



Challenges  **Compassion**  **Commitment**

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The Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC) is a coalition of 42 Manitoba-based organizations involved in international development. MCIC supports, connects, and amplifies the work of its members and partners, while directly engaging and collaborating with Manitobans for global sustainability. MCIC is also responsible for distributing government funds designated for international development and humanitarian projects.

OUR VISION:

A JUST WORLD

OUR MISSION:

The Manitoba Council for International Cooperation supports, connects and amplifies the work of our members and partners. We directly engage and collaborate with Manitobans for global sustainability.

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A MESSAGE FROM MCIC PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This will be a year that we will certainly remember. It was a year when the world “stopped” and gave us a chance to reflect on what we’re doing and how we do things. We are proud of the work that MCIC has been able to do this year. Our staff were quick to pivot and adapt to working remotely and delivering programs online. Last April I don’t think any of us anticipated our new work arrangements would continue for the whole year.

With challenges came opportunities – researchers worked together like never before to develop vaccines to fight COVID-19. Now we need to get vaccines into the arms of every person in every country. As we heard many times this year, COVID-19 does not respect borders, so vaccines should not stop at borders either. There is hope that we can work together and create a more just world for all.

Our public engagement looked different this year. We provided resources and virtual workshops for parents and teachers to assist their children and students in learning during the pandemic. Although there were challenges, we rose to the occasion with innovation and embraced positive new developments. People were able to participate in some of our (previously in-person) programming, whether they were in other parts of the province, country or even the world.

We need to recognize our amazing team which made this happen. They worked from home, connected on Team and Zoom calls and were very productive. It has been a very busy and different year for MCIC, which you will see as you read through this report.

As COVID-19 threatens a decade of global progress in building a peaceful, inclusive and prosperous world for everyone, it has also demonstrated the power of partnerships and collaboration. Our members’ commitment never wavered. They found ways to continue to work with and support their partners in the Global South. Most members pivoted and adapted to meet their partners’ changing needs and everyone drew strength from the resilience of people who often had additional challenges of curfews and lockdowns. MCIC also reached out to partners in the Global South to learn how they were doing and to bring those stories to Manitobans.

The Government of Manitoba’s commitment to MCIC’s members was so important this year. MCIC was able to fund 53 projects in 29 countries with the \$1.2 million provided by the Government of Manitoba. Almost all of the Relief and Rehabilitation projects involved a response to COVID-19. MCIC is proud to be in a province that sees the value and importance of supporting communities around the world.

The Fund for Innovation and Transformation (FIT) program made tremendous progress this year. Within two years of the project beginning, we have completed four intakes of concept notes and made decisions on three rounds of proposals. Small and Medium-sized Organizations (SMOs) are testing innovative solutions that will advance gender equality and improve the lives of women and girls and other vulnerable people in the Global South.

The gratitude we feel for the support from Global Affairs Canada for our INSPIRE and FIT programs, reflects the appreciation of those whose lives are, and will be, so positively impacted.

MCIC’s membership grew by three new members this year: Health Partners International of Canada, HPIC; Kuwala Christian Girls School, and the Winnipeg Rotary Club Community Services Fund.

We value the ongoing dedication and commitment of our committee members, who met virtually over the past year.

Farewell from Jason: I have enjoyed my six years on the board. The experience has been an opportunity to learn and lead. To my fellow board directors, I hold each of you in high regard. I appreciated the engagement and wisdom you brought to our discussions. This year the board took time to reflect on some of the larger societal and sector discussions that impact our work. MCIC signed on to the anti-racism framework for Canada’s international cooperation sector. We started to examine our work in light of the decolonization of aid and the localization agenda, and how we can do our work differently. This is something MCIC will continue.

In the midst of challenges, MCIC has continued to show compassion and commitment to a just world.



Jason Carkner
President



Janice Hamilton
Executive Director

COMMITTED TO CONNECTING: MANITOBANS & BEYOND

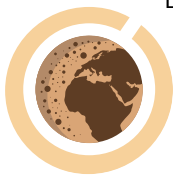


A YEAR UNLIKE ANY OTHER

Like many organizations in Canada and around the world, MCIC was forced to adapt its work in response to the challenges presented during the past year. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, MCIC pivoted to new ways of supporting, engaging, and connecting with Manitobans for global citizenship. MCIC staff were very quick to adapt to working remotely, while successfully offering **85 different events** that resulted in **459,759 engagements with Manitobans and Canadians** across the country, including our members, educators, students, and the international development and private sector. This year brought with it many challenges, but our vision of A Just World led our work and expanded our membership to **42 member organizations** by year end.

“All the changes resulting from COVID-19 meant our team had to rethink our approach to public engagement. We’ve become more creative in finding ways to engage Manitobans and our resources and events have become more accessible. Manitobans have responded so positively to our new approaches, it’s been inspiring.”
Patricia Maruschak, Director of Engagement and Learning

LOCAL BREWS + GLOBAL VIEWS:

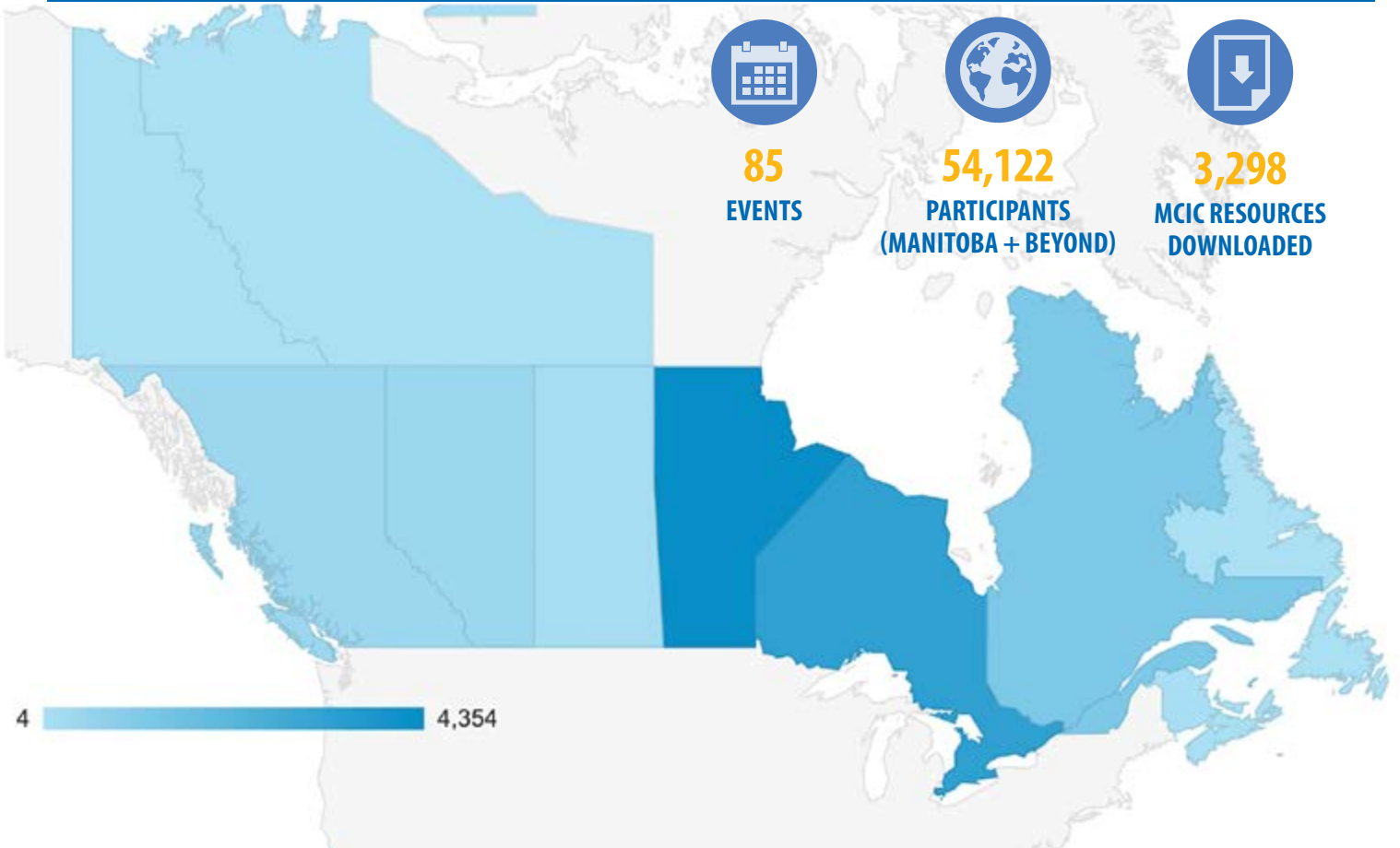


Local Brews + Global Views discussion nights continued this year with an “at-home” twist, with participants joining virtually from Manitoba and beyond. MCIC hosted 6 online events this year, featuring our members sharing about projects and partners in the Global South, including: the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada, SeedChange, Canadian Lutheran World Relief, Cuso International, HOPE International Development Agency, and CODE. Each evening featured a short presentation, followed by a candid conversation among attendees about specific global challenges and achievements. The projects ranged in topics, yet often included a focus on SDG 5 Gender Equality, whether highlighting the importance of championing education for adolescent girls in Liberia, accessing maternal health services in the Democratic Republic of Congo, food security and community seedbanks in Timor-Leste - and more!





