



GLOBAL IMPACT: STORIES FROM MANITOBA



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Manitoba Council for International Cooperation

A Message from MCIC President and Executive Director

THE MANITOBA COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

is a coalition of 40 organizations involved in international development. An independent non-profit organization, MCIC is responsible 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:

The Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (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.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS



MCIC Members

All Charities Campaign

As Canada celebrates **150 years** since confederation, the **Manitoba Council for International Cooperation** (MCIC) has much to celebrate as well. In January, our board and staff had an excellent meeting with Premier Pallister and his cabinet. It was our first opportunity to share MCIC's work with the new government and it was a powerful opportunity to showcase the global impact of our members.

We were delighted when Premier Pallister subsequently proclaimed **International Development Week** in February and announced continued funding of **\$1.2 million** for the **Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program** (MGMGP) for 2017-18. **In 2016-17** we provided funding for **44 projects** in **34 countries** through the MGMGP, totaling **\$1,213,609**.

Nationally, there is a lot happening. At our 2016 annual general meeting, we hosted a consultation with our members on the **International Assistance Review**, gathering their input. With their feedback, we contributed to submissions made to Global Affairs Canada by the **Canadian Council for International Cooperation** (CCIC) and the **Inter-Council Network of Provincial and Regional Councils** (ICN), in addition to preparing our own submission. We are interested to see the government's new policy when it's officially released. For the past three years we have worked closely with our ICN colleagues to secure federal funding for **Small and Medium-Sized Organizations** (SMOs). We were thrilled when **Minister Bibeau announced funding of \$100 million over five years** for SMOs.

MCIC appreciates the financial support we receive from Global Affairs Canada. This funding enables us to engage Manitobans on global issues. Our fair trade work continues to grow and we lead the country on this initiative. **Manitoba has 57% of the designated Fair Trade Workplaces in Canada.**

In April 2016, MCIC led its first **fair trade tour to Peru** to experience first-hand the impact fair trade has on producers. Participants met with banana,

sugar, cocoa, mango and coffee producers and cooperatives.

In November our Executive Director, Janice Hamilton, had the opportunity to visit some of our members' projects in Tanzania. It was wonderful to see first-hand the impact of MGMGP funds in that area. The health and well-being of women and children has improved with the addition of Vitamin A to sunflower oil, a product that small-and medium-sized enterprises were given assistance to produce. Janice met women who run their own small businesses and provide not only for their own families, but also support the larger community, such as in the care and education of orphans. It was inspiring to speak with farmers about the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) and see their excitement when they discussed how the goals are connected to their lives, and realized they were a part of them. In Kenya, Janice was part of the **North American CSO Delegation** at the **Second High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation**.

The board approved a new policy manual that was two years in development and MCIC welcomed four new staff members to the team. In the coming year we will develop a new strategic plan for MCIC.

As we reflect on the past year and the change that is needed in our world, we must continue to work together as global citizens. We appreciate the work our members are doing internationally and in Canada. The many volunteers who contribute their talent and time to work on MCIC's committees and board are central to our work. We are fortunate to have dedicated and passionate staff to carry out our mission. We look forward to sharing more positive stories in 2017-18.

— **Lyn Stienstra and Janice Hamilton**
MCIC President and Executive Director



Connecting Manitobans to Local and Global Issues

Engaging with Manitobans on global issues is an integral part of our work. Each year, MCIC reaches thousands of Manitobans at public events, workshops and training sessions. We connect with community partners in discussion groups and on committees. We share stories of global impact online and through local media coverage. We strive to inspire Manitobans to act as global citizens and cultivate change for a better world.

In the News and Online

This year, MCIC was active in traditional media and online through our social media pages and three websites: **FairTradeManitoba.ca**, **GeneratingMomentum.ca**, and **mcic.ca**.

31 MCIC stories were picked up by Manitoba newspapers, radio, television and digital news outlets. Our three websites were visited by more than **45,000 users** and our e-newsletters went out to over **2,000 subscribers**. Our social media following continues to grow with over **1,000 followers** on Twitter, **2,000 likes** on Facebook and **76,340 views** of our videos on Youtube.

Public Engagement Group

Part of MCIC's public engagement work involves connecting with and supporting fellow non-profits and community groups. Our public engagement staff regularly lead a Public Engagement Group comprised of the following local organizations:

Ellen Cobb-Friesen, *Manitoba Eco-Network*; Janelle Delorme, *CCODP*; Meaghan Erbus, *Winnipeg Harvest*; Jennifer French, *Food Matters Manitoba*; Tyler Gingrich, *CLWR*; Joan Jarvis, *United Church*; James Kornelsen, *Canadian Foodgrains Bank*; Carly Kosa, *Menno Simons College*; Teresa Looy, *Green Action Centre*; Frances Molaro, *Grands'n'More*; Florence Okwudili, *IIWR-MB*; Ellen Poulley, *CLWR*; Keana Rellinger, *MCIC*; Fletcher Stewart, *KAIROS*; Simone Thiessen, *MCC*; Grace Van Mil, *MCIC*

The **Inter-Council Network** (ICN) is a coalition of the eight Provincial and Regional Councils for International Cooperation. Currently hosted by the British Columbia Council for International Cooperation, the ICN provides a national forum in which the Councils collaborate for improved effectiveness and identify common priorities for collective action. Below are some highlights of our work from the past year.

