

Manitoba Council for International Cooperation

Looking Back, Moving Forward

35 Years of MCIC

2008-09 ANNUAL REPORT



THE MANITOBA COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (MCIC) is a coalition of 40 organizations involved in international development. An independent non-profit organization, MCIC has responsibility for distributing Government of Manitoba funds designated for international development and emergency relief and rehabilitation. MCIC also works within Manitoba to build understanding and engagement on international issues.

OUR VISION: Manitobans – Working Together as Global Citizens.

OUR MISSION: MCIC is a coalition of organizations involved in international development, who are committed to:

- respect, empowerment and self-determination for all peoples;
- development that protects the world's environment; and
- global understanding, cooperation and social justice.

MCIC's mission as a coordinating structure is to promote public awareness of international issues, to foster member interaction, and to administer funds for international development.

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African Canadian Disability
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Canada World Youth – Jeunesse
Canada Monde
Canadian Catholic Organization for
Development and Peace
Canadian Crossroads International
Canadian Lutheran World Relief
Canadian Physicians for Aid and
Relief
Canadian Red Cross Society
CHF
Christian Reformed World Relief
Committee
Cooperative Development
Foundation
CODE
CUSO-VSO
Engineers Without Borders
Hope International Development
Agency
International Child Care
International Development
Enterprises
Marquis Project
MATCH International
Mennonite Central Committee
Manitoba
Mennonite Economic Development
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OSU Children's Library Fund
People to People
Plan Canada
Primate's World Relief and
Development Fund
Save the Children Canada
SIM Canada
Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation
Program
UNICEF Canada-Prairie Region
United Church of Canada
USC Canada
World Relief Canada
World University Services of Canada
World Vision Canada
YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg

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Development
International Institute for Sustainable
Development
Manitoba Interfaith Immigration
Council
United Nations Association,
Winnipeg Branch

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Brandon United Nations Youth
Seminar
Development Education North in
Manitoba
Eritrean Relief Association in Canada
Food For The Hungry
India Heritage Research Foundation
Inter-Cultural Development Education
Association (IDEA) Centre
International Centre for Students at
the University of Manitoba
International H.O.P.E.
Manitoba Inter-Church Committee
for World Development Education
(Ten Days)
Manitoba League of Persons with
Disabilities
Mennonite Brethren Missions &
Service International
Organization for Cooperation in
Overseas Development
Oxfam Canada
Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
SalvAide
Salvation Army
UNIFEM, Winnipeg Chapter
Winnipeg Women's ORT
Wycliffe Bible Translators
YWCA of Thompson



MCIC reached
over 10,000
students in 66
communities
with its school
programming
this year.

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Looking Back, Moving Forward:

A Message from MCIC's President and Executive Director



WHEN WE LOOK BACK over the past three decades, much has changed in our world and yet much remains the same. What remains constant is MCIC's commitment to connecting Manitobans to the global community. Keeping this commitment alive is the inspiration and support MCIC receives from its members and their partners overseas, the Government of Manitoba and the Canadian International Development Agency.

In 1975, MCIC's founding members worked with Premier Edward Schreyer to establish the Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program (MGMGP) - a fund that supports inter-

national development projects implemented by MCIC member agencies. The fund was established at \$250,000; by 2008, this amount had grown to \$750,000. In March 2009, it was announced in the provincial budget that the fund would be increased to \$1 million in the 2009 - 2010 fiscal year. This encouraging boost means that MCIC will be in an even better position to meet the needs of international community through our committed members. It is support like this that should make us all proud to be Manitobans. In the three and a half decades of MCIC's existence, all ruling political parties have recognized the responsibility Manitobans have in reaching beyond our borders to help those in need.

At this 35 year mark, MCIC stands strong. In addition to receiving more funding for our members' overseas projects, the council is also receiving more funding for its public engagement work. 2008-2009 was the first year of our first three-year funding agreement with CIDA that will take us to 2011. Thanks to this generous support, our public engagement programs touched a greater number of Manitobans with messages of global citizenship and social responsibility. In the schools, our programming reached a record number of 10,400 students in 108 schools throughout Manitoba, while MCIC's Fair Trade Manitoba program made great strides in promoting the values of fair trade to merchants, institutions and the public. The One-Month Challenge alone had nearly 5,000 participants. We are very pleased to report that an increasing amount of this programming is taking place outside of Winnipeg, in 66 communities.

This year we also welcomed three new members: CODE, Unicef Canada, and World Relief Canada, which brings our membership to 40 organizations.

MCIC is fortunate to have very dedicated staff and volunteers who serve on the Board and committees. They are the face of MCIC in the community and they do a great job.

It is our hope that all those who have been involved with MCIC over the years feel they have contributed to the council's success. Without the commitment of government, members, staff and volunteers, MCIC would not be what it is today. We have strived to build on our past experiences and successes, while adapting to circumstances as they change. This year, MCIC's board dedicated their time and energy to an evaluation of MCIC's theme fund, a task force on funding diversification, as well as to a staff/board retreat which allowed us time to articulate the values of MCIC - past, present and future. The five themes that emerged from the session that were life-giving to MCIC included: Teamwork, Growth and Change, Value and Respect, Passion and Enthusiasm and Common Purpose.

However, in the midst of our celebrations we must keep in mind that there is still much work to be done. We have seen great progress and growth in our world over the past 35 years, and yet in 2008, 10 million people in the world died from hunger. This must change. No person should have to live in poverty in our world. Positive change happens when we take responsibility and become active citizens in our world. Today, our individual actions directly affect the world more than they ever have before - making the role of the global citizen extremely important.

This report will take you through MCIC's activities over the past year, and offer a glimpse into our past - highlighting our most significant partnerships and achievements. It recognizes the work of our board, our dedicated staff and the commitment of all Manitobans who wish to make our world a better place for all.