CANADA (ENGAGEMENT BY PROVINCE)



COMMITTED TO EDUCATORS AND YOUTH



*"It's been really great to work with you. Thanks for your amazing creativity and flexibility with the virtual workshops."
Dori Reddig, Calvin Christian School*

This year we had hoped to launch A Better World is InSight – a 360° immersive video experience in schools across Manitoba – instead we had our own virtual reality when we adapted and created workshops to be delivered online.

VIRTUAL LEARNING: REIMAGINING THE SDGs IN THE CLASSROOM

MCIC delivered **20 virtual school workshops** in **13 schools** across the province, providing engaging and interactive virtual workshops for **532 participants** in five areas related to the SDGs: Global Poverty, Child Labour, Climate Change, Gender Equality, and Fair Trade. To meet the needs of educators and caregivers teaching from home, MCIC also created remote learning lesson plans for each SDG - officially rolling them out in April 2020. The



resources were shared nationally by partners, via social media, e-newsletters, and the MCIC website. Our new online portal for educational resources, including all workshop resources related to teaching sustainable development, was launched this year and was viewed almost **6000 times**.

VOICES FOR CHANGE: SURVIVAL OF THE RICHEST

MCIC launched Voices for Change @ Home. This new twist on Voices for Change invited Manitoba youth to explore social justice through the arts and create an online piece about the struggles, successes, disparities, and global issues that have been raised by the COVID-19 pandemic. Sophia Abolare, Urooba Ahmed, and Sara Beatty came together virtually to workshop, write, and film their poem completely virtually. These three Manitoba youth focused the piece on raising awareness of inequality, racism and the most vulnerable, titling the piece, "Survival of the Richest".



 38 VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS	 7,647 TAKE ACTION BLOG VIEWS	 83 EDUCATORS
 1816 EDUCATION RESOURCES DOWNLOADED	 449 STUDENTS	
 11 SCHOOL DIVISIONS	BOYS: 139 GIRLS: 165 UNSPECIFIED: 145	RURAL: 112 URBAN: 279 UNKNOWN: 58



VOICES FOR CHANGE: WATER IS LIFE

For the International Development Week edition of Voices for Change, MCIC partnered with MacDonald Youth Services and three youth in care. Liam, Colten, and Thomas worked with professional spoken word artists Steve Locke and Kayla Fernandez to write, illustrate, and create the audio-visual masterpiece titled Water is Life. The young men learned about the SDGs and based on their interest in SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation, and ongoing access to water issues for many Indigenous communities in Canada, addressed the issue of safe access to water as a basic human right! "Water is Life" debuted during MCIC's virtual launch event for International Development Week 2021 and has been viewed almost 700 times. CTV Morning Live Winnipeg also featured the video on World Water Day, March 22, 2021.

"The Voices for Change spoken word was fantastic! I look forward to sharing it on my social media."
Event Participant



GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR EDUCATORS

Each year we recognize Manitoba teachers and administrators who are leaders in promoting global citizenship in their classrooms, schools and communities through our Global Citizenship Award for Educators.



Jennifer Janzen

University of Winnipeg Collegiate, Winnipeg

Jennifer had her students design a t-shirt based on an SDG they cared about, and then each student wore the shirt, presenting its meaning to the class. The t-shirts were later put on display at a local business in the Exchange District, with students volunteering at local community shelters as well, to inspire citizenship and activism.

Anju Bajaj

Holy Cross School, Winnipeg

Anju and her students worked in partnership with the Canadian Multicultural Disability Centre to raise money for building a well in Zimbabwe, taking direct action for a more just world. She has also been involved with work on inclusive classrooms and diversity in the province.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK

GO FOR THE GOALS



This year's theme - **Go For The Goals** - illustrated Canada's commitment to moving forward collaboratively and positively to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

NEVER HAS THERE BEEN A YEAR WHEN MANITOBANS HAVE FELT MORE CONNECTED AND A PART OF THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY.

This year, MCIC celebrated International Development Week (IDW) like never before – completely online! Our virtual launch included interactive trivia challenges related to the SDGs, over \$500 in prizeing, the live debut of Voices for Change: “Water is Life”, and featured our members Make Music Matter and Cuso International as part of our Partnerships for a Just World video series. MCIC’s launch had a total attendance of **182 virtual participants**.

In the weeks leading up to, during, and following IDW 2021, MCIC engaged a total of **86,145** Canadians through visits to our website, social media, our Global Citizen reading lists, online contests, classroom contests, video campaigns, activities, and events. In the spirit of our Be the Change event series, we partnered with the International Institute for Sustainable Development featuring Cristina Larrea and Ege Tekinbas to discuss gender equality in agriculture and how voluntary sustainability standards promote environmental and social improvements. Our IDW edition of Local Brews + Global Views featured Claire Bolton of CODE, discussing their literacy program “Reading Liberia”.

“I’m so glad I tuned in. Love the access that these on-line webinars make possible. Keep it up - and thank you.”
IDW Participant





86,145
Reach



7,620
Video Views

“International Development Week offers a unique opportunity to highlight the role Canadians play in building a better world and encourages more of us, especially our youth, to be informed and to get involved.”
MCIC Executive Director,
Janice Hamilton





KAJIADO WOMEN'S SAVINGS AND LOANS

An exciting addition to our launch included the live premiere of Kajiado Women's Savings and Loans project video. MCIC supported this Tearfund Canada project through our MGMGP. The project works to help women save, invest and borrow funds in order to address their needs and grow their opportunities amidst the increasing agricultural challenge of climate change. MCIC hired a Kenyan communication company, Mediaset Africa Communications, so Manitobans and Canadians could hear directly from women in Kenya who are participating in the program. The video was **distributed to broadcast partners in 10 African countries and the UK**, emphasizing the program's impact within Africa and the rest of the world.

PARTNERSHIPS FOR A JUST WORLD

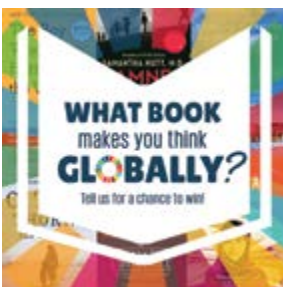


MCIC collaborated with 9 of our members to create our Partnerships for a Just World video series. Each short video focused on a partner in the Global South. It was a chance to hear directly from local partners and illustrated the importance of working together to address inequalities in our world. Each video addressed the project's goals, challenges, and how they related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). MCIC created a social media campaign to share the videos and amplify their voices and received **6,619 views!**

What a wonderful series of videos. Thank you for all your work and creativity in sharing the members' stories! [. . .] Thank you for letting us be a part of this project!

Alice Ng Bouwma, World Renew

BE A GLOBAL CITIZEN: READ - SHARE - TAKE ACTION



MCIC continued our successful reading campaign for the third year in a row, encouraging readers of all ages to be global citizens by reading books that are entertaining, informative and inspiring, helping create a more just world for everyone. This year, the fully updated adult reading list indicated authors from the Global South and again offered a powerful reading list for students from K-12, while the documentary list doubled the number of film suggestions and discussion questions. We continued our public reading contest this year, asking participants to share a book that helped them think globally.



AUTHOR EVENT WITH NIIGAAN SINCLAIR

One of the books featured on our reading list this year was *This Place: 150 Years Retold*, a graphic novel anthology about how Indigenous Peoples have survived a post-apocalyptic world since Contact. We were thrilled to welcome contributing author Dr. Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair to discuss the graphic novel, including how and why the book was written, why the authors chose to work in graphic novel format for this book, and how it explored the past 150 years through the eyes of Indigenous creators. Participants were highly engaged and asked excellent questions about the book, and many shared the recording afterward.

"This has been an exceptional hour. Powerful presentation. I really appreciated Niigaan's words. He was so clear, direct, honest."

Event Participant

COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABILITY



Despite challenges, MCIC broadened its sustainability scope and hosted 13 events and implemented a new event series, titled 'Be the Change', reaching 252 Manitobans.

BE THE CHANGE:

As part of the Be the Change event series, MCIC's Walk the Talk events took place in August, September and October and invited Manitobans to meet up and engage in discussions related to international development and the SDGs, while walking in communities across Manitoba. One in-person walk was successfully held in Gimli, but increased COVID-19 restrictions in Brandon and Winnipeg required MCIC to offer virtual 'Walk the Talks' to flatten the curve and protect Manitobans. In November, MCIC celebrated World Toilet Day and hosted a complimentary virtual film screening of Mr. Toilet: The World's Number 2 Man, highlighting the importance of access to sanitation as a basic human right.



MCIC's only in-person event was our Walk the Talk in Gimli on September 22nd to celebrate Gender Equality Week in Canada.

This year required adaptability and resilience, as MCIC remained dedicated to engaging with Manitobans on topics related to sustainability and fair trade. MCIC continued inspiring Manitobans to take action for the Sustainable Development Goals from home through various social media campaigns, including a sustainable Easter initiative and the Green It + Grow It challenge, a social media campaign to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day.