The ICN participated in and prepared submissions for two national consultations. Global Affairs Canada's International Assistance Review and Canada Revenue Agency's consultation on political activities of charities.

The ICN continued to push for recognition and funding for Small and Medium-Sized Organizations (SMOs) throughout the year. In May 2016, we presented our research paper on SMOs at CCIC's annual forum and held a media conference at the National Press Gallery in Ottawa. The ICN met with Minister Bibeau, Minister for International Cooperation and La Francophonie, and Parliamentary Secretary Celina Caesar Chavannes in February 2017 to discuss SMOs and other concerns of our members. We were thrilled when Minister Bibeau announced in May 2017 **\$100 million** in funding over five years dedicated to SMOs.

The ICN organized two workshops at the World Social Forum in Montreal in August 2016 and facilitated five national webinars throughout the year.



Generating Momentum: Gender Equality - Changing Perspectives

Throughout the year, MCIC witnesses the creative power of Manitoba's young people. Through interactive and engaging workshops, the opportunities to teach global issues are endless. Manitoba youth continue to inspire their peers in creating positive and sustainable change within their schools, communities, province, country and the world.

Generating Momentum conferences are one of the key ways we engage with youth. This year we hosted two conferences for middle years students in the Portage la Prairie and Sunrise school divisions. Through these conferences, we reached **93 students in grades 5-9** and 16 educators. The conferences fostered an environment of informed action for the **11 schools** that attended.

This year's theme, **Gender Equality - Changing Perspectives** focused on **SDG 5, Gender Equality**. Starting with an overview of what the SDGs are, why they are important and why gender equality matters, students participated in sessions that enhanced their public speaking, leadership, planning and promoting skills. Focused on changing perspectives of gender and gender stereotypes, the conferences fostered a space of growth and encouragement for students to take action in their own schools and communities.

Throughout the conference, students reflected on the concept that, without gender equality, many of the 17 SDGs cannot achieve their full potential.

"I learned that no matter the gender, a human is a human and everyone should be treated equally."

70 students from schools across Portage la Prairie School Division attend **Generating Momentum: Gender Equality - Changing Perspectives** at Portage Credit Union Centre. Students took part in activities, discussions and creative workshops.

Responsive programming for students and educators

This year, MCIC facilitated **43 workshops** for students, educators, institutions and community groups. From requests to collaborations, MCIC's presentations and interactive workshops focused on poverty and inequality, climate change, fair trade, sustainable development, global citizenship, food security, and access to water, reaching **2,066 participants**. MCIC worked with students and educators from **15 school divisions** and **2 private schools** within Manitoba. Additional resources for teachers and students involved in the *Global Issues: Citizenship and Sustainability* course are available online through the TakeActionManitoba.org blog. The website also provides a space for students to share their take action projects.

Take Action Awards

This year, we recognized two exceptional students, Aries Bickell and Ashley Amaral, with our inaugural **Take Action Award**. The award recognizes young global citizens enrolled in the *Global Issues: Citizenship and Sustainability* course who have completed exceptional Take Action projects.

Educators Rob Jantz of Gimli High School, Kara Wickstrom-Street of Miles Macdonell Collegiate, and Cathy Chalmers of Stonewall Collegiate Institute were also awarded the **Global Citizenship Award for Educators** for their efforts to promote global citizenship in the classroom and beyond.



From left: Aries Bickell, Ashley Amaral, Rob Jantz, Kara Wickstrom-Street, Cathy Chalmers

Capacity Building

MCIC held capacity-building workshops throughout the year to address emerging trends, examine specific topics and enhance skills. The workshops explored topics including post-conflict reconstruction, volunteer management, social media for non-profits and sustainable technology. MCIC also hosted workshops and webinars to explain how our funding process works and how to apply for the MGMGP.

Our March lunch and learn session explored the impact of the technology sector around the world. Sustainability expert, Mac Balacano, discussed the often unethical sourcing of materials used to make electronics, and highlighted how our consumer choices can make a difference.



Above: Sustainable technology expert, Mac Balacano

The 2016 Global Justice Film Festival was a success, with over **200 people** in attendance to view **18 films** about social justice, human rights and the environment at the University of Winnipeg. For its 14th year, the festival kicked off with a full house at Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall for the first western-Canadian screening of the award-winning Canadian documentary, **Driving With Selvi**. We were proud to host Selvi, the film's protagonist, and director, Elisa Paloschi, for a discussion panel and Q&A following the film. The pair also visited Menno Simons College to discuss the film with first-year International Development Studies students.





Global Goals Photo Booth

During International Development Week, MCIC's **Global Goals Photo Booth** popped up throughout Winnipeg to promote the Global Goals. The photo booth made stops at the Manitoba Legislative Building, Red River College, Manitoba Hydro Place, The Forks and Menno Simons College's Social Justice Fair.

Participants snapped photos with their favourite Global Goal and were encouraged to share their pics on social media with the hashtag **#IDW2017** to win a year's supply of fair trade coffee, tea or chocolate.



Fairtrade Canada Awards

At the **2017 National Fair Trade Conference** in Halifax, Nova Scotia, groups from Manitoba took home a number of national awards from Fairtrade Canada.

The **City of Selkirk** was awarded Fair Trade Workplace of the Year, **Grace Mennonite Church** in Brandon was awarded Fair Trade Faith Group of the Year, and the **City of Brandon** took home Fair Trade Town of the Year for the third year in a row.

