtable on Africa and parliamentary engagement on Canada's Africa strategy. Our CEO also appeared before the Senate to share recommendations informed by members and partners.

Through coordinated advocacy, strategic messaging and member-informed policy engagement, we



Kate Higgins, CEO of Cooperation Canada, appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development to discuss Canada's new Africa Strategy on December 9, 2025.

contributed to discussions on reforming international financial architecture. This included engagement at the [World Bank and International Monetary Fund Annual Meetings in Washington D.C.](#), the [Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development process in Spain](#), and the UN General Assembly in New York. We used these moments to amplify civil society's priorities and advocated for more equitable, accountable and locally responsive systems.

We also supported the Asia Development Alliance's participation at the [High-level Political Forum \(HLPF\)](#), ensuring Global South's perspectives informed advocacy on SDG localization, inclusive financing, civic space and community-led accountability.

Humanitarian Action & Peace

In 2025-2026, Cooperation Canada continued to strengthen its engagement on global crises, with a focus on principled humanitarian action, civilian protection and adherence to international law. The organization, in collaboration with its members, consistently advocated for an unimpeded and needs-based humanitarian assistance in response to genocide, atrocities and conflicts. This included public and joint member statements on [Gaza](#), [Haiti](#), [Sudan](#) and the [US, Israel, Iran, Lebanon](#) conflict. Cooperation Canada further welcomed Canada's steps toward [recognizing a Palestinian state](#).

Through continued collaboration with the Humanitarian Policy and Advocacy Group (HPAG) and sector leaders, Cooperation Canada also strengthened engagement with Global Affairs Canada, parliamentarians and other partners, while supporting member alignment.

This included the convening of an executive-level roundtable in November 2025, with the Secretary of State on [Gaza](#), providing a space for members to engage in dialogue on the protection of civilians, accountability for violations, international law and the role of Canada. Cooperation Canada also supported

collective recommendations to Global Affairs Canada ahead of the Berlin Conference on Sudan and helped deepen collaboration with other sector coalitions working on food security, nutrition, health, peacebuilding and the triple nexus (Humanitarian, Development and Peace) to advance advocacy efforts.



Humanitarian Response Network

Cooperation Canada hosts the Humanitarian Response Network (HRN), a community of 50 Canadian organizations active in more than 140 countries. As an independent network, the HRN strengthens coordination, knowledge-sharing and the sector’s impact, with the support of Cooperation Canada.

Throughout the year, the HRN fostered strategic dialogue among member organizations by convening its group of organizational leaders and holding its annual meeting, thereby strengthening coordination and discussions on humanitarian priorities.

The HRN also contributed to a better understanding of emerging issues by publishing an update to its [Global](#)

[Humanitarian Context Analysis](#) and co-organizing a dialogue on the [2025 Global Peace Index](#) to examine the implications of global trends for humanitarian action.

At the same time, the network strengthened the sector’s capacity through a series of learning activities, including a session on inclusive monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) in the context of the triple nexus, Sphere training sessions in Montreal and Ottawa, and a training session on international humanitarian law in Ottawa. Its webinar series, Humanitarian Reset Conversations, also provided a space for discussion on the future of humanitarian action and sector reforms.

Finally, the HRN supported collective advocacy efforts by contributing to the Humanitarian Policy and Advocacy Group’s (HPAG) pre-budget brief, reaffirming the importance of sustained Canadian leadership and continued investment in principles-based humanitarian assistance.



WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Explore HRN’s updated [Global Humanitarian Context report](#), which examines major shifts in conflict, displacement, humanitarian needs and respect for international humanitarian law, and highlights key implications for Canadian humanitarian actors.

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Organizational Effectiveness

As Canada’s international cooperation sector adapts to a rapidly changing environment, Cooperation Canada strengthened organizational effectiveness by generating evidence, fostering innovation and supporting more equitable ways of working.

We published the [2025 Coalition Landscape Report](#), the

first in more than a decade, mapping the current state of collaboration across the sector and identifying shared priorities, challenges, and opportunities to strengthen collective action.