2008-09 MCIC Board Members

- Susan Roe-Finlay**, Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (President)
- Ryan Sparkes**, Engineers Without Borders (Vice-President)
- Jo-Ellen Parry**, Osu Children's Library Fund (Secretary)
- Louise Thiessen**, Cooperative Development Foundation (Treasurer)
- Ashok Athavale**, Save the Children Canada (Executive Member)
- Mascilline Hama**, WUSC
- Zephania Matanga**, African Canadian Disability Community Association
- Ashleigh Mitchell**, CUSO-VSO
- Walt Nilsson**, YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg
- Tony Rogge**, Canadian Physicians for Aid & Relief
- Stuart Taylor**, International Development Enterprises

Manitoba Council for International Cooperation

History of Presidents and Executive Directors

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1974 - 1986 418 Wardlaw Avenue
1986 - 1994 60 Maryland Street
1994 - 1997 202-583 Ellice Avenue
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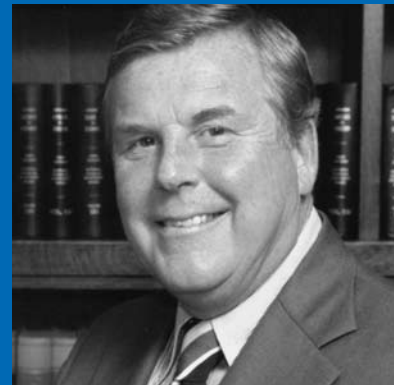


Premiers of Manitoba

IN 1974, MCIC member agencies worked with Manitoba Premier Edward Schreyer to establish the Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program (MGMGP). For the past 35 years, all of Manitoba's Premiers have continued to support the fund, thereby recognizing the province's connection to those beyond our borders.



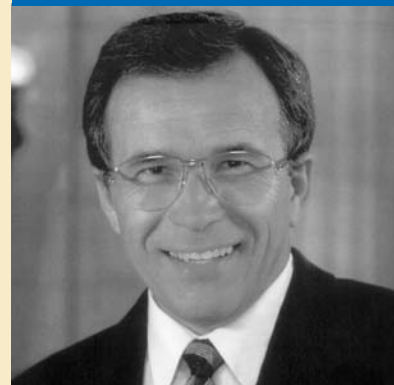
Ed Schreyer (1969 to 1977)



Sterling Lyon (1977 to 1981)



Howard Pawley (1981 to 1988)



Gary Filmon (1988 to 1999)



Gary Doer (1999 to present)

Global Citizens: Manitobans Working Together for a Better World

TO CELEBRATE the role of Manitobans in the global community, MCIC is creating an interactive exhibit that will tour the province in 2009 - 2010. The *Global Citizens: Manitobans Working Together for a Better World* exhibit, will feature the projects of MCIC member organizations, and explore global citizenship in Manitoba and the work of MCIC in the community. As part of the display, a television monitor will show interviews with Manitobans who are working for a better world. Those who visit the exhibit will be asked to write or draw their global commitments on a paper doll.

Please also watch for a virtual tour of the exhibit online at www.mcic.ca.



Connecting Manitobans to Global Issues

MCIC WORKS every day with Manitobans who want to build a better world. MCIC's Fair Trade Manitoba program, for instance, asks the public to think about how our local purchases could support better working conditions and fair pay for producers in the developing world. This year's One-Month Challenge, which asked Manitobans to sign-up and commit to buying only fair trade brands of coffee, tea and chocolate for 30 days, had nearly 5,000 participants.

In schools all over Manitoba, MCIC's Generating Momentum for Our World Youth Conferences and Move Your World Theatre Project programs inspire students to think and take action as global citizens in today's world. This year's school programming engaged over 10,000 students in Manitoba.



MCIC's public engagement programming reached 66 communities in Manitoba.

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Anola | 34 Matheson Island |
| 2 Ashern | 35 Melita |
| 3 Balmoral | 36 Miami |
| 4 Beausejour | 37 Minitonas |
| 5 Binscarth | 38 Morden |
| 6 Birtle | 39 Neepawa |
| 7 Boissevain | 40 Oakbank |
| 8 Brandon | 41 Oakville |
| 9 Carmen | 42 Plumas |
| 10 Cartwright | 43 Portage la Prairie |
| 11 Crystal City | 44 Powerview |
| 12 Dauphin | 45 Rivers |
| 13 Decker | 46 Riverton |
| 14 Douglas | 47 Roblin |
| 15 East St. Paul | 48 Rosburn |
| 16 East Selkirk | 49 Russell |
| 17 Elie | 50 Saint-Jean Baptiste |
| 18 Elkhorn | 51 Saint-Malo |
| 19 Elm Creek | 52 Selkirk |
| 20 Erickson | 53 Souris |
| 21 Eriksdale | 54 Steinbach |
| 22 Gimli | 55 Strathclair |
| 23 Gladstone | 56 Swan River |
| 24 Grunthal | 57 Teulon |
| 25 Gypsumville | 58 The Pas |
| 26 Ile-des-Chenes | 59 Tyndall |
| 27 Inglis | 60 Virden |
| 28 Killarney | 61 Warren |
| 29 Kleefeld | 62 Waywayseecappo |
| 30 Lac du Bonnet | 63 Whitemouth |
| 31 Landmark | 64 Winkler |
| 32 Lockport | 65 Winnipeg |
| 33 Lowe Farm | 66 Woodlands |

Engaging Manitobans on Fair Trade

This year, MCIC received funding through CIDA's Public Engagement Fund to undertake an extensive fair trade project. 'Engaging Manitobans on Fair Trade' targeted four different sectors: consumers, merchants, students and institutions. This section will highlight Fair Trade Manitoba's progress over the past year.

The One-Month Challenge

IN FEBRUARY 2009, 5,000 Manitobans signed-up to take Fair Trade Manitoba's third annual One-Month Challenge. The challenge asked that participants switch to fair trade brands of coffee, tea and chocolate for 30 days beginning on Valentine's Day. It provided an opportunity for people to learn more about fair trade, change their shopping habits and sample high quality fair trade products. According to the One-Month Challenge survey, 83% of those who participated felt the challenge has helped them become better fair trade shoppers.

Thanks to enhanced publicity and engagement, participation in the challenge increased by 500% from the pre-

vious year. A March 2009 Probe Research Poll revealed that 1 in 5 Manitobans are familiar with the Fair Trade One-Month Challenge.

Fair Trade Towns

GIMLI, MANITOBA is on its way to becoming the province's first Fair Trade Town. Official recognition is expected to be granted from Transfair Canada in spring or summer 2009. Gimli residents, led by a committee of students, teachers, merchants and community leaders, have been working to meet the requirements. These include the passing of a Fair Trade Town resolution, having stores and restaurants sell fair trade products, as well as the formation of a steering group for continued commitment, among other things.