From left: Duane Nicol, City of Selkirk; Mireille Saurette, Brandon Fair Trade Committee; Lynn Nightingale, Grace Mennonite Church in Brandon

International Development Week 2017

The theme for International Development Week (IDW) 2017 was **Leave no one behind: Canada contributes to global goals!**

In Manitoba, MCIC kicked off the week by celebrating **Manitobans Working Together for the Global Goals** at the Manitoba Legislative Building. Guests were invited to see the **Sustainable Development Goals** in action with a pop-up gallery of Manitoba-powered projects making a difference at home and around the world.

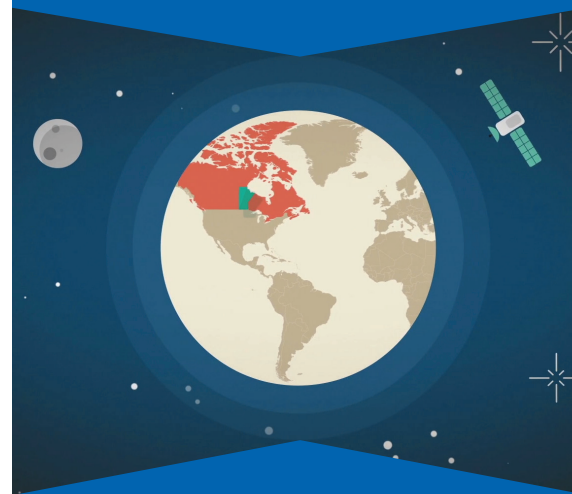
The gallery featured 17 MCIC member organizations and MGMGP funded projects, highlighting how Manitobans contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals. Representatives from our member organizations spoke at the event and discussed the projects featured in the gallery.

Premier Brian Pallister opened the event with a provincial proclamation recognizing February 5-11 as International Development Week in Manitoba. He also showed support for our members' work and announced continued funding of **\$1.2 million** for the MGMGP and **\$13,000** from Manitoba Education and Training for MCIC's work with schools.

The Global Goals: A Pop-up Gallery made a second appearance at Manitoba Hydro Place, allowing us to engage with over 200 people in downtown Winnipeg as they made their way home from work.

Throughout the week, MCIC also promoted IDW and the Global Goals at the corner of Portage Avenue and Main Street with a huge 35' x 14' digital ad. Downtown commuters were encouraged to enter our contest, watch our new video and learn more about the Sustainable Development Goals.

Manitobans Working Together for the Global Goals Video



"For more than 40 years Manitobans have been acting as global citizens"

During IDW we launched a new video: **Manitobans Working Together for the Global Goals**, highlighting the combined impact of Manitobans around the world.

Fair Trade Manitoba

Fair Trade Manitoba continued to educate Manitobans throughout the province about fair trade issues this year. We participated in numerous presentations, meetings and table displays promoting fair trade, and we responded to inquiries and requests for fair trade resources.

Fair Trade Manitoba's primary focus is to have towns, schools, campuses, workplaces, faith groups and events in Manitoba designated Fair Trade through Fairtrade Canada. Manitoba leads the country in **Fair Trade Workplaces** and is the most active province for developing Fair Trade Towns. Fair Trade Schools and Events have also been moving forward.

Fair Trade Manitoba is working with the **City of Selkirk** to become a Fair Trade Town and **Ecole Selkirk Junior High** to become a Fair Trade School. To reach this goal, we've had numerous meetings with municipal staff, city council, students and teachers; including

two days spent visiting local grocery stores, coffee shops, health food stores and even gas stations. The **Fair Trade Winnipeg Steering Committee** is also busy working with Winnipeg City Council to adapt their procurement policies and officially support fair trade designation.

Fair Trade Manitoba has been active at the national level as a member of **Fairtrade Canada**, our national licensor, and with our fair trade outreach coordinator serving as Chair of the **Canadian Fair Trade Network**.

In April 2016, The Canadian Fair Trade Network and MCIC organized and led a ten-day **Fair Trade Tour to Peru**. It was a great opportunity for participants to see the challenges and successes of primary agricultural producers in the fair trade system. The tour visited coffee, sugar, cocoa, banana and mango producers with a diverse group of Manitobans interested in sustainability, social and economic development and culture.

Fair Trade Workplaces



"We appreciate that purchasing Fair Trade helps build sustainable communities and tried to make it a regular part of our office culture."

Nine Manitoba workplaces received **Fair Trade Workplace** designation this year:

Selkirk Biz • Florists Supply • Fort Whyte Alive
 Selkirk Community Renewal Corporation
 The Marquis Project • CAA Brandon • ERA Bistro
 Assiniboine Park Conservancy
 Brandon Riverbank Discovery Centre

Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program

The **Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program** (MGMGP) was established in 1975 by the Government of Manitoba to fund international development projects implemented abroad by Manitoban organizations and their local partners. As Manitobans, we realize with gratitude that our province is one of the few that contribute annual funds for this purpose.

Last year our members raised over **\$24 million** in Manitoba for their international development and relief work.

This year, the Government of Manitoba increased the base funding of the MGMGP to **\$1.2 million**. MCIC member organizations appreciate the Government of Manitoba's support of their work. Successful applications are selected through a peer-review process carried out by committees made up of representatives from MCIC member organizations.