To advance more equitable partnerships, we commissioned the [Transitioning Power, Partnerships](#)

and [Financing in International Cooperation](#) report, offering practical recommendations to help donors and civil society adopt more locally led, innovative financing approaches.

We also convened 395 participants from Canada and around the world through a virtual forum with Global Affairs Canada’s Grants and Contributions



Transformation Initiative, creating opportunities for direct dialogue on modernizing funding systems, digital tools and emerging technologies.

Finally, our [Call for Big Ideas](#) invited changemakers to reimagine the future of Canadian international cooperation. Five winning ideas were published to spark sector-wide dialogue, with two featured at [Cooperation Canada’s Leaders’ Forum](#), helping inspire new approaches to collaboration, financing and organizational change.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Explore [Transitioning Power, Partnerships and Financing in International Cooperation](#), which examines innovative financing models and offers practical recommendations to help donors and civil society advance more equitable, locally-led partnerships.

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Shifting Power in International Cooperation

Recognizing that more equitable international cooperation requires lasting changes in power, leadership and accountability, Cooperation Canada advanced its Shifting Power agenda across key priorities, including locally-led development, anti-racism, preventing and addressing sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (PSEAH), intersectional feminism and Indigenous rights and reconciliation.

Through our [Shifting Power Training Series](#), we equipped individuals and organizations with practical tools to build more just, accountable and effective approaches to international cooperation. We strengthened global collaboration through partnerships with the West African Civil Society Institute (WACSI), the Argentine Network for International Cooperation (RACI) and Pledge for Change,

while convening knowledge-sharing events in Canada and at international forums, including Peace Connect and the International Civil Society Week.

We also strengthened collective accountability by renewing the [Leaders’ Pledge on Preventing and Addressing Sexual Misconduct](#) and publishing the [2025 Collective Commitment Report](#), highlighting progress toward advancing anti-racism across Canada’s international cooperation sector.

To support more inclusive and equitable policies, we released [Holding the Line on Gender Equality](#), providing evidence to inform the future of Canada’s international assistance policy and priorities. During Black History Month, we highlighted [Black changemakers in international cooperation](#), celebrating Black leadership and amplifying diverse voices across the sector.

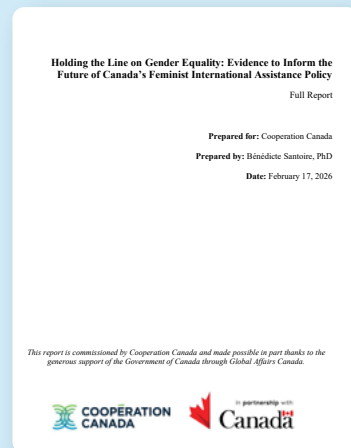


READ THE REPORT

[Holding the Line on Gender Equality](#) assesses the impact of Canada’s Feminist International Assistance Policy, explores the challenges facing gender equality in today’s global context and provides recommendations for the future of Canada’s international assistance.

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COOPERATION CANADA'S 2025-2026 PUBLISHED REPORTS



March 2026

Holding the Line on Gender Equality: Evidence to Inform the Future of Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP)



February 2026

Cooperation Canada's AEDIJ Strategy and Action Plan - Second Annual Progress Report



February 2026

Securing ODA for Stability, Partnership and Shared Prosperity



January 2026

Transitioning Power, Partnerships and Financing in International Cooperation



December 2025

2025 Coalition Landscape: Mapping Collaboration Across Canada's International Cooperation Sector



November 2025

2025 Collective Commitment: Pulse Check on Progress Towards Anti-racism in Canada's International Cooperation Sector



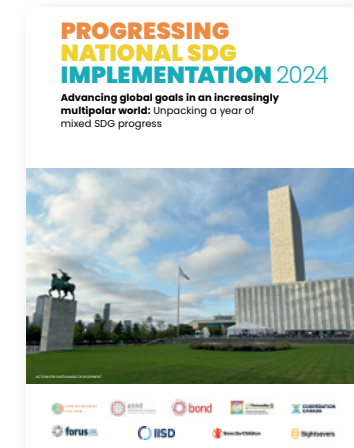
November 2025

Ethical Storytelling Resource. Explore, Challenge and Reshape Narratives for a More Ethical and Impactful Future