In addition, Evergreen School Division (Gimli, Riverton, Arborg and Winnipeg Beach schools) and Community Futures East Interlake (serving Gimli, Teulon, Stonewall, Riverton, and other regional centres) also passed resolutions to "go fair trade". This means that fair trade products will be given priority in organizational purchasing decisions.



Joanne Hildebrand, manager of the Ten Thousand Villages in Brandon says, "We found that fair trade beverage sales (coffee and tea) at our store were up by more than one-third from the month before, so the Challenge promotion was a great success."



IN THE FALL OF 2008 and spring of 2009, MCIC's Fair Trade Manitoba program commissioned Probe Research to include questions on its omnibus polls on what Manitobans think about fair trade. Here are some of the results.

- 73% of Manitobans consider fair trade designation as an important factor in their purchasing decisions.
- Manitobans with lower incomes consider the importance of fair trade in their purchases more often than those in the higher income bracket. Women were also more likely to see this importance than men (79% vs 67%).
- 45% of young Manitobans (aged 18 – 34) purchase fair trade products on a weekly or monthly basis - more than any other age bracket.
- 1 out of 5 Manitobans are familiar with the One-Month Challenge.



“Manitoba is really on the radar now when it comes to fair trade in Canada. People in the business of fair trade are starting to pay attention.” – Michael Zelmer, Community Relations Manager for TransFair Canada.

Fair Trade Special Guests

THIS YEAR, MCIC hosted two speakers from TransFair Canada: Reykia Fick and Michael Zelmer. Fick, the Outreach Coordinator for TransFair, visited Gimli, Winnipeg and Brandon in the fall to speak about the Fair Trade Towns campaign and other TransFair initiatives. Zelmer, the Community Relations Manager for TransFair Canada, also visited Gimli, Winnipeg and Brandon in the winter to speak about fair trade certification from TransFair's perspective.

Eric St-Pierre, a photojournalist from Quebec, visited the province as MCIC's guest to showcase his photo exhibits on fair trade coffee and rice. He spoke to audiences in Gimli, Winnipeg and Brandon about his experiences traveling the world, while documenting the lives and work of fair trade producers.

Getting the Word Out

ONE OF FAIR TRADE MANITOBA'S priorities is to connect with the community by making special presentations to interested groups. This year, staff members have made numerous presentations to classrooms, schools, businesses, churches and the provincial SAG conference for Social Studies teachers. Many of these groups are switching to fair trade products and see Fair Trade Manitoba as their key resource for up-to-date information, creative ideas and support.

MCIC's Fair Trade Manitoba program was a national sponsor for the Reverse Trick or Treating Campaign during Halloween 2008. This was a pilot of what will be a national program in 2009, where children going door-to-door hand out fair trade chocolate to households along with an information card about child slavery in the cocoa fields of West Africa.

In November 2008, Fair Trade Manitoba helped organize an ethical purchasing fair, “Shop Outside the Box”, at the Millennium Library in Winnipeg, which included displays by numerous community economic development, fair trade and environmental groups and businesses, as well as a fair trade chocolate taste-test by local celebrities.

Fair Trade Wine & Other Procurement Initiatives

IN CONSULTATION WITH Hon. Andrew Swan, Minister of Competitiveness, Training & Trade, Fair Trade Manitoba has encouraged the provincial government to increase its selection of fair trade wines in Liquor Marts across Manitoba. As of spring 2009, there are six new fair trade wines selling from Argentina and South Africa, with plans to bring in additional fair trade wines from Chile in the fall of 2009.

Fair Trade Manitoba staff and supporters have also met with provincial government procurement officials, government departments and crown corporations. Our on-going input has been requested as these and other government bodies move toward accessing a growing number of green, ethical and fair trade products.

MCIC in the Community

International Development Week

THE THEME FOR International Development Week 2009 was Development for Results. To bring a local perspective, MCIC focused on how Manitobans, as part of our member agencies, are working to reach the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through international projects. In total, 8 Manitobans were interviewed on video – one for each of the MDGs. These videos were then posted on YouTube where Manitobans were invited to view them, answer questions about the interviews and enter a contest to win a fair trade prize package. Manitoba Premier Gary Doer spoke about Goal #8 – A Global Partnership for Development. The videos were viewed by over 2,000 Manitobans during the week and continue to be viewed on MCIC's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/mcicvideo.

International Development Week also featured the interactive game show 'Are You More Concerned About a Better World Than a 7th Grader?', which was played in the Rotunda at the Manitoba Legislature on February 2. Four classes of Grade 7 students were invited to participate, as well as the Hon. Peter Bjornson, Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth, Hugh McFadyen, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba, Hon. Jon Gerrard, Leader of the Liberal Party of Manitoba, and Jennifer Howard, MLA Fort Rouge as celebrity contestants. Local radio personality Ace Burpee hosted the event, which served to raise awareness about global issues and demonstrate how Manitobans can get involved. Several schools across Manitoba also played the game as part of their own International Development Week activities.

MCIC has made this game available to teachers in Manitoba for use in the classroom.

On February 5, MCIC, along with the International Centre for Students and World W.I.S.E at the University of Manitoba hosted the 'Friendly Manitoba Who's Who in International Cooperation'. This event provided an opportunity for university faculty and students to meet and network with development practitioners.

MCIC in the News

INCREASED MEDIA coverage has allowed MCIC to reach an even larger audience with our public engagement initiatives. This year, MCIC activities were covered in over 80 stories by urban and rural media. Fair Trade initiatives have received extensive media coverage in Manitoba's Interlake region where MCIC is working closely with local organizations and government.

MCIC also purchased several paid advertisements through the Winnipeg Free Press, rural community papers and Manitoba radio stations for International Development Week and the fair trade One-Month Challenge. Through polling and tracking, we discovered that this form of advertising was the most effective.

Global Justice Film Festival

MCIC ASSISTED in organizing the Global Justice Film Festival. The sixth annual festival was held November 7 and 8, 2008 at the University of Winnipeg. Over 20 films were shown, dealing with a wide range of international topics from climate change to human rights.