MCIC's Sustainability Specialist was also a member of the working group which contributed to Cooperation Canada's recently published report *Greening Civil Society Organizations: Challenging the International Development and Humanitarian Assistance Sectors in Canada*, making MCIC a part of the national conversation on environmental sustainability.

NEW SUSTAINABILITY RESOURCES:

This year, MCIC developed new sustainability resources and featured them on our updated website. The website resources include a Buying Guide for Fairtrade Team T-shirts for schools and sports teams. MCIC also developed the LOFT (Local Organic Fair Trade) Gift Guide to support local, organic, and fair trade gift options around the holidays.



FAIR TRADE:

MCIC continues to be a proud Fair Trade workplace. This year, we hosted **eight fair trade workshops**, including interactive fair trade presentations for the University of Manitoba's Sustainability Day. The presentations focused on Fairtrade coffee. MCIC had a display at Menno Simmons College's virtual Social Justice Fair and celebrated Fairtrade Month in May. To celebrate World Fairtrade day, MCIC hosted a Fair Trade Trivia lunch hour event to raise awareness on the importance of Fair Trade. In October, MCIC partnered with Green Campus Co-op for Fairtrade Team T-shirts for the Goals, hosting Darryl Reed, president of Green Campus Coop, for a lively discussion addressing poverty-related social justice issues in Global South cotton supply chains. MCIC's Sustainability Specialist also worked towards local fair trade initiatives as a member of the Fair Trade Winnipeg Committee.

							
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Fair Trade Workplaces	Fair Trade Faith Groups	Fair Trade Schools	Fair Trade Campus	Fair Trade Towns	EVENTS	PARTICIPANTS	WORKSHOPS

COMMITTED TO OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS



MCIC Executive Director, Janice Hamilton (right), receiving a cheque of \$1.2 million from the Hon. Cliff Cullen (left), on behalf of Premier Brian Pallister, affirming the important work of our members' initiatives for a just world.

This year MCIC continued to support and amplify our members' international work and to further global sustainability, successfully pivoting our programs to virtual throughout this challenging year. We remain committed to creating effective and useful learning opportunities for our members and amplifying our members' messaging among our stakeholders and the public.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Each year, MCIC hosts a variety of capacity building activities for its members and other international development actors, blending a focus on emerging trends, relevant topics and concrete skills to meet our members' learning needs. This year, MCIC shifted all learning opportunities to an online format, creatively engaging our members and partners virtually.

LUNCH & LEARN: LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In December 2020 MCIC held an online Lunch and Learn about Land Acknowledgements with Hañwakañ Blaikie Whitecloud and Wendy Whitecloud. This event, which was open to MCIC members and staff, was a learning experience and an opportunity to share best practices about how to prepare and use respectful and meaningful land acknowledgements. The session, which had 36 participants, also allowed participants to learn about the history and meaning of land acknowledgements from an Indigenous perspective.

MANAGING CRISIS: CONSIDERATIONS FOR NGOS

This session included reflections from Canadian Humanitarian staff about their experience with detained team members in Ethiopia, as well as expert advice from security professionals at CARE Canada and MEDA. Reflecting on the roles of a crisis team, the duty of care framework and sharing many lessons learned, this session offered concrete advice and steps to take when managing a crisis in international development.

"I appreciated Canadian Humanitarian sharing their experience - from both in country and in Canada. Their recent real-life experience set the stage for [CARE Canada & MEDA's] crisis management planning. Excellent session!"
Event Participant

GENDER & DEVELOPMENT FOR CANADIAN PARTNERS

MCIC invited Feminist Data & Research to offer members and partners a hands-on gender and development training course focusing on completing gender assessments using a Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP) lens. Over two days, participants learned the context of gender and development, with a focus on women of colour and feminist movements in the global south, as well as definitions and terms for producing feminist analysis in line with FIAP. This session offered participants a hands-on overview of gender assessments where they reviewed real-world case studies.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION, ANTI-RACISM AND INTERNATIONALIZATION

MCIC organized an online learning session featuring Rebecca Chartrand, Vice President of Indspire, for MCIC members and staff. Participants gained perspective on ways to meaningfully include Indigenous high-school students in educational workshops and programming, and how to attract and mentor Indigenous employees within organizations. Most significantly, Rebecca shared her own experiences with racism, its effects and why it is crucial that organizations working in education overcome barriers to ensure inclusion of Indigenous students in educational programming.

 10 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT	 1 DISPLAY	 15 CAPACITY BUILDING	 26 EVENTS	 736 PARTICIPANTS
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MANITOBA GOVERNMENT MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

The Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program (MGMGP) was established in 1975 by the Government of Manitoba to provide funding for international development projects delivered by Manitoba organizations and their overseas partners. Grants are awarded to successful applications through a peer-review process, carried out by committees made up of MCIC member organization representatives.

In 2020-21, MCIC distributed a total of \$1,201,574 to 53 projects in 29 countries through the MGMGP.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Projects funded through the Development, Theme, and Community Solidarity funds, ranked the top four Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) their respective project supported.

Among 47 projects, **SDG 5: Gender Equality**, **SDG 1: No Poverty**, **SDG 4: Quality Education**, **SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being**, and **SDG 2: Zero Hunger** were indicated most frequently.



DEVELOPMENT FUND

MCIC defines development as a long-term process that promotes community involvement in designing strategies to correct and improve chronic and structural problems in all areas of individual and community life. The majority of MGMGP funds are used for this purpose. MCIC development projects reflect our Development Principles.



THEME FUND

The Theme Fund encourages MCIC member organizations to take a broader view of development projects by responding to current issues of international concern, reflected in a bi-annual theme. The 2020-21 theme is **Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, Girls, and Gender-Nonconforming People**.



RELIEF & REHABILITATION FUND

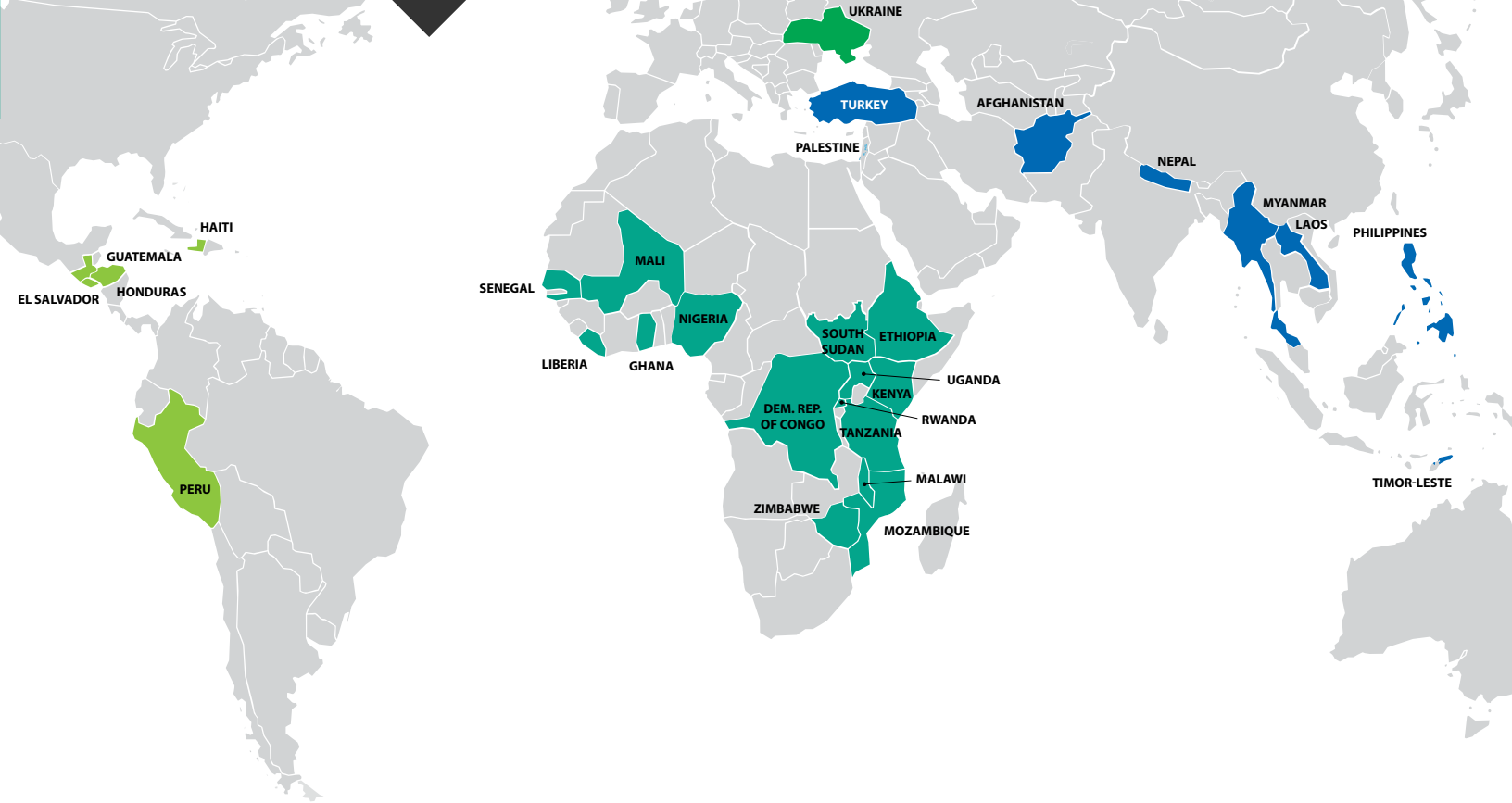
The Relief & Rehabilitation Fund bridges the gap between the effects of a disaster and the continuation of long-term development. Projects in this category are often part of large international relief efforts, in which case MCIC directs funding to specific components as part of the wider effort. This helps ensure direct impact and visibility of the support provided by Manitobans.



COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY FUND

The Community Solidarity Fund offers funding to Manitoba community-based charitable groups involved in international development projects. The fund is available to non-members and affiliate members of MCIC.

PROJECT COUNTRIES



PROJECTS BY REGION

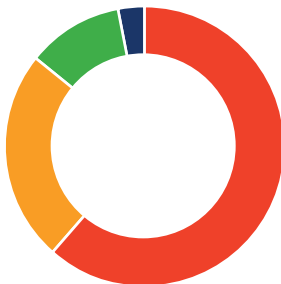


AFRICA	\$630,735	 53%
ASIA:	\$267,587	 22%
THE AMERICAS	\$243,543	 20%
MIDDLE EAST	\$47,251	 4%
EUROPE	\$12,458	 1%
TOTAL:	\$1,201,574	 100%

TOTAL NUMBER OF COUNTRIES:



PROJECTS BY TYPE

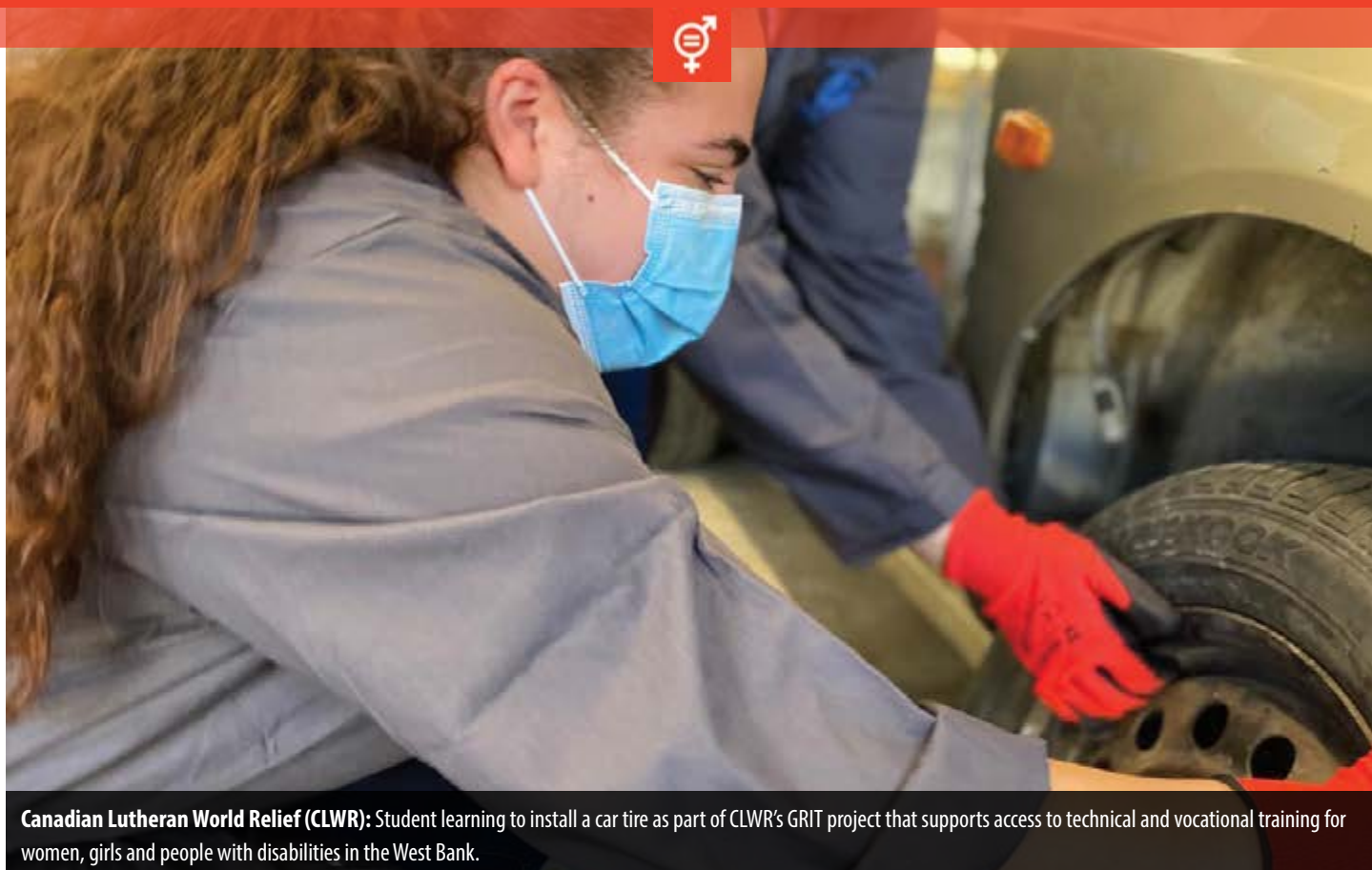


DEVELOPMENT FUND:	\$737,306	 61%
THEME FUND:	\$290,447	 24%
RELIEF & REHABILITATION FUND:	\$137,821	 12%
COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY FUND:	\$36,000	 3%
TOTAL:	\$1,201,574	 100%

TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS:



DEVELOPMENT FUND



Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR): Student learning to install a car tire as part of CLWR's GRIT project that supports access to technical and vocational training for women, girls and people with disabilities in the West Bank.

CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

● MYANMAR | \$42,966

Promoting A Culture of Peace and Sustainability in Myanmar

This project targets intra & interfaith religious and community leaders to become fully engaged in the promotion of communal harmony by opposing violence including Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and nurturing a climate for tolerance, gender equity, and respect. The entry points to peaceful coexistence are Conflict Prevention; Community-based Peacebuilding; Gender; Interfaith Engagement; and Buddhist Education.

CANADIAN HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION FOR INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

● ETHIOPIA | \$7,700

Women's Micro-Entrepreneurship Initiative in Urban Ethiopia

The project aims to provide Ethiopian women living in poverty with one year of financial literacy and micro-entrepreneurship training and mentoring and provide interest-free loans, so they can launch their micro-enterprise to increase their monthly earnings by at least 50%.

CANADIAN MULTICULTURAL DISABILITY CENTRE INC.

● ZIMBABWE | \$10,376

Construction of a Refrigerated Mortuary at the Clinic in Chirasauta Village, Chivhu in Zimbabwe

The project aims to construct a refrigerated mortuary that will assist over ten thousand people by providing safe storage for their deceased relatives, in the process of protecting their loved ones and their community. The construction of a refrigerated mortuary is effective mitigation to slow the spread of infectious diseases.

CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

● PALESTINE | \$27,251

Gender-Responsive and Inclusive Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

This is the second year of this project which aims to reduce poverty in the West Bank and Gaza by providing vocational training to women, including women with disabilities, leading to better employment outcomes. This project will also support the development of policies and structures that will increase the gender responsiveness and inclusivity of the TVET system in the Palestine territories.



iDE Canada: iDE Nepal training farm business advisors to be “Plant Doctors” as part of the ‘Plant Doctor Plus’ project.
Photo by: Bimala Rai Colavito

CODE

● **LIBERIA** | \$7,249

Reading Liberia 20/22

Reading Liberia 20/22 is a two-year program serving 180 educators and 4,000 primary school students in Bomi, Margibi, and Montserrado counties through professional development; culturally relevant books and learning materials; an after-school program for over-age girls; and mobile learning labs. At-home learning kits for over-age girls will be provided.

CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION OF CANADA

● **GHANA** | \$12,458

ACCESS+ (COVID-19 Food Security Response Extension Project)

The project aims to benefit rural households in Ghana by strengthening their agricultural productivity and short-term food security measures to address COVID-19’s growing economic impact. CDF Canada works through local cooperatives to reach the most vulnerable, providing critical resources, knowledge, and skills to ensure farmers remain food secure and productive during the crisis.

CUSO INTERNATIONAL

● **ETHIOPIA** | \$11,500

U-Girls 2

The objective of Cuso International’s U-Girls2 project is to promote access to higher education for high school girls and to address barriers that impede adolescent

girls’ education in Ethiopia. The project will enhance academic, social, and life skills for adolescent girls, including those with disabilities, and strengthen the capacity of teachers and educational institutions to deliver quality and gender-sensitive education.

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS / MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES (MSF)

● **HAITI** | \$103,768

The Meteorological and Climate Anticipation (MACA) Project

The project aims to respond rapidly to extreme weather events in Haiti. The Meteorological and Climate Anticipation (MACA) Project will assess the current mechanism to determine these barriers, initiate the conversation within MSF and communicate the key findings to propose a solution to improve future interventions. The project will support MSF’s operational teams to respond rapidly and effectively to meet the needs of over 200,000 beneficiaries in Haiti alone.