MGMGP grants are distributed in four funding streams: **Development Fund, Theme Fund, Community Solidarity Fund, and Relief & Rehabilitation Fund**. In the 2016-17 fiscal year, MCIC disbursed **\$1,213,609** to **44** international development and relief projects in **34 countries**.

Sometimes projects don't work out as planned or are completed under budget, and members return funds to MCIC. The returned funds are then dispersed through the Theme Fund.

This accounts for the additional \$13,609 disbursed this year.

Our **Relief and Rehabilitation Fund** of **\$120,000** supported five projects around the globe, providing emergency shelter, food assistance, water, sanitation and hygiene, and other post-disaster emergency initiatives to people affected by climate change and conflict.

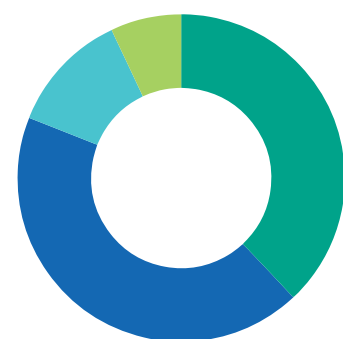
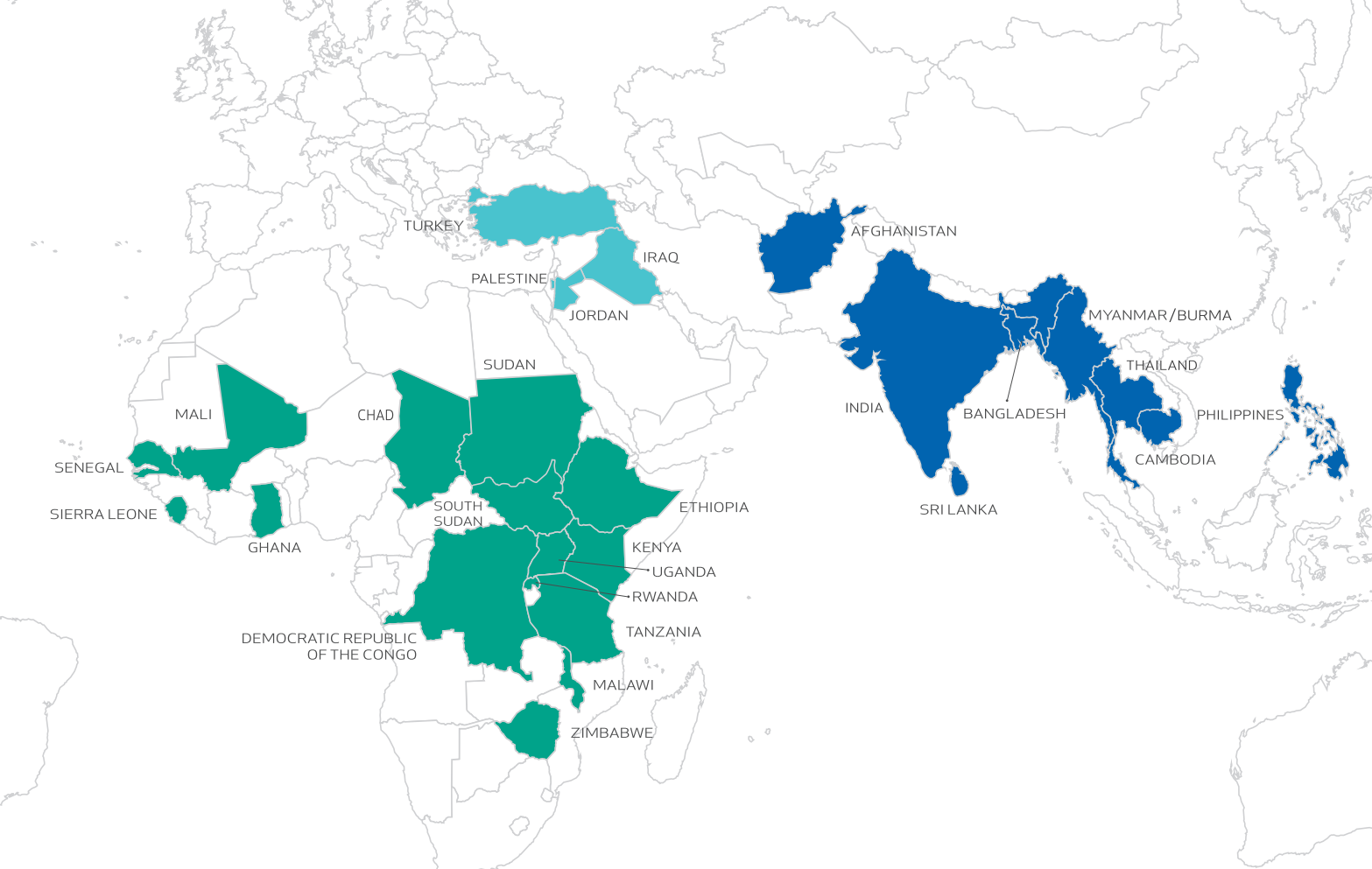
Our largest funding stream was the **Development Fund**, which supported our member organizations in 30 long-term development projects, most of which are multi-year efforts. The **Community Solidarity Fund** supported two projects this year.