MCIC in the Schools

Generating Momentum for Our World: Water for All

ONE OF MCIC'S priorities is to connect with youth, bringing them into the discussion of major international development issues. This year, MCIC engaged Middle Years students with six Generating Momentum for Our World conferences around Manitoba. The theme, Water for All, got students thinking about water as a global human right and asked them to reconsider their own water consumption habits. The youth were then encouraged to organize an activity in their school or community based on what they learned at the conference.

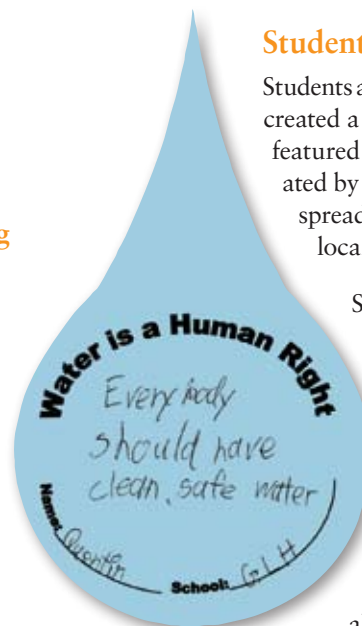
Number of Participating Schools: 43

Conference Locations: Beausejour, Gimli, Morden, Winnipeg, Brandon, Roblin

Students Take Initiative

Students at Ecole Morden Middle School created a video about water use, which featured characters and costumes created by the students. It will be used to spread awareness about global and local water issues.

Students from Douglas Elementary School decided to make their school more sustainable. With the help of a Green Initiatives grant from the Government of Manitoba, the school was able to install urinal sensors in the boys' washrooms. The school also purchased reusable stainless steel water bottles for every student!



Move Your World Theatre Project


IN 2008 AND 2009, MCIC collaborated with the Ontario Council for International Cooperation to tour two plays for Middle Years students. *The Prince of Paupers* by Winnipeg playwright Geoff Hughes toured the province in April and May of 2008, reaching a total of 5,670 students. This production delves into the issue of child labour and the power of youth to make positive change. *You, In the Shadow*, which explores our role in finding solutions to global problems, toured the province in October and November of 2009 and reached 4,477 students. As part of this production, the actors facilitated a total of 156 workshops with students to explore solutions for the global issues introduced in the plays. Both productions included the participation of professional actors and directors through the Canadian Actors Equity Association. This 'Just Theatre' project was made possible by support from CIDA's Public Engagement Fund.



"I believe that the play impacted the students, it made them think about their role as global citizens. They made connections between their lives and the lives of others." – Melissa Lewis, Roblin Elementary, Manitoba



Kaleidoscope Real World Video Challenge

THIS CHALLENGE was launched in 2007 to give young Canadians the opportunity to showcase their views on global issues that relate to international development. Youth ages 8 – 18 were invited to participate by making a short video with entries judged in two categories. 13 videos were submitted by Manitoba youth and 90 videos were submitted nationally. Regional winners included the video "It's in the Bag" by Cecil Rhodes School in the age 8 – 12 category and the video "Global Water Shortages" by Margaret Babour Collegiate in The Pas in the age 13 – 18 category. "It's in the Bag" won second place in the national contest. Hannah Chan and her mother Magdalena Chan-Urbano attended the National Gala in Ottawa on September 26th, 2008. 


MCIC and its Members

MCIC IS ALWAYS WORKING to strengthen ties with its members. It is MCIC's priority not only to provide funding opportunities to member agencies, but also to provide those agencies with resources that enhance communication and capacity.

Each month MCIC produces the Global Citizenship – Local News Edition electronic newsletter which promotes MCIC activities and provides a forum for sharing opportunities from MCIC member agencies and other local organizations. This newsletter is distributed to nearly 500 Manitobans. In 2008, MCIC also began producing Global Students – Global Citizens, an electronic newsletter for teachers, where members are able to share educational opportunities. Over 300 educators receive this newsletter.

MCIC continues to convene the Public Engagement Group, made up of representatives from development, peace and social justice groups who wish to share ideas on how to engage the public on international and social justice issues.

In March 2009, MCIC hosted two CIDA training sessions: Results Based Management and Advancing Equality Between Women and Men. These trainings were open to Manitoba organizations doing international development work.

MCIC's Lunch and Learn session have been popular again this year with members and the development community. In total, MCIC hosted eight sessions, including several on fair trade. 



MCIC on YouTube

THIS YEAR, MCIC created several videos as part of our public engagement programming. The videos have been posted on YouTube – making them more accessible to audiences in Manitoba and around the world.

During International Development Week, MCIC created 8 videos on how Manitobans are working to help achieve the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals. Manitobans were invited to view the videos during International Development Week, take an online quiz and enter to win prizes.

Fair Trade Manitoba also worked with videographer Andrew Wall from Bottle-rocket Productions to make a short film on fair trade in Manitoba. The video included interviews with Manitobans involved in the sale and promotion of fair trade in the province.

MCIC has created a video about the Generating Momentum for Our World: Water for All Youth Conferences, which took place this year. It features clips from the conferences, as well as interviews with students and teachers who were involved.


Log onto www.youtube.com/mcicvideo to view these videos and learn about international development from a Manitoba perspective. 



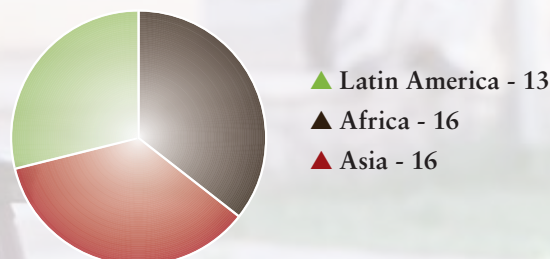
Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program (MGMGP)

THE MGMGP was established in 1975 by the Government of Manitoba under the leadership of Premier Edward Schreyer. Today, Manitoba is still one of the few provinces that contribute annual funds to international development. MCIC distributes these funds to Manitoba organizations for projects they conduct in developing countries. Projects are selected through a peer review process carried out by the Overseas Projects Committee – made up of representatives from MCIC member organizations.

