



Manitoba Council for International Cooperation



CONNECTING CANADIANS

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The Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC) is a coalition of 39 Manitoba-based organizations involved in international development. MCIC supports, connects and amplifies the work of its members and partners, while directly engaging and collaborating with Manitobans for global sustainability. MCIC is also responsible for distributing government funds designated for international development and humanitarian projects.

OUR VISION

A JUST WORLD

OUR MISSION

MCIC supports, connects and amplifies the work of our members and partners. We directly engage and collaborate with Manitobans for global sustainability.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS

Canada 

Manitoba 

MCIC Members

All Charities Campaign

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A MESSAGE FROM MCIC PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Wow... what a year it has been!

At our AGM in June we shared our new vision, mission and strategic plan with our members. Since then, we have actively delivered on the four pillars of that plan. We have provided connections and capacity development opportunities to our members and partners so they can have a greater impact. We are delighted to welcome two new regular members to our MCIC family – Kenya Initiative for Development & Sustainability Inc. – KIDS, who were previously an affiliate member, and Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières Canada.

We truly value the support of the Government of Manitoba for \$1.2 million for the Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program, which allowed us to support 51 projects in 27 countries. Additionally, we appreciate the support we receive from Manitoba Education and Training for our work with students and educators.

We were very excited to sign a contribution agreement for the *Fund for Innovation and Transformation* with Global Affairs Canada in December. MCIC is taking the lead on this national initiative on behalf of the Inter-Council Network. A lot of work went into getting to this point and there's plenty more work to do going forward! We've hired a great team to implement this program, which will allow small and medium-sized organizations to test innovative solutions to development challenges that will improve the lives of women and girls in the Global South.

We have engaged the public to be active global citizens. We completed the fifth and final year of our *Connecting with Canadians* program and signed an agreement in May 2019 for our new four-year program with Global Affairs Canada, *Inspiring Action for Global Citizenship*. One of the many highlights of our public engagement work this year was our Voices of Change – *What We Teach* spoken word poem. The students who wrote and performed this piece had a great impact and certainly connected with Canadians. MCIC was honoured to have these students' work shown at the national launch of International Development Week at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. The video has been viewed over 17,000 times! The Manitoba youth – as they were referred to – certainly made an impact in Canada and beyond.

MCIC also received a grant from Employment and Social Development Canada's Sustainable Development Goals Unit in March 2019. With these funds we were able to translate *Sustainable Foundations: A Guide for Teaching the Sustainable Development Goals* into French, create an SDG cube exhibit, and organize five roundtables and three focus groups throughout the province.

The fourth pillar of our strategic plan is to maintain and strengthen organizational wellness. We are able to do all of this work because of our amazing team of staff and volunteers. We very much value the many volunteers that work on our committees and board. They are a very engaged and dedicated group.

In December Zack Gross retired after working at MCIC for 14 years and for decades in the sector. Lyn Stienstra will be leaving the board in June after serving for six years, four of them as president. We want to thank both of them for the contributions they have made to MCIC.

We hope that as you review this report you can see how we have brought our strategic plan to life as we have connected, engaged, supported and strengthened.

We are sure there are exciting times ahead as we implement our *Inspiring Action for Global Citizenship* program and our *Fund for Innovation and Transformation*.