This was the first year the theme **Reducing Vulnerabilities and Creating Opportunities for Migrant Populations** was applied to our **Theme Fund**. Seven projects were funded under this theme, ranging from music therapy for child refugees to economic opportunities in refugee camps. This theme will continue in 2017-18

MCIC is grateful to the NGO community in Manitoba and its many dedicated staff members and volunteers who work hard to support their organizations and partners overseas. A huge contribution of time and effort is made by our overseas projects, relief and rehabilitation, and community solidarity fund committees in

order to review, discuss and ultimately recommend to the board the approval of project proposals. The committee members dedicate themselves to revising our documents and processes to reflect forward-thinking and innovative ideas.

MCIC is committed to working with our members and other community groups to help meet their international development projects' program goals. We provided support in the form of capacity building where possible. This year, MCIC staff and volunteers conducted an orientation session and a proposal and report writing workshop for potential Community Solidarity Fund applicants.



Projects by Region



Projects by Funding Type

Our Development Principles — Inspired by the Istanbul Principles

1. Respect and promote human rights and justice
2. Embody gender equality and equity while promoting women and girls' rights
3. Focus on people's empowerment, democratic ownership and participation
4. Promote environmental sustainability
5. Practice transparency and accountability
6. Pursue equitable partnerships and solidarity
7. Create and share knowledge and commit to mutual learning
8. Commit to realizing positive, sustainable change

Development Fund Page 8 - 11

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 reflect our Development Principles.

Theme Fund Page 12 - 13

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 2016-2017 theme is: **Reducing Vulnerabilities and Creating Opportunities for Migrant Populations**.

Community Solidarity Fund Page 14

The goal of the Community Solidarity Fund is to make MGMGP funding available to Manitoba community-based charitable groups involved in development projects overseas. The fund is available to non-members and affiliate members of MCIC.

Relief & Rehabilitation Fund Page 15

The primary purpose of the Relief & 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.



Development Fund

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace

Philippines | \$67,197

Supporting Sustainable Livelihoods of Smallholder Farmers

This project helps establish and strengthen organic demonstration farms, provides capacity building for smallholder farmers and secures farmers' land tenure to address rural poverty. Farmers are able to produce and supply good quality, safe, organic produce to markets, benefitting the community.

Canadian Humanitarian

Ethiopia | \$8,654

Kids Hope

This project covers the cost of education and living for 497 orphaned or vulnerable children, starting at age five through to university. These facilities are provided through education centres near the schools and community settlements where the children live.

Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Jordan | \$62,978

Improved Learning Environment for Children in Amman, Irbid and Zarqa

This project helps improve learning for Syrian and Jordanian girls and boys in Amman, Irbid and Zarqa. 75 schools and WASH facilities will be rehabilitated and teachers will be trained to promote good hygiene and psychosocial health. The project will serve about 40 Ministry of Education staff and 225 education staff from participating schools.

Canadian Multicultural Disability Centre

Zimbabwe | \$9,660

Using Dairy Farming Initiatives to Assist Twenty Disability Headed Households

Using the current Zimbabwean cattle ownership trust scheme, this project will help 20 disability-headed households participate in dairy farming. Dairy farming has a higher potential for immediate income generation compared to traditional farming, since farmers do not need to wait until the harvest season to take their produce to market.

Cuso International volunteers are working alongside local partners and Indigenous communities in Peru.

Together they are helping preserve the history, cultural identity and traditions of rural communities by promoting the use of traditional medicinal and aromatic plants.



Africa Middle East
Asia The Americas

Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief

Tanzania | \$9,490

Rubana River and Wetland Integrated Land Rehabilitation and Food Security Project

This project supports the conservation of Tanzania's Rubana River and surrounding wetlands by increasing local awareness of the causes and consequences of environmental degradation. 990 rural subsistence farmers, half of which are women, formed 33 farmers' field schools. The schools provide training designed to rehabilitate the land and riverbanks. They also introduce conservation agriculture practices so families can increase their crop yields and household incomes.

Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan

Afghanistan | \$7,200

Improving and Promoting Reading and Science Education in Herat Province

This project provides ten high schools in Herat province with School Starter Kits: a basic science lab and a basic school library in a box. Using active learning methods, teachers are able to provide a stimulating classroom environment for students, increasing quality of education and student engagement.

CODE

Sierra Leone | \$10,228

Reading Sierra Leone 20/20

This project helps upper primary teachers, librarians and school administrators improve their ability to promote and instruct literacy, reading and writing in a child-centred way. It provides capacity building to children's book authors, illustrators and editors, in order to produce high-quality, culturally-appropriate reading materials for children. The aim is to help children and youth improve their reading, writing and problem solving skills, while also developing a culture of reading, especially among girls, and to create gender-sensitive, literate environments.

Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada

Ghana | \$15,588

Fostering Food Security Through Co-operatives in Northern Ghana

This project helps increase sustainable, gender-equitable food security for over 42,000 smallholder women and men farmers in Northern Ghana. It builds the capacity of these farmers as members of agricultural co-operatives and credit unions by improving food security and sustainable economic growth.

Cuso International

Peru | \$12,672

Medicinal Plants: Building a Green Economy in Peru

This project improves the economic and social well-being of poor and marginalized communities in Peru by creating employment opportunities for rural women and youth; marketing opportunities for micro, small and medium sized enterprises and agro-ecological producers' networks; and by providing safeguards against gender-based domestic violence.