July 2025

MCC's Safeguarding Approach. Digna Case Study #8



June 2025

Progressing National SDG Implementation 2024. Advancing global goals in an increasingly multipolar world: Unpacking a year of mixed SDG progress



April 2025

Cooperation Canada's AEDIJ Strategy and Action Plan First Annual Progress Report



April 2025

C7 Communiqué 2025: Global Justice, Together



April 2025

Canadian International Assistance Fact Sheet

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. We convene diverse voices from across the sector to foster dialogue, strengthen relationships, and advance shared priorities.

Civil 7 Summit

As Canada held the 2025 G7 Presidency, Cooperation Canada led the Civil 7 (C7), the official G7 engagement group representing global civil society. A key milestone was the 2025 C7 Summit in Ottawa, which brought together more than 130 participants from 11 countries for two days of dialogue on the theme Global Justice, Together. Through eight sessions and four thematic working groups, participants developed shared recommendations on climate, economic justice, humanitarian action, peace and sustainable development, while advancing cross-cutting priorities

including gender equality, democracy, civic space and emerging technologies.

The Summit culminated in the adoption of the [2025 C7 Communiqué](#), presenting a unified civil society vision for a more just, equitable and sustainable world. Endorsed by organizations from across the globe and formally presented to Canada's G7 Sherpa, the Communiqué ensured that diverse civil society perspectives helped inform discussions leading up to the G7 Leaders' Summit.



2025 Civil 7 Summit, April 14–15, 2025, Ottawa.

Leaders' Forum

From October 29–30, 2025, leaders from across Canada's international cooperation and humanitarian sector came together in Ottawa for [Cooperation Canada's Leaders' Forum](#). Over two days of frank and

forward-looking discussion, participants took stock of a rapidly shifting global context, asked hard questions about collaboration, partnership and impact and explored how to work differently—together.

Eight partners and over 120 leaders came together to push Canada's international cooperation agenda ahead. Emerging Leaders also made significant contributions, with a cohort of over 40 early and mid-career professionals bringing bold ideas and calling for authentic inclusion, accessible mentorship and stronger pathways into leadership. Discussions explored how to rebuild public support for international cooperation, strengthen partnerships, adapt to shifting global

realities, navigate the sector's ongoing transformation and more.

A highlight of the Forum was the launch of the renewed [Leaders' Pledge on Preventing Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment \(PSEAH\)](#). The launch was both a celebration of work already underway across the sector and a clear reminder that there is more to do.



Thank you to the partners and speakers at the Cooperation Canada Leaders' Forum, held in Ottawa in October 2025.

International Development Week & Hill Day

International Development Week 2026, held February 1–7, 2026, under the theme Prosperity through Partnership, provided a key platform for sector-wide advocacy and political engagement on international development cooperation, humanitarian action and Canada's foreign policy. The Policy and Advocacy Working Group was critical in developing shared messaging to align sector positions, which strengthened [Hill Day](#), where 50 delegates took part in 39 meetings with Members of Parliament, Senators and staff from across all political parties. This was supported by Cooperation Canada training on messaging, meeting

strategy and the political context. The following day, 200 parliamentarians, staff, Global Affairs Canada officials and sector representatives attended a parliamentary reception at Wellington Building, sponsored by MP Yasir Naqvi, with remarks from Secretary of State Randeep Sarai. A further highlight was CEO Kate Higgins' appearance before the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, where she underscored Canada's role in addressing global challenges and the need for predictable, well-resourced international assistance.



Cooperation Canada members, parliamentarians and partners connected at our annual Hill Day reception in Ottawa, in February 2026



Kate Higgins, CEO of Cooperation Canada, addresses the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade on February 5, 2026.

Cooperation Canada's Awards

On February 5, 2026, Cooperation Canada recognized outstanding leaders during the virtual [Cooperation Canada Awards](#) ceremony as part of International Development Week.

Each year, the awards honour individuals and organizations that have distinguished themselves through outstanding leadership, innovation and commitment to international cooperation. The [2025 theme, Protecting Civic Space to Enable International Cooperation](#), reflected the growing importance of defending the freedoms that make human rights, democratic participation and inclusive development possible.