Jason Carkner







President


Janice Hamilton

Executive Director

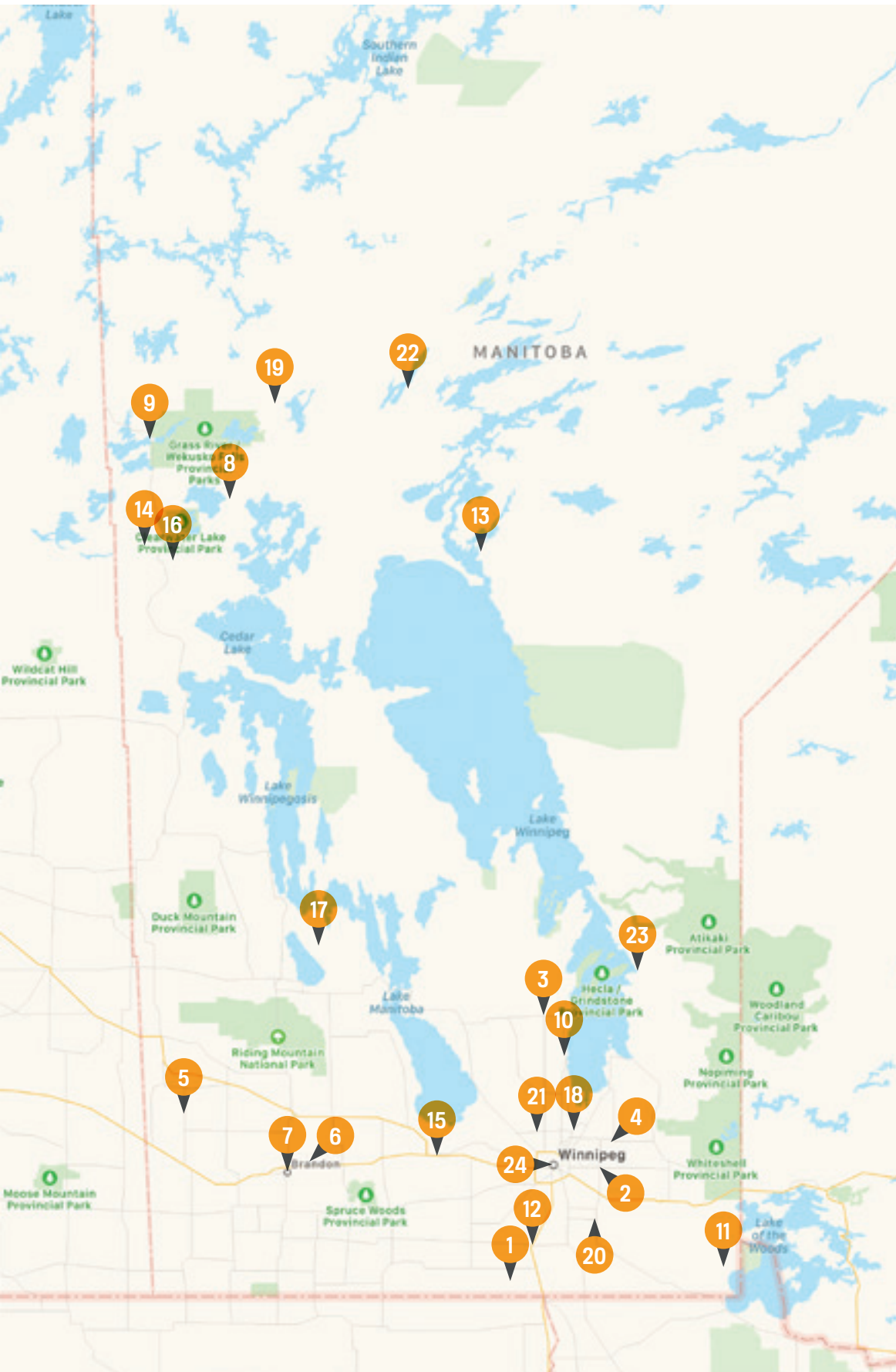
CONNECTING MANITOBANS TO LOCAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES



					
1,652	2,219	223	1,561	6,488	60,232
TWITTER FOLLOWERS	FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS	INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS	NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS	YOUTUBE VIEWERS	WEBSITE VISITORS

	
5,315	24
MANITOBANS	COMMUNITIES

1. Altona	13. Norway House
2. Anola	14. Opaskwayak Cree Nation
3. Arborg	15. Portage la Prairie
4. Beausejour	16. The Pas
5. Beulah	17. Rorketon
6. Bothwell	18. Selkirk
7. Brandon	19. Snow Lake
8. Cormorant	20. Steinbach
9. Cranberry Portage	21. Stonewall
10. Gimli	22. Wabowden
11. Moose Lake	23. Wanipigow
12. Morris	24. Winnipeg



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 NO POVERTY



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



2 ZERO HUNGER



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



13 CLIMATE ACTION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



15 LIFE ON LAND



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



16 PEACE AND JUSTICE STRONG INSTITUTIONS



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS




9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



WORKING WITH MANITOBA SCHOOLS



GENERATING MOMENTUM FOR OUR WORLD

 Each year we host a new series of **Generating Momentum for Our World** conferences throughout Manitoba. This year we held three conferences in Sunrise School Division, Portage la Prairie and Anola.

Students were introduced to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, with a special focus on **Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities**. They explored the idea of sustainable communities by thinking critically and creatively about the challenges faced by local and global cities, including building sustainable structures, protecting heritage and culture, creating inclusive communities, and the effects of climate.