EMAS Canada

Haiti | \$24,599

El Shaddai Community Centre Post-Earthquake Construction Project

This project is part of the "Build Better than Before" campaign in Haiti. The project helps build safe buildings and teaches workers hurricane and earthquake-resistant construction techniques for a variety of building types.

Emmanuel International Canada

Malawi | \$5,249

PROMISE: Promoting Maternal, Newborn, Infant, Child and Sustainable Health Efforts

This project aims to improve the health of pregnant women and their young children by strengthening healthcare systems, reducing disease, and improving nutrition. Health care staff are trained in proper health procedures, issues of gender equity and customer service to help give the community confidence in the care they receive. Nutrition is supported by planting fruit trees, sweet potato vines and grains.

HOPE International Development Agency

India | \$15,395

Improving Livelihoods by Strengthening Community Institutions

This project helps women in southern India improve their livelihoods by enhancing the resources of local institutions, including self-help groups and community managed resource centres. In collaboration with local NGO, MYRADA, the project uses a self-help group approach and will form 115 new groups, comprising 1,500 additional members. The project focuses on socioeconomic empowerment for two vulnerable groups: Dalit and women.

iDE Canada

Ghana | \$51,685

Embedding Gender, Environmental Sustainability and Government Inclusion through Sanitation Marketing

This project focuses on gender equality, environmental sustainability and local government participation in a WASH project that will facilitate the sale of over 61,000 latrines in Northern Ghana. As part of a larger Global Affairs Canada-funded WASH project, iDE Canada addresses the water and sanitation problem by designing affordable latrines and by developing the supply chain so latrines can be produced and sold locally.

Inter Pares

Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico and Peru | \$9,470

Promoting Human Rights and Peace throughout Latin America

This project will strengthen the effectiveness of Project Counseling Service, a Latin American organization that advocates on behalf of the region's citizens, provides capacity building support to local counterparts and fosters mutual learning.

Make Music Matter

Rwanda | \$2,875

Raising Voices & Lifting Lives Through Music

This project uses music production to educate Rwandan youth and communities about the health risks of contracting HIV/AIDS and how to prevent its spread. Through original songs created by local youth, the project helps create a physically and emotionally healthy community, fostering positive sustainable development.

Mennonite Central Committee

Afghanistan | \$130,000

Strengthening Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

This project increases the consumption of nutritious foods and supplements by mothers, pregnant women, newborns and children under five. It also improves their use of health services and reduces their vulnerability to water-related diseases in Central Highlands and Kandahar, Afghanistan. These interventions draw on the interconnection of nutrition, food security and WASH in order to reduce morbidity and mortality among mothers, newborns and children.

Mennonite Economic Development Associates of Canada

Myanmar | \$76,491

Innovation Grants for Gender Opportunities

This project helps women small producers increase their income and status as economic actors and leaders in their communities. It strengthens the provision of goods and services to women from Myanmar's public and private sectors. The project will help implement an innovation fund and other related business assistance to help make more sustainable opportunities available to women farmers and entrepreneurs.

Osu Children's Library Fund

Ghana | \$9,719

Renovation of Kathy Knowles Community Library

This project will carry out major renovations to the Kathy Knowles Community Library in Accra, Ghana. The library is currently housed in three shipping containers connected by a concrete floor. The project will fix leaking roofs, water-damaged ceilings, insect-infested floors and provide a badly-needed paint job. A new water storage tank and supporting base will also be installed.

People to People

Tanzania | \$850

Provision of Materials and Tools to Support Productivity for Single Mothers & Teenagers

This project provides teenagers and single mothers with tools, materials, supplemental instruction and opportunities for peer-sharing in order to help them establish successful micro-enterprises. Specifically, the project provides two sewing machines, three sprayers and seed as well as exposure trips for the women of three communities.

Presbyterian World Service & Development

Malawi | \$11,911

Building Sustainable Livelihoods

This project raises the economic potential of people living in poverty using self-help groups to promote vocational skills, education and financial management. Productivity is bolstered through volunteer care groups; improved health, hygiene and nutrition; and awareness of maternal and child health services.

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

Bangladesh | \$23,115

Reducing Climate Change Vulnerabilities by Promoting Local Knowledge

This project works with six vulnerable communities to enhance their resilience to future droughts, cyclones and floods. Using strategic climate change adaptation for specific situations, the project promotes resilience among vulnerable households under climate stress conditions.

UNICEF Canada

Chad, Kenya, South Sudan, Sudan | \$66,282

The Eliminate Project

This project helps reduce child and maternal mortality rates in Chad, Kenya, South Sudan and Sudan by contributing to the elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus. During the project period, 3.4 million women will be vaccinated and health systems will be strengthened to sustain results.



United Church of Canada

Palestine | \$22,600

Nutritional and Health Services to Vulnerable Children and Well-Baby Clinics

This project strengthens the well-baby services provided at NECC clinics through appropriate, continued and integrated growth monitoring and promotion services. This will help identify and treat early childhood illnesses, particularly malnutrition and anemia, for over 10,000 children living in the highly vulnerable areas of Rafah, Darraj and Shijaia.