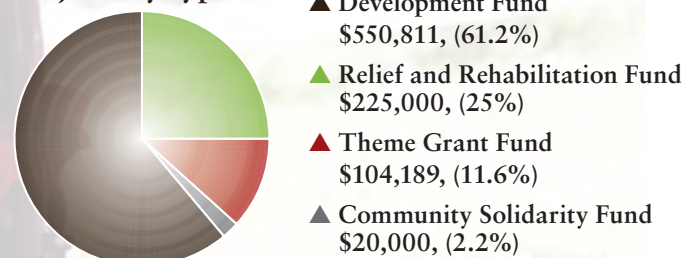
This fiscal year, \$900,000 in MGMGP funds went to a total of 45 projects in 24 different countries. These projects covered several different sectors including child health, agriculture, literacy and gender. The Government of Manitoba provided an additional \$150,000 for special Relief and Rehabilitation in response to flooding in Burma/Myanmar and the Bihar area of India.

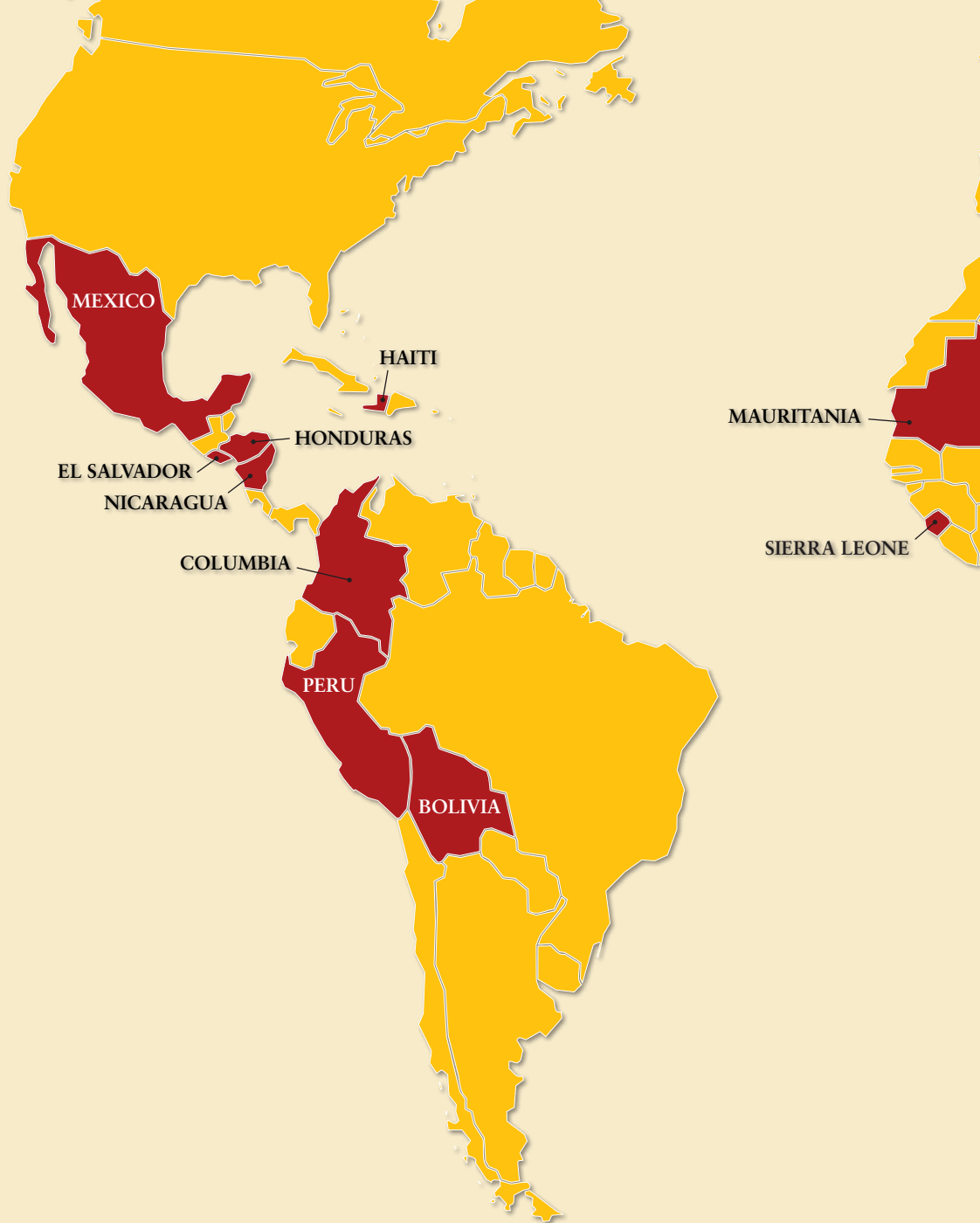
MGMGP grants are distributed in four funding areas: the Development Fund, the Community Solidarity Fund, the Theme Fund and the Relief and Rehabilitation Fund. MCIC requires that development projects be delivered in cooperation with a local non-governmental organization in the country where the project is being implemented. Relief and Rehabilitation projects may be delivered directly by MCIC member agencies. 

Projects by region:



Projects by type:





Development Fund

MCIC DEFINES DEVELOPMENT as a long-term process promoting community involvement in designing strategies to correct and improve chronic and structural problems in all areas of individual and community life. The majority of the MGMGP funds are used for this purpose. MCIC supports development projects that include:

- Partnership and local control
- Popular participation and self-reliance
- Respect for all persons, with special attention to gender issues, and persons with disabilities
- Sustainable development and the environment
- Addressing the causes of poverty rather than the symptoms
- Appropriate technology
- Accountability



Africa

African Canadian Disability Community Association

Zimbabwe | Solar Powered Assistive Devices

In this project, solar powered assistive devices are used to create employment and educational opportunities for persons with disabilities in Zimbabwe. Barriers resulting from disabling conditions require the application of technology. In turn, most of the devices need energy. Therefore, solar panels are sustainable and mobile sources of energy.

\$6,052

Canadian Physicians for Aid & Relief

Tanzania | Moving Beyond Hunger

Moving Beyond Hunger Tanzania (MBH-Tz) addresses the determinants of food security in rural communities in Karatu, Tanzania. It focuses on diversifying food production and consumption; income development; promoting equal gender influence; and integrating people living with HIV.

\$9,008

CHF

Sudan | Sustaining Peace and Enhancing Livelihoods in Southern Sudan

The Sustaining Peace and Enhancing Livelihoods in Southern Sudan (SPELS) Project is designed to develop the capacity of the communities in Sudan to mitigate conflicts while improving and sustaining livelihoods. It will provide stronger economic sustainability for refugees by increasing food production and using agricultural techniques to build assets.