EMAS CANADA

● **HAITI** | \$14,889

Hand in Hand with Haiti

EMAS Canada has been working with the El Shaddai Church Community (ESCC) since 1999 to improve the health and wellbeing of this Port-au-Prince neighborhood. This year the project has focused on handwashing to reduce communicable diseases and adding productive garden space around the concrete buildings constructed over the

past ten years. The Community Centre includes three large buildings, a toilet building, and a permanent handwashing station which drains into a small garden. This year portable handwashing stations were designed and built locally and distributed throughout the neighborhood to increase public access to handwashing. On the ESCC property, the last building was finished, the site cleaned up and the garden was developed to produce greens and fruit for the school Nutrition Program.

EMMANUEL INTERNATIONAL CANADA

● **TANZANIA** | \$6,906

Health for Development Project, Iringa

This project aims to empower community members to improve their income through improved health using locally available resources and having a clean environment by conducting health education activities at community gatherings.

HEALTH PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL OF CANADA

● **KENYA** | \$9,925

NCD Project in Nairobi Informal Settlements

The project aims to address the ongoing challenge of effectively preventing and treating non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the Kibera area of Nairobi. The project will build the capacity of 3 primary health facilities taking a comprehensive approach to addressing NCDs through promotion, prevention, early detection, and treatment.

iDE CANADA

● NEPAL | \$38,131

Plant Doctor Plus

This is the second year of this project which aims to build on iDE Nepal's success training Farm Business Advisors to be "Plant Doctors", who help increase the productivity and incomes of smallholder farmers. Together with individual donor funding, this project is expected to increase the incomes of farmers and small agricultural entrepreneurs by over \$3.5 million CDN.

INTER PARES

● EL SALVADOR | \$8,321

Strategic Interventions to Build Momentum on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

The project aims to address barriers faced by women and girls in achieving their sexual and reproductive health and asserting their rights. This year 650 women and girls will be better able to assert their agency and bodily autonomy, control their fertility and understand their rights, ultimately being able to determine the course of their lives.

MAKE MUSIC MATTER

● RWANDA | \$2,637

Raising Voices and Building Sustainable Communities through Music

This is the second year of this project which aims to educate Rwandan youth about HIV/AIDS, and reduce trauma using music and music production. Not only for the benefit of direct participants but also the community at large through the dissemination of music across Rwanda. By healing individual trauma, participants regain agency over their lives and can benefit from other interventions such as educational and economic opportunities. In turn, this begins to cohere communities back together, and eventually, resources that were used for psychosocial care can be reallocated.

MARQUIS PROJECT

● UGANDA | \$5,543

Kijwenge Youth Entrepreneurship Incubator Project Phase II

Following on Phase I completed in 2019 which involved securing the land and site, essential latrine and sanitation facilities, and the initial single shop space unit, KYEO aims to embark on Phase II. KYEO will aim for adding three units to the one-unit start-up building which will eventually become a Ugandan version of a mini strip mall providing up to 8 units for a variety of businesses started and operated by youth members in a small but growing rural Trading Centre. Phase II will also include water harvesting and tank storage on-site as well as flooring and finishing to initial units.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

● LAOS | \$130,000

Strengthening Land Governance for Sustainable Development

This is the second year of this project which aims to increase participants' understanding of land laws and mechanisms for addressing land disputes in Pek District and increases the capacity of conflict resolution institutions at the village and district level. Participants include 98 district government officers, 420 village leaders, and 10,800 laypeople.

PRESBYTERIAN WORLD SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT

● AFGHANISTAN | \$9,572

Girls Education Program

The project aims to empower young girls through quality education in 28 schools and two community-based schools in five districts within three provinces of Afghanistan. It increases girls' enrollment, decreases dropout rates, builds teacher, administrator, and government capacity, engages communities, and protects students and teachers from COVID-19. Beneficiaries in this year will be 115,886.

SAVE THE CHILDREN CANADA

● MALI | \$13,987

Improving Adolescent Girls Inclusive Education (IMAGINE)

The IMAGINE project aims to improve the realization of rights to inclusive, quality, and gender-responsive education for 90,000 girls and adolescent girls (ages 10-18) in the conflict-affected regions of Segou and Mopti in Mali.

SEEDCHANGE

● TIMOR-LESTE | \$7,418

Seed and Food Security in Highland Timor-Leste

This is the second year of this project which aims to establish Community Seed Banks to build up the food and wild food-based biodiversity of the food supply in the isolated communities and hillsides of Timor-Leste. This will increase the diversity of field crops and vegetable varieties, in support of greater food security in the highlands of Timor-Leste, improve the capacity of communities to manage seed resources, based at small Community Seed Banks, and promote a focus on farmer-based seed programming as a core of improving the food security for Timor-Leste.

TEARFUND CANADA

● KENYA | \$27,867

Kamba Tribe Going Beyond

The project aims to build financial savings through 25 new Village Saving Groups and improve nutrition through agriculture training. 575 beneficiaries (85% are women) will learn small-scale vegetable production and establish small (2x5 meter up to 5x10 meter) kitchen gardens.

THE PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

● TANZANIA | \$14,404

Sustainable Vegetable Farming for Food and Nutrition Security in Nyarugushu Refugee Camp

This project aims to increase the food security and nutrition status of 1,020 households in the Nyarugushu refugee camp in Tanzania through horticultural training, gender and nutrition awareness, provision of seeds and tools, and technical accompaniment for year-round vegetable production.

UNICEF CANADA

● UGANDA | \$46,260

Undaunted

The project aims to improve WASH infrastructure in schools, strengthen hygiene education, and promote girls' education including STEM, benefitting 440,000 students. Girls who drop out of school are vulnerable to early marriage and pregnancy. Yet, during menstruation, and due to lack of gender-segregated toilets, washing facilities, and water systems at schools, girls' education is hindered.



War Child Canada: Student taking notes as part of War Child Canada’s ‘Keeping Kids Learning: Interactive Radio Instruction for COVID-19 School Closures’ project.
Photo by: David Kalonji

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

● EL SALVADOR | \$18,076

Improving Conditions for Agricultural Production to Enhance Access to the Human Right to Health and Food for Families in Guacotecti, through the Installation and Operation of the Dora Alicia Sorto School Farm

The farm will provide opportunities for agricultural families from the rural areas of Cabañas to learn theoretical and practical agroecological principles, establishing a culture of sustainable agroecological practices and food systems, and moving away from harmful practices. To ensure long-term sustainability and effectiveness, all project activities will use popular education tools, as well as a gender approach and participative democracy in community life.

WAR CHILD CANADA

● DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO | \$8,260

Keeping Kids Learning: Interactive Radio Instruction for COVID-19 School Closures

The project aims to increase access to quality education for 12-18-year-old crisis-affected girls and boys facing COVID-19 school closures in Kinshasa, Lubumbashi, Goma, Bukavu, and Uvira. The project is a scale-up of the IRI program designed and developed by War Child Canada and the Ministry of Social Affairs in DRC and will reach a total of 1,225,185 learners, particularly girls and students with disabilities.

WORLD RENEW

● MOZAMBIQUE | \$10,933

Enhancing Wellbeing of Children and Health Status of Pregnant and Lactating Mothers

This is the second year of this Scale-Up Nutrition project, its objective is to improve the wellbeing of children through improved feeding practices and nutritional/health status of mothers and children under 2 and strengthen health services in 12 villages in Mozambique. The project targets 1,000 households, including 1,000 mothers and 2,000 children under two.

WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE OF CANADA (WUSC)

● UGANDA | \$39,444

Supporting and Scaling Gender-Responsive Innovations in Uganda

WUSC’s IGNI+E Partner Innovation Fund supports local organizations globally to promote innovative, gender-responsive, and inclusive initiatives. Through this initiative, WUSC will collaborate with the Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA) to test and scale an innovative model for waste management in informal settlements employing marginalized women and youth.

WORLD VISION CANADA

● DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO | \$101,461

Equality for Girls’ Access to Learning (EGAL)

The project aims to enhance the agency of girls, increase resilience in fragile contexts, and improve power for independent decision-making. This will be accomplished by reducing the barriers that prevent girls from accessing quality education and investing in coordinated, quality, gender-responsive, and conflict-sensitive education systems, reaching 600,000 persons over 3 years.

THEME FUND



Canadian Humanitarian Organization for International Relief | Asociación SERniña (by the REALgirl Foundation):

Young girl painting, as part of the 'Provide Comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health Education & Support for Teen Victims of Abuse During COVID-19' project.

CANADIAN HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION FOR INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

● ETHIOPIA | \$20,000

Hope for girls (H4G) – Supporting the Empowerment & Education of Ethiopian Girls during the Pandemic & Beyond

This project aims to provide 200 vulnerable girls in Ethiopia with comprehensive education and empowerment support to help them overcome the increased challenges caused by the global pandemic. Each girl will receive an educational scholarship, weekly tutoring sessions, one-on-one monthly coaching sessions, REALgirl Empowerment Workshops, and access to Holistic Child Centred Network comprehensive support.

CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

● PALESTINE | \$20,000

TVET Scholarship Support for Palestinian Women

The project aims to achieve equitable learning and employment outcomes for Palestinian women (and men on a case-by-case basis), by providing trainees with better access to TVET through the provision of scholarships. Integrated training that includes a combination of practical and theoretical skill-building, as well as training in market-relevant topics, will provide trainees with the skills and knowledge necessary to secure gainful employment.

CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION OF CANADA

● UKRAINE | \$12,458

Supporting Economic Prosperity for Women and IDPs in Ukraine (SEW Ukraine)

The project aims to contribute towards the provision of training that will change the perceptions of various stakeholders, including men, host communities, governmental institutions, and employers towards women's economic empowerment, negative gender and vulnerability norms, and stereotypes. Some 150 people (100 Women & 50 Men) will be reached directly.

CUSO INTERNATIONAL

● PERU | \$20,000

Women's Voice and Leadership

Cuso International is playing a crucial role in ushering in a new age of gender equality in Peru – a new age built on the empowerment of women and girls, and the enhanced protection of their human rights. The Women's Voice and Leadership project is building the capacity of local women's rights organizations to help women and girls become empowered as they find their voice, strength, and purpose. This initiative not only focuses on technical assistance for women's rights organizations but aims to provide an enabling environment for gender equality to thrive in Peru.

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS / MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES (MSF)

● HAITI | \$20,000

Artibonite Adolescent Health and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Care

This project aims to improve the health status of 6,140 adolescents and survivors of SGBV through providing timely access to free-of-charge quality medical care and psychosocial support and will raise awareness of adolescent sexual health and SGBV needs through community/survivor-led advocacy and a community-centered approach.

INTER PARES

● PHILIPPINES | \$20,000

Strategic Interventions to Build Momentum on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)

The project aims to empower 3,619 young women, adolescents, and gender non-conforming people in poor and marginalized communities of Metro Manila through increased knowledge and awareness of their sexual and reproductive health and rights, the provision of SRHR services and through advocacy to change laws and policies with respect to SRHR.



Tearfund Canada: Saphoti (left) posing in a maize crop with her husband (right) as part of Tearfund Canada's 'Zala Women's Empowerment Project' in Ethiopia.

JANE GOODALL INSTITUTE OF CANADA

● SENEGAL | \$20,000

Building Community Resilience & Gender Equality in Senegal

The project aims to promote gender equality as key to improving the resilience of rural communities to climate change in the Kedougou region of Senegal. This is achieved through gender-sensitive climate-smart agriculture, women's increased role in decision-making for sustainable livelihoods, and the adoption of forest protection practices by local government and communities.

KUWALA CHRISTIAN GIRLS SCHOOL INC.

● MALAWI | \$20,000

Opening doors for Young Malawian women through Technology

The project aims to expand the capacity of graduating grade 12 students to achieve success in post-secondary education and quality employment opportunities through the introduction and development of core computer competencies. This project will incorporate ARES (African Ruggedized Education System), training, and mentoring thereby increasing student's confidence to succeed in a digital world.

MAKE MUSIC MATTER

● TURKEY | \$19,500

Healing in Harmony Gaziantep - Inclusive Music Therapy for Syrian Refugee Children with Special Needs and their Caregivers

The project aims to provide psychosocial support to 160 disabled Syrian refugee children and their caregivers in Turkey. Through an innovative approach to music therapy, the children, their families, and their communities will participate to reduce trauma and foster a culture of empathy and gender inclusiveness.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

● HAITI | \$18,489

Community Prevention and Response to SGBV In Bomon

The project aims to prevent and respond to situations of sexual and gender-based violence SGBV in the area of Bomon, southern Haiti. It will provide psychosocial supports, medical accompaniment, and legal assistance to 100 SGBV survivors as well as providing preventive education and empowerment of women and girls.

SAVE THE CHILDREN CANADA

● NIGERIA | \$20,000

Education for Crisis Affected Girls Nigeria G7 Project (ECG)

The project aims to improve the realization of the right to safe, quality, gender-responsive learning opportunities for crisis-affected girls in the states of Borno and Yobe in Northeastern Nigeria. The project will support girls by providing access to a quality education that supports gender equality while receiving the support they need from their households and communities to attend and stay in school.

TEARFUND CANADA

● ETHIOPIA | \$20,000

Zala Women's Empowerment Project

The project aims to promote women's economic empowerment through financial inclusion, conservation agriculture training, and community development for 300 female farmers in 18 new Self-Help Savings Groups. This project will empower women with opportunities to minimize gender inequality in Southern Ethiopia.

UNICEF CANADA

● MALI | \$20,000

Investing In Potential: Girls' Empowerment in Mali

The project aims to provide a better future for girls. UNICEF will work with partners and the government to improve access to education and child protection by setting up mobile education and psychosocial interventions adapted to the specific needs of vulnerable girls in two villages and artisanal mining sites in the Kenieba district.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

● TANZANIA | \$20,000

Capacity Building and Empowerment for Girls with Early Pregnancies

The project aims to conduct a capacity-building seminar for 50 adolescent girls with early pregnancies with a focus on understanding their bodies and reproductive health, building self-esteem and self-confidence, and developing entrepreneurial skills for wages or self-employment.

WORLD RENEW

● HONDURAS | \$20,000

Empowering Women and Girls for Improved Child Health

The project aims to improve child health in 11 Honduran communities by empowering both mothers and fathers, including teen parents, improving nutrition, and addressing machismo. The project will reach 1,110 participants, including 442 women, 168 men, and 500 children under 5 years of age (265 girls, 235 boys).

RELIEF AND REHABILITATION FUND



ADRA Canada: Group of youth pose with sunscreen provided by ADRA Canada's project to identify and treat early skin cancer in Persons with Albinism across six regions in Tanzania.

ADRA CANADA

● **TANZANIA** | \$17,821

Early Skin Cancer Awareness, Prevention and Engagement (ESCAPE) Project

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, People with Albinism (PWAs) in Tanzania have become among the most marginalized people with more needs and less supplies to deal with their suffering. The Early Skin Cancer Awareness, Prevention and Engagement (ESCAPE) Project, proposes to save lives, reduce suffering, and maintain the dignity of PWAs by implementing early skin cancer awareness sessions, distribution of protective gear - sunscreen lotions, sunglasses and sunhats. These activities will be provided at government health centers, and in the communities where PWAs will be able to access them at less cost and time.

CANADIAN HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION FOR INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

● **GUATEMALA** | \$20,000

Provide Comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health Education & Support for Teen Victims of Abuse During COVID-19

This project aims to address increasing rates of sexual abuse and teen pregnancy in Guatemala during the pandemic by providing comprehensive sexual health education and resources, workshops for youth, parents and educators, victim supports, and critically needed psychological services.

CANADIAN HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION FOR INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

● **ETHIOPIA** | \$25,000

Emergency Relief for Vulnerable Children in Ethiopia during COVID-19

This project aims to provide four months of critically needed food, water, and sanitation hampers to 436 vulnerable Ethiopian children and their families during the

COVID-19 outbreak. 'Take home' educational packs will also be sent home bi-weekly to support the ongoing learning and education of each of the program participants.

CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

● **UGANDA** | \$25,000

Integrated Protection, Livelihood, and WASH Support (INPLAWS) to South Sudanese Refugees and Host Communities in Northern Uganda

The project aims to increase the utilization of gender-responsive protection and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) response services, improve economic self-reliance, and improve hygiene and sanitation practices among refugee and host community members. The project will directly benefit 24,070 people (14,078 female, 9,986 male) in Palabek Settlement host communities in Lamwo district, Uganda.

UNICEF CANADA

● **UGANDA** | \$25,000

Emergency Response to COVID-19 Pandemic in Uganda

This project aims to focus on pandemic preparedness and response through public awareness-raising on the risk factors for transmission, prevention, and control of COVID-19. Risk communication key messages will be shared across Uganda with an increased focus on areas with clusters of cases and/or community transmission, including high-risk settings.

WORLD VISION CANADA

● **KENYA** | \$25,000

ENRICH-COVID-19 Emergency Response in Elegeyo Marakawit County

This project aims to contribute to the well-being and reduction of life-threatening effects of COVID-19 on children and their families within Elegeyo Marakawit County of Kenya by September 2020. The project will directly impact 288,209 people.

COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY FUND



Prairie Wind Mennonite Church: Ngaa community members laying terraces on sand dam banks as part of Prairie Wind Mennonite Church's 'Self-Help Group Water Project' in Kenya.

EMMANUEL MISSION / EDUCATION PATHWAYS TO PEACE

● UGANDA | \$6,000

Education Pathways to Peace

The project aims to provide educational supports for South Sudanese students in a refugee camp by providing trust and relationship-building activities for their families. This micro-level Education Pathway to Peace will create sustainable peace within the community through ripple effects on education, restoration of trust, and mutual understanding among ethnically and politically divided refugees' families.

PRAIRIE WIND MENNONITE CHURCH

● KENYA | \$8,000

Ngaa Self-Help Group Water Project

The project aims to build a sand dam to provide a natural water reservoir for Ngaa village, enabling residents to have safe drinking water, grow food, and plant trees to increase biodiversity. Benefits include improved community health and increased time for educational and economic activities.