United Church of Canada

India | \$3,100

Strengthening Women's Capacity to Participate in Civil Society

This project supports tribal peoples, particularly women, in establishing community structures to help them access their legal rights and entitlements to food, livelihoods, state welfare and social security as well as increased control of natural resources. It aims to increase capacity of communities to self-organize under existing legislation and exercise their rights to self-government, and to build participation of women to 50% within community structures.

USC Canada

Bolivia | \$8,773

Sustainable Use of Diversity and Resources in Northern Potosi

This project promotes sustainable agricultural practices that improve the food and economic security, agricultural biodiversity and nutrition of small-scale farmers from 63 communities in the Northern Potosi region of Bolivia. With an emphasis on water harvest structure, seedling production, nutrition and farmers' innovation, this project will empower rural women, men and youth to improve sustainable livelihoods and environmental resilience.

War Child Canada

D.R. Congo | \$9,267

Making Waves: Radio-Based Learning for Girls in South Kivu

This project targets out-of-school girls aged 12-16 in South Kivu of the Democratic Republic of Congo, a population that, due to their age and gender, is among the most vulnerable in the country. It plans to develop and broadcast a total of 150 lessons and provide practical recommendations for the scale-up of an alternative education model for secondary education.

World Relief Canada

D.R. Congo | \$24,976

Feeding Hungry Families in Malyo

This project contributes to improving food security and livelihoods of vulnerable farmers in the Malyo area of the Democratic Republic of Congo. This will be achieved through building the capacity of the target farmers on sustainable agriculture practices through a community/individual demonstration field approach. The beneficiaries will learn different technologies for improving soil fertility and reducing the incidence of pests/diseases in the area.

World Renew

Bangladesh | \$13,711

Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security

The project seeks to improve food security among 1,266 marginal farming households that possess less than half an acre of farmland. Using a microcredit approach, the members of one of the People Institutions in rural Bangladesh will be the main beneficiaries of this project. It promotes environmentally friendly agriculture through training on sustainable agricultural practices. This leads to increased crop yields and improved dietary diversity, mainly through the system of rice intensification technology.

World University Service of Canada

Sri Lanka | \$44,853

Increased Women's Participation in the Tourism Sector

This project helps increase women's participation in the tourism sector through awareness, visibility and professional development training. It also tackles the stigma associated with women working in tourism. Outcomes include an increased awareness of employment opportunities, improved perception of participation, and increased professional development opportunities for women in the tourism industries.

World Vision Canada

Ghana, Mali, Senegal and Sierra Leone | \$130,000

The Systems Approach to Improve & Sustain Food Security in West Africa

This project is designed in response to chronic food insecurity in West Africa. It seeks to improve food security for people living in poor, rural communities by tackling crop and livestock productivity challenges, environmental degradation, poor incomes and limited institutional support for farm families. The project supports the procurement of inputs and supplies needed to increase agricultural production and income generation for beneficiaries. It also provides gender-sensitive training on improved, sustainable crop and livestock production, and trains animal health workers in disease prevention and control.

Mennonite Economic Development Associates of Canada is helping empower women farmers in Myanmar.

Women farmers used to stay behind doing household chores. Now, they have more confidence and are engaged in decision making in their families.



Theme Fund

Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Ethiopia | \$29,585

Sustainable Cooking Fuel for Mabbasi Refugee Camp

This project reduces vulnerabilities resulting from the use of firewood for cooking fuel among refugees in Babbasi Camp, Ethiopia. The refugees receive training and materials to use environmentally-friendly bio-gas stoves which do not require women to collect firewood, a task which puts them at risk of physical attacks.

Cuso International

Myanmar | \$29,585

Mon Women's Organization – Creating Bright Futures for Women in Myanmar

This project helps improve the economic and social well-being of poor and marginalized communities in Mon State. The project will provide service to almost 4,000 direct and indirect beneficiaries to help improve employment status, help create micro/small/medium-sized enterprises, improve dignity and recognition of women, and increase security from violence against women and girls.

This mother and her husband did not have to travel to Thailand in search of work this year, since they are now able to harvest rice in the dry season.

HOPE International Development Agency's initiative ensures mothers and their families can stay together and cultivate rice year-round.



HOPE International Development Agency

Cambodia | \$24,586

Improving Local Livelihoods for Seasonal Migrant Communities

This project helps reduce the need to migrate for rural farming families by improving local agricultural livelihoods. Families now have viable year-round farming, increased food production and income. Communities are more self-sufficient, reducing the widespread need to migrate for seasonal work. The project established and trained two village agricultural committees, provided training, seeds and tools for dry season rice production, and small rice-processing mills in each community.

Inter Pares

Burma | \$29,585

Inclusive Democracy in Burma: Building Resilience

This project increases capacity for sustainable repatriation for refugees from Burma, including women. This five-year program is supported by the Government of Canada and is benefiting conflict-affected people of Burma. This includes support for the refugee population of approximately 100,000 people in camps in Thailand, to build individual and community capacities in preparation for potential repatriation and reintegration expected before 2020.

Make Music Matter

Turkey | \$25,510

Healing in Harmony Gaziantep

This is a one-year pilot project that uses music production to provide psychosocial support to child refugees from Syria living in the peri-urban setting of Gaziantep. The project uses song to reduce trauma, build educational opportunities, and foster a culture of empathy.



Young Syrian refugees living in Gaziantep, Turkey are taking part in **Make Music Matter's Healing in Harmony** program. By expressing themselves through music, these young people are learning new skills and coping with the trauma associated with their experiences.