\$7,996

Engineers Without Borders

Ghana | Agriculture as a Business

The focus of Agriculture as a Business is to increase farmers' incomes on a sustainable basis by strengthening farmers' capacity and creating an environment that enables farmers to take a business approach to farming.
\$6,466

Mennonite Central Committee

Uganda | Support to Peacebuilding Work

The overarching goal of this project is to strengthen community structures to advocate for peace, to constructively respond to conflicts, and to participate in reconciliation efforts. The community structures are parent support groups and youth groups of highly motivated and directly affected individuals that are committed to working towards peace in their community. Mediators will contribute to the reunification of families as formerly-abducted children return and mediate in the many conflicts between families that are a result of the war.

\$45,000

Osu Children's Library Fund

Ghana | Building a Computer Lab

Funds for this project have gone toward the building of a computer lab for the existing Nungua Library in Accra, Ghana. The lab will serve library users and literacy students, giving them useful computer and keyboard skills.

\$8,038

SIM Canada

Ethiopia | Medan Addis Ababa HIV/AIDS Project

This project seeks to close gaps in the continuum of care by bridging the efforts of other organizations to enable holistic and comprehensive HIV/AIDS care. The project operates free HIV voluntary testing and counseling, home-based-care through volunteer networks, income generation for infected clients and education for community members on HIV prevention.

\$15,210

United Church of Canada

Zimbabwe | Kariba Rural Drought Relief Programme

This project is an intervention to assist drought stricken people in Kariba using proven conservation farming techniques. The protracted relief program is meant to alleviate the critical food and nutrition challenges of 200 families and enable them to survive the next year without loss of life or livelihood.

\$10,000

World Vision

Democratic Republic of Congo, Mauritania, Rwanda, Tanzania | Governance-Ecosystems-Livelihoods Program

The GEL program has been initiated to build the capacity of the partners and communities World Vision works with in Africa in order to better design appropriate and effective community-based development initiatives. Through these community projects, the GEL program will support initiatives that positively impact household income, enhance community decision-making processes and address relevant environmental challenges.

\$110,000



Asia

Canadian Lutheran World Relief

India | Strengthening Democratic Processes

In 107 beneficiary communities, this project oversees the training of Strategic Action Groups (SAGs) (Women: 48%; Men: 52%) leaders and members in gender equity, leadership, legal issues and business management and vocational training for development of credit and income generation opportunities.

\$22,809

HOPE International Development Agency

Philippines | Water Supply for Integrated Community Development
HOPE International Development Agency is supporting its local Filipino partner to collaborate with community and regional organizations in the construction of 48 water systems. This project takes place within the broader context of integrated community development. It will provide access to clean water for approximately 17,000 people.

\$11,805

International Development Enterprises Canada

Vietnam | Developing Markets for Sustainable Livestock Assets

This one-year project will enable 400 families to earn an average incremental income of \$100 from pig production. The project will create demand and provide information on pig raising techniques and develop the local private sector supply chain network providing productive inputs to meet demand and link pig raisers to markets.

\$24,569

MATCH International

Nepal | Community-Based Development Program

This project will enable women to earn a living and gain access to resources to take care of their health and that of their families. MCIC's contribution goes toward funding the farming activities of this project.

\$5,985

Mennonite Central Committee

Bangladesh | Agricultural Food Security Program

Through this program, organizational development will be promoted among 15 selected partners, by providing training assistance. By developing their capacity, partners will be enabled to promote improved and environment friendly agricultural technologies among rural poor beneficiaries. MCC Bangladesh will increase the income of and access to basic needs of families by providing support in the areas of agriculture technology.

\$65,000

USC Canada

India | Food & Livelihood Security
USC and the GREEN Foundation promote on-farm conservation of diverse varieties of food crops to build up the community seed supply systems in Southern India. Farmers are involved at all stages of the process, from planning activities and collecting planting materials, to managing conservation through community seed banks.
\$7,607



Latin America

Canadian Crossroads International

Bolivia | Feasibility Study of Fair Trade Agricultural Products
CCP's Bolivian partner organization, FONCRESOL, provides training and microcredit to rural producers. This project explores the opportunities and implications for small agricultural producers to increase their markets by adopting Fair Trade practices.
\$1,608

Cooperative Development Foundation of Canada

Peru | Sustainable Canola Production in the Peruvian Highlands
This project supports production of canola in Peru, as well as the processing of canola into edible oil, bio-fuel and waste by-product feedstuffs for the benefit of one of the poorest and most vulnerable populations in the country. This project benefits 100 farm families for a total of 700 beneficiaries.
\$11,275

International Child Care

Haiti | Maternal Health Project
This project is intended to be part of a broader CIDA-sponsored multi-year project being conducted by International Child Care targeting women of reproductive age in a remote, rural region of Northern Haiti. The goal of the project is to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality by providing an integrated package of prenatal services to at least 70 percent of pregnant women by the end of the project.
\$7,252

Mennonite Economic Development Associates

Peru | Ecotourism and Conservation in the Tumbes Mangrove National Sanctuary
This project will enable long-term conservation in the Tumbes National Mangrove Sanctuary. Eco-tourism will bring an alternative economic opportunity that will balance the needs of an impoverished community and a threatened ecosystem.
\$30,000

Nicaraguan Children's Fund

Nicaragua | Women's Network Against Violence
The women's movement against violence links grassroots women's groups throughout Nicaragua. It includes workshops that empower women to stand up to violence against women. Support is also provided to local projects that bring women together.
\$6,928

PLAN Canada

Honduras | Reducing Violence Against Children in Honduras
This project contributes to the reduction of domestic violence against children (girls and boys) in areas of Honduras using gender-sensitive approaches.
\$40,000

PLAN Canada

El Salvador | Reducing Domestic Violence Against Children
This project contributes to the reduction of domestic violence against children (girls and boys) in areas of El Salvador using gender-sensitive approaches.
\$70,000

Save the Children Canada

Colombia | Providing Education and Protection to Children
Providing education and protection to children affected by urban violence in Colombia is part of a three-year CIDA project which addresses the situation of out-of-school children in conflict affected countries. Its goal is to realize the right to quality formal and non-formal education for girls and boys in conflict affected areas in Colombia.
\$10,939