This year's conferences included workshops on public speaking, leadership and planning and promoting. The students also learned how to share messages of social change through creative mediums like videography, mural design, silk-screening and theatre.

“This is an excellent conference that I would like to see all schools accessing.”

- Manitoba Educator



106

WORKSHOPS



3

CONFERENCES



52

SCHOOLS



581

EDUCATORS



2,328

STUDENTS



15,550

BLOG VISITORS



“I want to make sure that our Earth will be suitable for healthy living during the next century.”

– Andrii Provozin

TAKE ACTION AWARDS



In June we awarded six students with **Outstanding Take Action Project Awards** for their efforts to create positive social change in their communities. The award recognizes young global citizens enrolled in the *Global Issues: Citizenship and Sustainability* course, who have completed exceptional Take Action projects as part of their course work.

Andrii Provozin, a student at Morris School, was awarded for starting an e-waste collection service at his school and for helping educate his community on the importance of electronics recycling.

Awet Okbay, a student at Kelvin High School, was awarded for conducting interviews with community leaders working to prevent racism, and then creating an educational video about racism and oppression, in particular the challenges faced by minorities.

Aaleigha Coss and **Paolo Rufino**, students at St. James Collegiate, were awarded for creating a temporary mural at their school, raising awareness about the importance of gender equality and justice in the wake of the #TimesUp movement.

Kira Eidse and **Nicole Rosin**, students at St. James Collegiate, were awarded for their efforts to raise awareness about waste reduction at their school. Together they collected all the non-organic waste they produced over a one-week period and presented it to their classmates, offering sustainable alternatives.



GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AWARD FOR EDUCATORS



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

Candy Ogilvie Burton, a *Global Issues* high school teacher at Morris School, was awarded for supporting her students both inside and outside the classroom with their many excellent Take Action projects.

Chantelle Cotton, the education for sustainable development consultant for the Winnipeg School Division, was awarded for her dedication to helping students and peers learn about sustainability and how to take action through sustainable living.

Kevin Lopuck, a *Global Issues* teacher and head of the social studies department at Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School, was awarded for the impact he’s had on students through various social justice initiatives and community activities that encourage students to take action and be good global citizens.

ENGAGING MANITOBANS AND MEMBERS




20
WORKSHOPS


5
DISPLAYS


18
EVENTS


2,406
PARTICIPANTS


6
DISCUSSION
GROUPS

CAPACITY BUILDING



Each year, MCIC hosts a variety of capacity building workshops for its members and the community that look at emerging trends, examine relevant topics and enhance specific skills.

In September, Craigery Dennis of Not a Robot Studios guided participants through a DIY video workshop, sharing best practices to help novice videographers shoot like pros using only their smartphones.



GLOBAL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL



Coinciding with Canada's first official Gender Equality Week, the 2018 Global Justice Film Festival featured the Winnipeg premiere of *My Year with Helen*, followed by a Q&A sessions with former New Zealand prime minister and former UNDP Administrator, Helen Clark, who joined via Skype.



LOCAL BREWS + GLOBAL VIEWS

Building on last year's successful pilot event, **Local Brews + Global Views** continued this year with six events at various local coffee shops and breweries in Winnipeg. Each evening featured a short presentation from one of MCIC's member organizations, followed by a candid conversation among attendees about specific global challenges or achievements.

In February, Thom Barga Coffee & Tea was packed with guests interested in discussing the work of The MATCH International Women's Fund. Nuala Nazarko and Kristie Pearson shared how MATCH is working at the intersection of women's rights and innovation, providing funds to grassroots women's organizations around the world.

FAIR TRADE MANITOBA



NEAR & FAIR: A CELEBRATION OF MANITOBA'S CONNECTIONS TO FAIR TRADE

In October, Fair Trade Manitoba and Fair Trade Winnipeg celebrated Winnipeg's first anniversary as a Fair Trade City with a night of good food, friends and fair trade by hosting a fundraising dinner. The evening brought together Manitoba's four fair trade communities for a culinary celebration that combined local and fair trade ingredients.



FAIR TRADE SCHOOLS

This year, Tec Voc High School became Manitoba's fourth Fair Trade School.

With a student population of over 1,300, the Winnipeg school celebrated its designation with a huge event hosted by the school's Fair Trade Committee and Culinary Arts Program.

"It is important we support farmers both near and far. You may only be one person, but you can be one person who makes a difference."