PROVIDENCE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

● UGANDA | \$6,000

Fuel for the Future

The project aims to support the working capital and equipment expenses of a social enterprise called Fuel for the Future (FFTF) – which operates under the umbrella of Angel's Care which also operates a school and a clinic in the same areas. FFTF makes biochar briquettes from agricultural and forestry residues. These biochar briquettes (much like the "BBQ briquettes" sold in Canada) are a direct replacement for wood charcoal as cooking fuel and are a sustainable product as the agricultural products (beans, corn, bananas, cassava) are grown every year.

THE TABERNACLE OF NEW COVENANT INC. (TNC) / ASSOCIATION "BOL BANTU"

● DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO | \$8,000

Household Boosts

The primary objectives of this project are to implement a community pharmacy with a power generator to be used in case there is shortage of electricity, a common reality in DRC; as a source of short term employment to enable parents to send their children to school. The second objective is to train beneficiaries on how to make non-toxic household products and bread. The gain from both activities will help enhance their children's education, livelihoods and their overall health and wellbeing.

UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG GLOBAL COLLEGE / MANITOBA WOMEN FOR WOMEN OF SOUTH SUDAN

● REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN | \$8,000

Women Making Masks for the Community in South Sudan

The project aims to provide training and materials for workshops on mask making, equipment, cloth, and a venue for sewing, in addition to raising awareness of COVID-19 in three districts: Wau in Western Bhar el Ghazel, Rumbek in Lakes State, and Juba in Central Equatoria. The mask-making project will be led by the same women and men trained in the Rwandan Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities model (HROC). The HROC model focuses on women, girls, and youth who have experienced trauma from gender-based violence to empower and rebuild their communities.



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● AFRICA ● ASIA ● THE AMERICAS
● MIDDLE EAST ● EUROPE

FUND FOR INNOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION (FIT)

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO ADVANCE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH



FIT is a program of the Inter-Council Network (ICN) made possible through funding from Global Affairs Canada and administered by MCIC. FIT is a five-year \$16.5 M national program designed to provide funding to Small and Medium-sized Organizations (SMOs) in Canada to test innovative solutions to development challenges that advance gender equality and empower women and girls in the Global South. FIT has completed the second year of its program.

Cause Canada, from their project 'Eradicating Child Marriage in Sierra Leone'

Programmatically, FIT quickly pivoted to adapt to the new realities of COVID-19. The Intake 2 Proposal deadline was extended by 3 weeks to accommodate the onset of the pandemic. While first intake contracts had just been signed shortly before the pandemic closures, SMOs promptly requested to put testing on hold or make accommodations. FIT followed Global Affairs Canada's lead and allowed for flexibility, while making health, safety and 'do no harm' the main priorities.

RESOURCES

This year, several resources were developed for SMOs applying to FIT, for FIT-funded SMOs or for anyone interested in learning more about gender and innovation. One FIT resource presented this year is the *Rapid Gender Scan*, which was intended to fill a sector gap and to accommodate SMOs working in shorter-term testing environments. A full list of FIT resources is available here: <https://fit-fit.ca/resources/>



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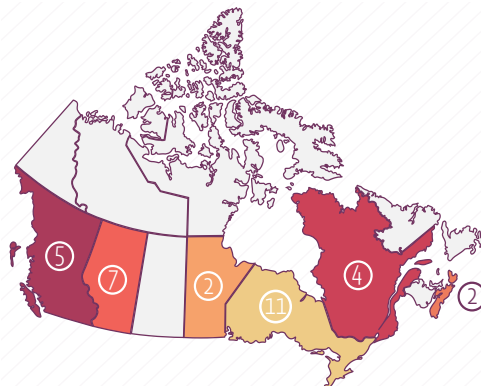
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FIT SMOs

While many projects from the first intake were put on hold, several learnings were shared during the testing phase. FIT is excited to begin publishing results from completed projects in fall of 2021. SMOs have been meeting in regularly scheduled Community of Practice calls to share experiences and learnings. FIT has been finding ways to develop their learning and showcase their work. See the COVID-19 Adaptations Resource developed from the SMOs' experiences with their testing work, and stay tuned for more learnings over the coming year.

PROVINCIAL DISTRIBUTION OF SMOs



FUNDED INNOVATIONS

INTAKE 1:

Alternatives | Quebec

Sudan | \$246,710

A Platform Against Violence on Women Journalists in Sudan

Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief | Ontario

Ethiopia | \$250,000

Remote Ultrasound Capacity Building for Antenatal Access (RUAA)

Canada SOS: Students Offering Support | Ontario

Guatemala | \$198,574

Girls Groundswell

Canadian Network for International Surgery | British Columbia

Tanzania | \$250,000

Midwifery Active Digitization Empowerment Initiative for Tanzania

Change for Children Association | Alberta

Nicaragua | \$250,000

Technology & Training for Quality and Equality

Embrace International Foundation | Alberta

Uganda | \$213,814

Inclusive e-learning for Ugandan Youth

KIDS Initiative | Manitoba

Kenya | \$214,945

Kieni Fighters Resource Centre for Women and Girls

OVO Solar Technologies Inc. | Ontario

Zambia | \$249,030

Increasing Poultry Production in Zambia

Ryerson University | Ontario

India | \$250,000

Preventing Cervical Cancer in India Through Self-Sampling (PCCIS)

INTAKE 2:

CAUSE Canada | Alberta

Sierra Leone | \$217,932

Eradicating Child Marriage in Sierra Leone

Coady International Institute | Nova Scotia

India & Kenya | \$236,000

Farmer-led Tools, Dashboard, Development, and the Future of Farming

Lessons Learned Simulations and Training | Ontario

Jordan | \$158,828

Promoting Community-Based Tabletop Simulation Development

Lestari Sustainable Development Consultants | Ontario

Indonesia | \$250,000

Women's Empowerment, Agricultural Innovation, and Climate Change Adaptation

Make Music Matter | Manitoba

Democratic Republic of Congo |

\$224,660

It Takes a Village to Heal

Mer et Monde | Quebec

Nicaragua | \$248,975

Learning Community and Incubator for Gender Equality Projects in Nicaragua

My Oral Village | Ontario

Kenya | \$189,765

Writing a Path Out of Poverty: Testing a Cash Calculator with Extremely Poor Women in Northern Kenya

PeaceGeeks | British Columbia

Jordan | \$222,617

Meshkat Community: Shining a Light on Gender Equality in Jordan

Women's Global Health Innovations | Ontario

Uganda | \$250,000

Women's Empowerment via Menstrual Hygiene and Livelihood Integration

INTAKE 3:

L'AMIE | Quebec

Rwanda | \$235,000

Byuka bakobwa (Wake up Girls)

Canadian Humanitarian | Alberta

Guatemala | \$244,702

Holistic Gender-Based Violence Prevention & Response

Canadian Teachers' Federation | Ontario

The Gambia | \$243,000

Mobile Technology: Mentoring and Professional Learning Communities for Women Teachers in The Gambia

Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation (CAWST) | Alberta

Honduras | \$250,000

Creating Safe Spaces for Learning My Body: My Body, My Health, and My Future (M3 virtual platform)

Dalhousie University / Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace and Security | Nova Scotia

South Sudan | \$249,045

Building Bridges for Prevention: Women and Security Actors Prevent Child Recruitment and Use in South Sudan

Lucky Iron Fish Enterprise | Ontario

Benin | \$250,000

Improving Resilience to Increase Nutritional Outcomes for Women and Children in Benin

OGOW Health | Alberta

Somalia | \$239,904

Improving Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Outcomes by Using Innovative and Community-Centric Approaches

Royal Roads University | British Columbia

Malawi | \$240,444

Improving WASH for Health Care Facilities and Women's Health: Testing the STREAMS Approach in Malawi

Sombrilla International Development Society | Alberta

Honduras | \$200,955

Equal Access to Justice for Women in Honduras

University of the Fraser Valley | British Columbia

Sierra Leone | \$242,910

'Leaving No One Behind': Empowering Persons with Albinism Particularly Women and Adolescent Girls in Rural Regions of Sierra Leone

Wapikoni Mobile | Quebec

Brazil | \$250,000

Human Rights and Indigenous Women Empowerment through Audiovisual Activities in Brazil

Waterlution – A Water Learning Experience | Ontario

Mozambique | \$150,000

Adolescent Girl Empowerment Through Capacity Building and Water Innovation in Northern Mozambique

World Neighbours Canada Society | British Columbia

Burkina Faso | \$221,275

Empowering Rural Women in Burkina Faso

ICN + SPUR CHANGE



ICN PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Inter-Council Network (ICN) is a coalition of the eight provincial and regional Councils for International Cooperation committed to global social justice and social change, of which MCIC is a member. Representing over 350 diverse civil society organizations, the ICN provides a national forum in which the Councils collaborate for improved effectiveness of the sector and identify common priorities for collective action. As leaders in public engagement and rooted in communities from coast to coast to coast, the ICN provides a platform for bringing regional knowledge and priorities to the national level. The ICN delivers programming to build relationships and strengthen capacities, particularly in areas related to Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP) and to advance achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Some ICN highlights from 2020-2021 include:

- * **Held roundtable on Public Engagement with the Honourable Karina Gould, Minister of International Development on January 25, 2021**
- * **Created an ICN podcast, entitled: "Around the World in SDGs", launched during International Development Week 2021**
- * **Held 3 webinars:**
 - **Changing Context for Public Engagement and Global Citizenship Education**
 - **Ethics in Public Engagement**
 - **Public Support for Canada's Foreign Aid Sector in the Time of Covid-19**
- * **ICN Youth Delegation of 18 diverse youth from across the country participated in various online conferences related to gender equality and the SDGs, with each delegate doing a follow up public engagement activity**
- * **ICN's bilingual website revamped, highlighting current ICN initiatives (Spur Change & FIT) and ICN programming**
- * **Began the implementation of the ICN's collaborative research project to explore how feminist, anti-racism, and decolonial approaches inform public engagement**



YEAR 2 FOR SPUR CHANGE HAS BEEN LIKE NO OTHER.