The Marquis Project

Tanzania | \$19,585

Mitigating Young Adult Migration in Tanzania Through Local Economic Development

This project helps raise awareness about the effects of migration and supports skills development for youth living in Tanzania – whether they are Tanzanians or refugees from neighbouring countries.

War Child Canada

Uganda | \$29,585

Increasing Protection for Refugee and Other Vulnerable Persons in Ugandan Settlements

This project helps safeguard human rights by ending patterns of violence and abuse in targeted settlements. It identifies and promotes durable solutions to alleviate trauma and related effects of violence and abuse in northern Uganda.



Community Solidarity Fund

K.I.D.S. Initiative

Kenya | \$6,000

Lemolo Internally Displaced Persons Camp – Agriculture and Food Security Project

This project improves Lemolo's economic empowerment so the community can sustain itself. The project primarily feeds families, but also acts as an income-generator. Families are able to harvest their crops to support future crops and living expenses.

St. Paul's College

India | \$8,000

English Teacher Training in Kolkata

This project provides English and Arts training to teachers at 25 schools in Kolkata. The Sarva Siksha Mission provides education, food, shelter and clothing for street children in the community and the government provides buildings, but teachers are unfamiliar with addressing the needs of street children and require additional training to keep students engaged and attending school.

Children from the **Kathy Knowles Community Library** in Osu, Accra, Ghana, are playing draughts and Ludo on a mosaic-tiled concrete table.

This table was financed through the MGMGP, which also funded the installation of two flush toilets, a new floor and a new roof.

The library, now celebrating its 25th anniversary, remains a hub of activity for children in the community.



Relief & Rehabilitation Fund

Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Iraq | \$30,000

Emergency and Resilience-Building Assistance to Internally Displaced Iraqis

This project supports internally-displaced people in northern Iraq. It will upgrade WASH infrastructures in eight communities, distribute 60,000 hygiene kits, conduct workshops and provide psychosocial support. The project will also establish a grant fund for community activities and host communities in the project areas.

Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief

Malawi | \$12,500

Joint Emergency Food Assistance Program

This project provides food assistance and cash transfers to food-insecure people, helping bridge the gap between growing seasons in Mzimba District, Malawi. This includes providing a direct supply of food; increasing knowledge, attitude and practices for food and nutrition; and provisioning food to create long-term resilience.

HOPE International Development Agency

Philippines | \$25,000

El Nino Emergency WASH Response

This project responds to a lack of clean water in five severely impacted Indigenous communities in the Mindanao region. The project will construct five potable water systems and train water system caretakers and families on the management and maintenance of those water systems.

HOPE International Development Agency

Sri Lanka | \$25,000

Cyclone Roanu Flood Relief

This project responds to families affected by cyclone and flooding in Aranayaka, Kegalle District. Families will be given dry ration food parcels, kitchen supplies, education materials, perinatal care packages and female health and sanitation kits.

"It was so fun. We gathered and had dolma and rice. I wish we could do it again."

Canadian Lutheran World Relief's psychosocial support workshop beneficiaries in northern Iraq designed and participated in a spring women's picnic.

HOPE International Development Agency

Haiti | \$27,500

Hurricane Matthew Emergency Relief and Rehabilitation

This project provides emergency relief to people in the Duchity area of south-western Haiti. The project supports the building and repair of houses for at least 140 families.

Financial Report

Independent Auditor's Report

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

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Manitoba Council for International Co-operation Inc., which comprise the statement of financial position as of March 31, 2017 and the statements of operations and changes in net assets and of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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 comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Manitoba Council for International Co-operation Inc. as of March 31, 2017 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Winnipeg, Manitoba
May 31, 2017
RYAN MERNER
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT LTD.



Manitoba Council for International Cooperation

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Audited Financial Statements

Statement of Operations

For the year ended, March 31, 2017

Revenues

Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program	\$1,213,609
Manitoba Education and Training	\$5,324
Global Affairs Canada	\$319,906
Membership and Levies	\$142,799
Other Income	\$65,115
Total Revenues	\$1,746,753

Expenses

Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program	\$1,213,609
Programming	\$125,338
Personnel	\$314,203
Operating Costs	\$71,499
Total Expenses	\$1,724,649

Net Income \$22,104

Statement of Financial Position

As of March 31, 2017

Assets

Current Assets	\$306,282
Total Assets	\$306,282

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities	\$89,233
Net Assets	\$217,049

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$306,282

The Paul LeJeune Volunteer Service Award

The Paul LeJeune Volunteer Service Award was established in 2001 to recognize volunteers who 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.



Peter Rempel - Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba

Peter Rempel, the 2016 Paul LeJeune Volunteer Service Award recipient, is a long-serving MCIC volunteer who has contributed a great deal of time and energy to the organization. Peter started out as a first rep for Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba and was elected to the board in 2009, where he served until 2015. Peter was on the membership and by-laws committee and was a member of the executive for five years; first as member at large, then as vice president, followed by president for two years, and finally as treasurer.

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Alia's job involves selling toilets in her community, as part of **IDE Canada's** work in Ghana. This helps sanitation businesses increase their sales, providing families a safe and clean place "to go."

The flexibility of this job means Alia can bring her youngest child, still a baby, to work with her. Now she can earn an income and be a mother at the same time.

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