- Matina Phanthirath, Tec Voc Student

FAIR TRADE CAMPUSES

Just in time for Fair Trade Campus Week, the University of Manitoba's Bannatyne campus became the very first Fair Trade Campus in Manitoba! To earn the designation, the university worked closely with their food service provider and the office of sustainability to offer Fairtrade Certified coffee, tea and chocolate.



"Becoming a Fair Trade Campus shows the university's commitment to a more sustainable and socially responsible campus community for students, staff and faculty."

- Leanne Shewchuk,
U of M Office of Sustainability

CANADIAN FAIRTRADE AWARDS

At the 2019 National Fair Trade Conference in Ottawa, MCIC was recognized with an award for Excellence in Education and Public Outreach for the Fair Trade Manitoba program.

Zack Gross, who recently retired from leading MCIC's Fair Trade Manitoba program, was also recognized with an award for his ongoing commitment to promoting fair trade in Manitoba and throughout Canada.



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FAIR TRADE
TOWNS



17

FAIR TRADE
WORKPLACES



4

FAIR TRADE
SCHOOLS



4

FAIR TRADE
FAITH GROUPS



1

FAIR TRADE
CAMPUS

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK



TOGETHER FOR GENDER EQUALITY

The 2019 International Development Week theme – **Together for Gender Equality** embodied Canada’s commitment to the global effort to address gender inequality and encouraged all Canadians to be change-makers in advancing equality in the world. Once again, MCIC hosted the official launch of International Development Week in Manitoba at the Manitoba Legislative Building. Scott Fielding, Minister of Finance, opened the event with an official proclamation on behalf of the province of Manitoba. Selected MCIC members shared stories of how their work is impacting women and girls around the world.

WHAT WE TEACH

Sophia Abolore, Urooba Ahmed and Jay Webster of Fort Richmond Collegiate were chosen from a pool of young Manitoba applicants to participate in MCIC’s **Voices for Change** program. The three talented high school students created a moving spoken word poem titled **What We Teach**; weaving together powerful tales of intimate partner violence, child marriage and sexual assault in countries around the world – including Canada, Sudan and Bangladesh.

The students performed live at the official launch of International Development Week in Manitoba, evoking an emotional response from the audience. A video of their performance was also incredibly successful, viewed by audiences across Canada throughout International Development Week and beyond, including in Ottawa by the Minister of International Development, Marie-Claude Bibeau.



“We were speaking from what we had felt and what we had endured. It wasn’t difficult to write because we’ve experienced these things.”

– Urooba Ahmed

WHAT WE TEACH

VIDEO



17,141

VIEWS



406

SHARES



**BE A GLOBAL CITIZEN:
READ – SHARE – TAKE ACTION**

This International Development Week, MCIC also engaged over 800 public and school libraries across Manitoba by encouraging readers of all ages to be global citizens by reading books that are entertaining, informative and inspiring, helping create a more just world for everyone.

The campaign featured two reading lists, a promotional poster, bookmarks and a contest encouraging participants to share a book that helped them think globally.

INTER-COUNCIL NETWORK

The Inter-Council Network (ICN) is a coalition of the eight Provincial and Regional Councils for International Cooperation. The British Columbia Council for International Cooperation has hosted the ICN for the past five years. The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation will host the ICN for the next four years, starting in May 2019. The ICN provides a national forum in which the Councils collaborate for improved effectiveness and identify common priorities for collective action.

In May 2017, the Honorable Marie-Claude Bibeau, then Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, announced \$100M for small and medium-sized organizations (SMOs). This fund is divided into three components: a Development Impact Window, which Global Affairs Canada manages; a Knowledge and Capacity Program, which the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation will lead on behalf of the ICN; and a Fund for Innovation and Transformation (FIT), which MCIC is honoured to lead on behalf of the ICN.

MCIC signed a contribution agreement with Global Affairs in December 2018. FIT will provide funding to small and medium-sized organizations to test innovative solutions to development challenges that will improve the lives of women and girls in the Global South. FIT will also provide a platform for knowledge sharing and learning that is accessible to all organizations including those who do not receive funding from FIT.

We have hired a great team lead by Christina Maclsaac to implement this program. We look forward to reporting on the promising innovative solutions that will result from this program.

More information can be found at www.fit-fit.ca



Fund for Innovation and Transformation
Fonds pour l'innovation et la transformation

MANITOBA GOVERNMENT MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

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

In 2018-19, MCIC distributed a total of \$1,200,000 to 51 projects in 27 countries through the MGMGP.