COVID-19 hit countries hard across the globe, including Canada, closing provincial and international borders, and placing millions in quarantine over several waves of high case rates. Spur Change, however, successfully pivoted their programming and began hosting capacity-building opportunities online. Survey responses show that 73% of participants agree that moving the training sessions online had a positive impact on their learning experience, with 88% reporting they are more likely to register for sessions.

HIGHLIGHTS

Other programming highlights for this year included the creation of a new virtual Resource Library with over 200 resources, the launch of a self-paced RBM course, and a successful year of training and public engagement for our first cohort of 17 Youth Champions. In Q4, 15 new Youth Champions were chosen and their training begins at the start of Y3.



REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Directors of Manitoba Council for International Co-operation Inc.

OPINION

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at March 31, 2021 and the summary statement of operations for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial statements of Manitoba Council for International Co-operation Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2021.

In my opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements of Manitoba Council for International Co-operation Inc. are a fair summary of the audited financial statements.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the basis of accounting described in Note 2 to the audited financial statements. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon. The summary financial statements and the audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of my report on the audited financial statements.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND MY REPORT THEREON

I expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in my report dated June 16, 2021.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the criteria developed by management which is as follows: that the information included in the summarized financial statements is in agreement with the related information in the complete financial statements, and the summarized financial statements contain the information necessary to avoid distorting or obscuring matters disclosed in the related complete financial statements, including the notes thereto, in all material respects.

A full set of the financial statements including significant accounting policies and other explanatory information is available from Manitoba Council for International Co-operation Inc.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

My responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements based on my procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.



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MANITOBA COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION INC.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended March 31, 2021

REVENUE	2021	2020
Manitoba Government		
Matching Grant Program	\$1,201,570	\$1,200,000
Global Affairs Canada – INSPIRE	\$482,271	\$404,181
Global Affairs Canada – FIT	\$2,460,668	\$1,798,046
Employment and Social Development Canada -SDGs	-	\$88,941
Manitoba Education	\$13,000	\$13,000
Membership and Levies	\$144,344	\$143,241
Other income	\$195,746	\$113,880
Total Revenue	\$4,497,599	\$3,761,289

EXPENDITURES

Manitoba Government		
Matching Grant Program	\$1,201,570	\$1,200,000
FIT – Flow-through fund to SMOs	\$1,527,283	\$1,000,500
Programming	\$344,707	\$456,397
Personnel	\$1,154,773	\$885,029
Operating Costs	\$127,583	\$178,999
Total Expenditures	\$4,355,916	\$3,720,925

EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$141,683	\$40,364
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

March 31, 2021

ASSETS	2021	2020
Current Assets	\$2,236,545	\$2,786,661
Total Assets	\$2,236,545	\$2,786,661

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities	\$1,921,386	\$2,613,185
Net Assets	\$315,159	\$173,476
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,236,545	\$2,786,661

THE PAUL LEJEUNE VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD



LYN STIENSTRA



The Paul LeJeune Volunteer Service Award was established in 2001 to recognize volunteers who have contributed greatly to MCIC. 2020 marked our twentieth year recognizing volunteers that have contributed greatly to MCIC.

Paul LeJeune was a powerful advocate for people with disabilities in Canada and globally. He maintained a strong vision of what it means to live independently. He was a valued member of MCIC's overseas projects committee from 1992 until his death in 1997. It was mainly due to Paul's insight that MCIC's development principles include a strong commitment to the inclusion of people with disabilities.

Lyn Stienstra, the 2020 Paul LeJeune Volunteer Service Award recipient, is a long serving volunteer who has contributed a great deal of time and energy to MCIC. Lyn has a quiet leadership style and is a team player, making her an extremely valuable committee member regardless of where she dedicated her time. Lyn was first elected to the board in 2013, serving for the next six years, and was a member of most MCIC committees. Lyn is a CPA, and although she sat on the Finance Committee for six years, was never the Treasurer. Instead, Lyn constantly encouraged and coached fellow committee members, often giving support and helping build their experience and confidence in handling MCIC's finances. Lyn was President for four years and Past President for one. She also served on the Personnel Committee for four years, the Policy Committee for three and one year on the Strategic Planning Committee, the Nominations Committee and the MCIC FIT Committee.

Lyn's leadership and wealth of experience has been invaluable to MCIC and has had a significant impact in our collective work toward a just world.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Jason Carkner
PRESIDENT
- Joanna Hiebert Bergen
VICE-PRESIDENT
- Krista Waring
TREASURER
- Don Sawatzky
SECRETARY
- Ron Janzen
EXECUTIVE MEMBER
AT LARGE
- Colin Dorrian
- Dan Maxson
- Elizabeth Aluk Andrea
- Geoff Ripat
- Gary Senft
- Stephanie Halligan

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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- Jason Carkner
PRESIDENT
- Joanna Hiebert Bergen
VICE-PRESIDENT
- Krista Waring
TREASURER
- Don Sawatzky
SECRETARY
- Ron Janzen
Member at Large

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Carrie Osabutey
(Staff) (on-leave)
- Colin Dorrian
MCIC Board
- Janice Hamilton
(Staff)
- Krista Waring
TREASURER
- Lyn Stienstra
(Staff)
- Ron Janzen
MCIC Board

MEMBERSHIP AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

- Elizabeth Aluk Andrea
MCIC Board
- Jane Mychasiw
(Staff)
- Janice Hamilton
(Staff)
- Susan Roe-Finlay
PWRDF
- Susan White
Inter Pares
- Zephania Matanga
CMDC

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

- Elizabeth Aluk Andrea
MCIC Board
- Janice Hamilton
(Staff)
- Jason Carkner
MCIC Board

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

- Colin Dorrian
MCIC Board

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- Colin Dorrian
MCIC Board
- Jason Carkner
MCIC Board
- Krista Waring
MCIC Board

POLICY COMMITTEE

- Colin Dorrian
MCIC Board
- Gary Senft
MCIC Board
- Janice Hamilton
(staff)
- Jason Carkner
MCIC Board
- Ron Janzen
MCIC Board

OVERSEAS PROJECTS COMMITTEE

- Abdal Qeshta
(Staff)
- Corrie-Lynn McDougall
MARQUIS PROJECT
- Dan Maxson
MCIC Board
- Don Sawatzky
MCIC Board

Geoff Ripat

- MCIC Board*
- Joanna Hiebert Bergen
MCIC Board
- Mascilline Hama
WUSC
- Stephanie Halligan
MCIC Board
- Teclar Gudu
(Practicum Student)
- Tyler Braun
CLWR

COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY FUND COMMITTEE

- Abdal Qeshta
(Staff)
- Colin Dorrian
MCIC Board
- Dinah Ceplis
MCIC Board
- Elizabeth Aluk Andrea
MCIC Board
- Gord Ptashnick
UNICEF CANADA
- Susan Roe-Finlay
PWRDF

R&R REVIEW COMMITTEE

- Abdal Qeshta
(Staff)
- Dan Maxson
MCIC Board
- Don Sawatzky
MCIC Board
- Mascilline Hama
WUSC

FIT COMMITTEE

- Carrie Osabutey
(Staff) (on-leave)
- Christina MacIsaac
(Staff)
- Elizabeth Aluk Andrea
MCIC Board
- Gary Senft
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- Janice Hamilton
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ADRA Canada

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace

Canadian Humanitarian Organization for International Relief

Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Canadian Multicultural Disability Centre

Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief

Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan

CARE Canada

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Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada

Crossroads International

Cuso International

Doctors Without Borders/ Médecins Sans Frontières Canada

EMAS Canada

Emmanuel International Canada

Equality Fund

Health Partners International of Canada

HOPE International Development Agency

iDE Canada

Inter Pares

Jane Goodall Institute of Canada

KIDS Initiative

Kuwala Christian Girls School

Make Music Matter

Marquis Project

Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba

Mennonite Economic Development Associates

Osu Children's Library Fund

People to People

Presbyterian World Service & Development

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

Save the Children Canada

SeedChange

Tearfund Canada

UNICEF Canada

United Church of Canada

War Child Canada

Winnipeg Rotary Club Community Service Fund Inc.

World Renew

World University Services of Canada

World Vision Canada

AFFILIATE MEMBER

International Institute for Sustainable Development