This year's recipients exemplified the courage, innovation and collaboration needed to protect and expand civic space. Frédérique "Fred" Chabot received the [Karen Takacs Award](#) for her sustained leadership in advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights. Dr. Lauryn Oates received the [Innovation and Impact Award](#) (Individual) for her groundbreaking work expanding access to education for Afghan women and girls. The SecDev Foundation received the [Innovation and Impact Award](#) (Organizational) for its community-driven approach to strengthening digital resilience and protecting civic space in fragile contexts.



Karen Takacs Award

Frédérique (Fred) Chabot
Executive Director,
Action Canada for Sexual
Health & Rights



Innovation and Impact Award

(Individual)
Dr. Lauryn Oates
Executive Director
Right to Learn Afghanistan



Innovation and Impact Award

(Organizational)
secdev foundation



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
- CEO 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
- PSEAH Community of Practice

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For the year ended March 31

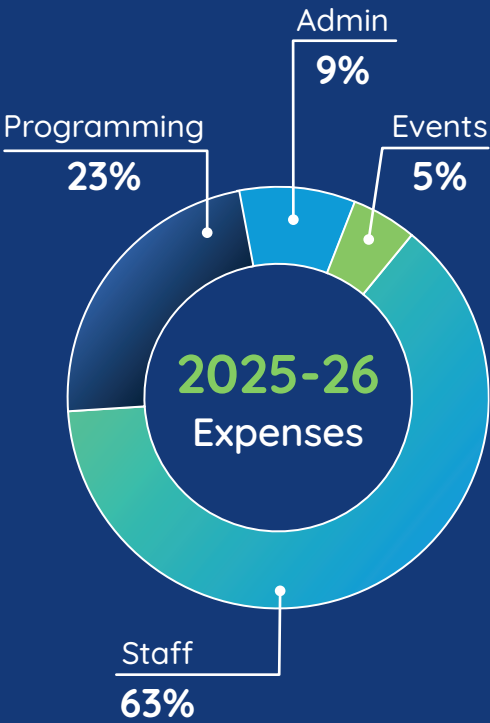
	2026	2025
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 1,881,298	1,984,311
Trade and other receivables	193,117	358,636
Prepaid expenses	74,200	39,102
Advance to partner	90,200	-
	2,238,815	2,382,049
INVESTMENTS	322,230	288,900
TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	14,317	15,817
	\$ 2,575,362	2,686,766
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payables and accrued liabilities	\$ 328,291	160,226
Deferred contributions	1,913,084	2,018,415
	2,241,375	2,178,641
NET ASSETS		
Internally restricted	14,317	15,817
Invested in tangible capital assets	225,000	225,000
Restricted reserve fund	94,670	97,899
General reserve fund	-	169,409
Unrestricted net assets	333,987	508,125
	\$ 2,575,362	2,686,766

FINANCIALS

For the year ended March 31

	2026	2025
REVENUES		
Institutional donors	\$ 2,816,816	2,153,243
Membership fees	879,469	902,751
Event registration fees and sponsorships	87,835	398,835
Other revenues	296,270	265,315
Interest revenue	80,838	76,167
Humanitarian Response Network - membership fees	12,934	37,605
	4,174,162	3,833,916
EXPENSES		
Annual conference and events	\$ 157,770	214,511
Anti-Racism Cooperation Hub	-	344,383
Communications	163,643	148,219
Enhanced Canadian support for sustainable development	869,503	410,458
Humanitarian Response Network	157,272	235,849
InterAction	88,101	238,523
International Development Research Centre	253,844	113,028
Member engagement	124,780	147,854
Open Philanthropy	112,700	124,745
Operational Grant	29,994	5,589
Operations Management	979,383	931,812
PSEA Sector Hub	1,265,016	714,424
Research and policy	144,825	122,480
Resilient Societies	1,469	-
	4,348,300	3,751,875
NET REVENUES (EXPENSES) FOR THE YEAR	\$ (174,138)	82,041

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