United Church of Canada

El Salvador | Strengthening the Local Economy and the Community Cooperative of the Santa Marta Region
This project aims to strengthen an integrated community development project and community cooperative in the Santa Marta region by: augmenting its apiary, kitchen garden, and poultry raising activities with 10 families to improve nutrition and income; strengthening the existing cooperative, integrating 100 members; and, assisting the cooperative in defending communal lands threatened by the possible eviction of 62 families.
\$10,085

YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg

Mexico | Helping Marginalized & Vulnerable Populations
This project seeks to reduce the number of migrant youth who, after being detained or deported from the United States, are thrown back into the dangerous streets of Tijuana and exposed to drugs and prostitution.
\$7,179

Community Solidarity Fund

The goal of the Community Solidarity Fund is to make MGMGP funding available to Manitoba not-for-profit, community-based and charitable groups involved in development projects overseas. The fund is available to non-members and affiliate members of MCIC.

Aegis Foundation for Development

Sierra Leone | Youth and Community Bridge Project

The 2008 Youth and Community Bridge Project offers, through MCIC support, critical relief earmarked as food costs to a locally run orphanage in Sierra Leone. This relief will come at a time when the S.O.S Canada House and its local partners are struggling in the face of rapidly rising food costs.

\$5,000

Canadian Association for Bangladeshi Development, Inc.

Bangladesh | Pirkhain Project

The Pirkhain Project is a development project located in rural Bangladesh which has poor socio-economic conditions, high maternal and child mortality, and poor access to education and training. The introduction of computer education at the high school level is a continuation of development that started with a health care centre, a high school and a library.

\$5,000

Fort Garry United Church, Winnipeg

Bolivia | Design & Computer Laboratory at "el mARTadero"

The Association for the Development of the Arts in Cochabamba is rehabilitating a building that will be used by the local community, a poor neighbourhood, for arts and cultural activities and events. These funds provide affordable and accessible space for artists as well as recreational and educational programs for youth and others regardless of class or ethnicity.

\$5,000

Sinkunia Development Community Organization, Inc. with International African Child Relief and Peace Foundation of Canada

Sierra Leone | Sinkunia Water Wells Project

The Sinkunia Water Wells Project seeks to provide a pure and drinkable water supply that will be accessible to all residents in the Sinkunia community as well as the entire region.

\$5,000

Theme Fund

The theme fund is intended to encourage MCIC member agencies to take a broader view of development projects by responding to current issues of international concern reflected in a bi-annual theme. The 2008 – 2010 theme is Adaptation to the Effects of Climate Change.

Canada World Youth/ Jeunesse Canada Monde

Kenya | Community Awareness and Responsiveness

The project is aimed at creating awareness on climate change, its impact and how the community can adapt to it using simple community driven adaptation measures. It also seeks to research adaptive measures being practiced elsewhere and replicate them in the local community.

\$10,622

Canadian Physicians for Aid & Relief

Tanzania | Primary School Rainwater Harvesting

The Primary School Rainwater Harvesting program works with school communities to secure continual access to safe water in a context of East African climate change effects. The installation of rainwater harvesting tanks harnesses the predicted increases in precipitation to mitigate the negative impacts of climate change in that region.

\$18,482

Engineers Without Borders

Malawi | Cassava Flour Value Chains

EWB is working with IITA to develop a sustainable cassava flour value chain which will create opportunities for smallholder farmers in rural Malawi to grow and sell cassava in order to improve their livelihoods.

\$10,085

International Development Enterprises Canada

Nepal | Water Use Master Plans

In collaboration with the Government of Nepal, the Finnish Development Agency, Helvetas and Winrock, IDE brought its expertise in water-efficient technologies to the development of integrated Water Use Master Plans that mitigate the impact of climate change on water access and address deforestation as one of the key local contributors to climate change.

\$20,000

Marquis Project

Tanzania | Adaptive Measures to Integrated Resource Management

TSAAE implements strategies in tree resource management with women and youth groups in practices which alleviate the impacts of climate change in rural Tanzanian agriculture. This is done by integrating woodlot development (agro-forestry), domestic fuel efficiency (cookstoves), and micro-enterprise development (tree seedling production and cookstove construction) in selected communities of Kwimba and Tabora Regions, Tanzania.

\$20,000

Mennonite Economic Development Associates

Peru | Dry Forest Recuperation in the Tumbes National Mangrove Sanctuary

This objective of this project is to conduct reforestation in the Buffer Zone of the Tumbes National Mangrove Sanctuary and to ensure maintenance of existing vegetation cover by negotiating an agreement with land owners.

\$25,000

Relief and Rehabilitation Fund

The primary purpose of the Relief and Rehabilitation Fund is to bridge the gap between the effects of a disaster and the continuation of long-term development. Projects funded under this category are often part of larger international relief efforts. In these cases, MCIC seeks to direct funding to specific components that are part of a wider effort. This helps ensure direct impact and visibility of the support provided by Manitobans.

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

India | Bihar Kosi Flood Relief Project

This project will reduce the suffering of the people affected by the floods in the Madhepura and Saharsa district of Bihar by providing families with non-food materials such as sleeping mats, hygiene kits, blankets and clothing.

\$10,000

HOPE International Development Agency

Sudan | Emergency Relief for Congolese Refugees in Sudan

HOPE, together with partner organization Sudanese Development and Relief Agency, is providing non-food relief items for 280 refugee families fleeing from the Congo to the Madebe, Igig, and Naganga areas, located in Ibba County, Sudan.

\$20,000

HOPE International Development Agency

Honduras | Flooding Relief

HOPE International Development Agency is supporting its local partner in Honduras to provide immediate relief to farmers devastated by the hurricane and subsequent flooding. HOPE is helping 2,500 families who have lost their crops to replant 2,000 acres of corn and beans.

\$20,000

PLAN Canada

China | Emergency Assistance to Children & other Vulnerable Groups Affected by the Sichuan Earthquake

PLAN is reducing the immediate impact of the earthquake by providing assistance in the form of primary health care, water & sanitation, and child protection. PLAN will work in close cooperation with local authorities in Sichuan in identifying beneficiaries and monitoring project activities.

\$25,000

MCIC also received \$50,000 from the Government of Manitoba, designated specifically to respond to flooding in the Bihar region of India.

Canadian Lutheran World Relief

India | Bihar Floods Appeal

The focus of the project was on responding to the immediate needs of people affected by flooding in the Bihar State of India. The main goal was the provision of emergency supplies to families in relief camps. MCIC funding was requested for the provision of water purification supplies, temporary shelter materials, blankets and family kits.

\$25,000

Save the Children Canada

India | Protecting Children Affected by Flooding

This project will protect children affected by flooding in the state of Bihar through the provision of child friendly spaces in the camps for internally displaced people, and the launch of public campaigns to prevent secondary separation as people begin returning home from the temporary displacement camps.

\$10,000

United Church of Canada

India | Bihar Flood Relief

In August 2008, Bihar experienced a massive flood disaster that has left almost 4.5 million people homeless and many missing. Their partner intends to carry out relief operations in 2 districts by providing food packets, medicines, health services and study materials for children affected in the disaster.

\$15,000

MCIC also received \$100,000 from the Government of Manitoba, designated specifically to respond to flooding in Burma/Myanmar caused by Cyclone Nargis.

HOPE International Development Agency

Burma/Myanmar | Emergency Flood Relief & Rehabilitation

HOPE Myanmar is responding to severe flooding and other effects of Cyclone Nargis which recently hit Burma. It assists affected people with immediate relief and later with rehabilitation to meet the basic needs of families. MCIC funds were used to purchase supplies, outfit mobile health teams and take on future rehabilitation tasks as identified.

\$40,000

International Development Enterprises (IDE) Canada

Burma/Myanmar | Burmese Cyclone Relief

This project responded to Cyclone Nargis by addressing access to clean drinking water, shelter and basic necessities, such as food. In rehabilitation, IDE will contribute to the agricultural recovery effort, including rice planting and establishing vegetable gardens.

\$40,000

PLAN Canada

Burma/Myanmar | Emergency Assistance to Children & other Vulnerable Groups in Myanmar

In this project, PLAN worked with its local partners to provide immediate humanitarian relief. The focus was on 50,000 children and members of other vulnerable groups affected by Cyclone Nargis.

\$20,000

Manitoba Council for International Cooperation

Audited Financial Statements

Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31, 2009

Revenues

CIDA – Communications	\$20,000
CIDA – Agency Services and Canadian Relations	459,159
CIDA – Voluntary Sector Fund	18,921
Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program	900,000
Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth	5,000
Membership and Levies	110,243
Manitoba Heritage	5,000
Winnipeg Foundation	4,676
Other income	145,998
Total Revenues	\$1,668,997

Expenses

Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program	\$900,000
Programming	381,184
Personnel	324,366
Operating Costs	64,129
Total Expenses	\$1,669,679

Net income **(\$682)**

Statement of Financial Position

As of March 31, 2009

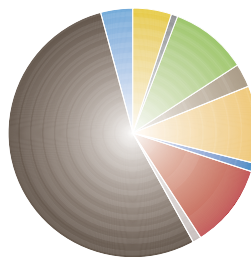
Assets

Current Assets	\$180,081
Capital Assets	3,296
Total Assets	\$183,377

Liabilities and Net Assets

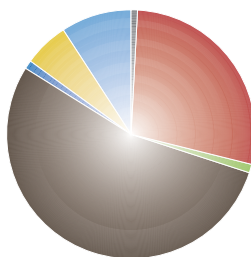
Current Liabilities	\$118,817
Net Assets	64,560
Total Liabilities and Assets	\$183,377

Expenses



▲ MCIC Governance	5%
▲ International Development Week	1%
▲ Public Engagement Core Programming	10%
▲ Middle Years Conferences	3%
▲ Just Theatre	10%
▲ Kaleidoscope	1%
▲ Fair Trade Programming	11%
▲ Voluntary Sector Fund Training	1%
▲ Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program ..	54%
▲ Operating Costs	4%

Revenues




▲ CIDA-Communications	1%
▲ CIDA-Canadian Partnership Branch	28%
▲ CIDA-Voluntary Sector Fund	1%
▲ Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program ..	54%
▲ Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth	1%
▲ Membership and Levies	6%
▲ Other income	9%

Auditor's Report

I HAVE AUDITED the statement of financial position of Manitoba Council for International Cooperation, Inc., as at March 31, 2009, and the statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at March 31, 2009, and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. 

Gail Friesen, CGA
Professional Corporation
Winnipeg, Manitoba
April 27, 2009

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MCIC Remembers

THE MCIC COMMUNITY lost a dedicated colleague and friend with the passing of Babs Friesen on December 11, 2008. Babs was an active volunteer with MCIC for over 25 years, which earned her MCIC's Paul LeJeune Volunteer Service Award in 2003. She served on the Board and several committees and worked closely with numerous MCIC member agencies on local and international development.

Babs likely made the greatest impact in her work with women's organizations. Recognizing a need in the community, Babs established the Y-Neighbours program, which brought stay-at-home mothers together for mutual support at YMCAs across the country. During her lifetime, Babs was named to the Order of Canada and served on the boards of both the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba and the Council of Women of Winnipeg. Overall, she served her local and global community with over 50 years of volunteerism.

Babs was an inspiration. Her impact on the lives she has touched will resonate for generations.



Eira Alice (Babs) Friesen
1917 – 2008

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Paul LeJeune Volunteer Service Award




BILL GILLIS was the recipient of the Paul LeJeune Volunteer Service Award for 2008.

Originally from Cape Breton, Bill moved to Manitoba 30 years ago. As an ordained minister with the United Church of Canada, he has served congregations in both Nova Scotia and Manitoba and has worked as a staff member at the United Church Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario for many years. During his career, he has maintained a strong commitment to social justice and international development.

Bill began his involvement with MCIC as a First Rep, then served on the board from 2001 – 2005. He served as Vice-President and chair of the Personnel Committee, which benefited from his continued commitment even after his board term ended. Over the years, Bill has dedicated countless volunteer hours to MCIC's work.

This award was established in Paul LeJeune's name to recognize a volunteer that has contributed greatly to MCIC. The award was initiated in 2001 and has been given out each year at MCIC's Annual General Meeting.

Paul LeJeune was a powerful advocate for people with disabilities in Canada and internationally. 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 guiding principles include a strong commitment to the inclusion of people with disabilities. 

MCIC Staff

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