DEVELOPMENT FUND

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



THEME FUND

The Theme Fund encourages MCIC member organizations to take a broader view of development projects by responding to current issues of international concern, reflected in a bi-annual theme. The 2018-19 theme is: Sustainable Urban Centres: Meeting People's Needs in an Urbanizing World.



RELIEF & REHABILITATION FUND

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



COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY FUND

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

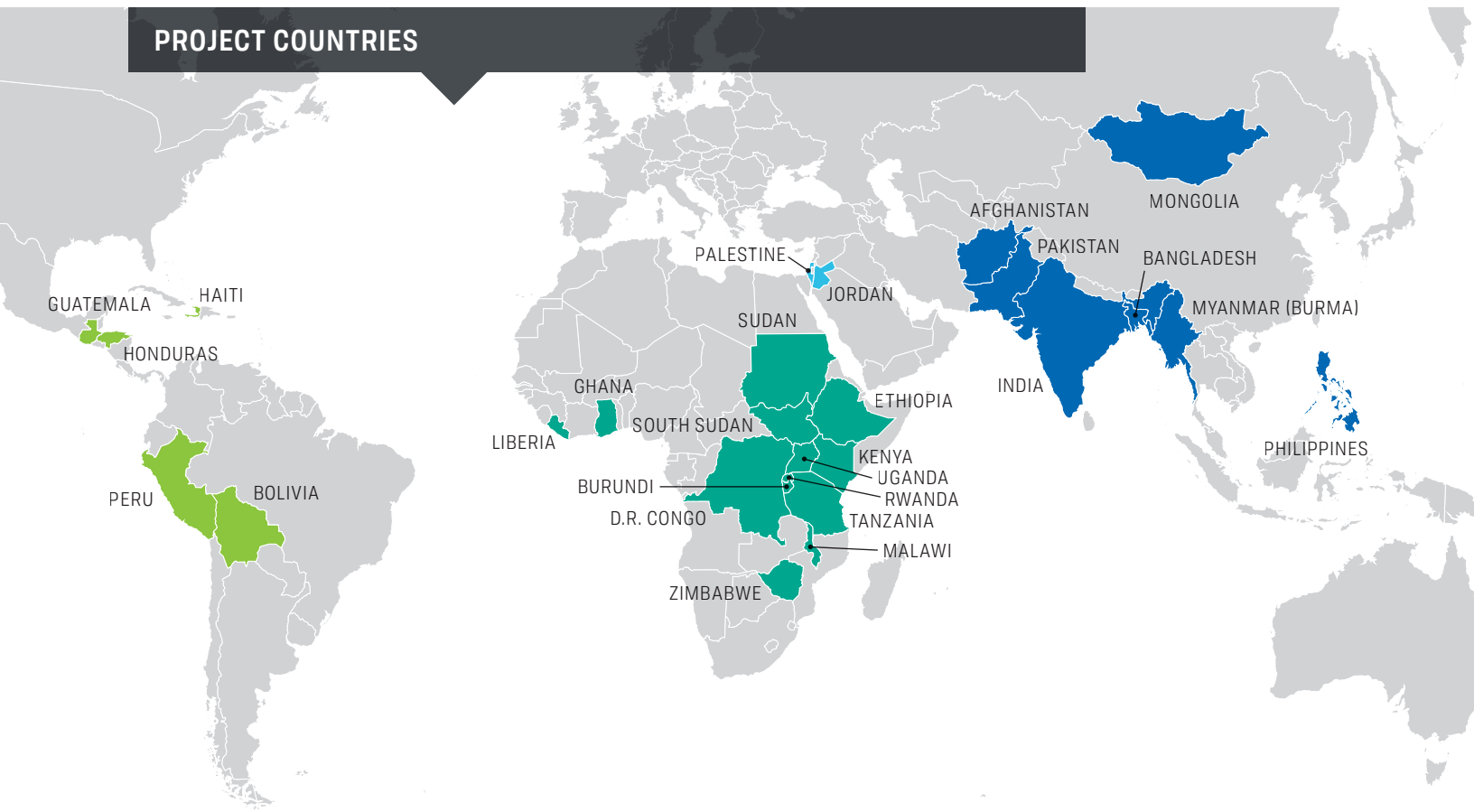
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Projects funded through the Development, Theme and Community Solidarity funds were asked to rank the top four Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) the project supported.

Among 46 projects, **SDG 5: Gender Equality**, **SDG 2: Zero Hunger**, **SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being** and **SDG 1: No Poverty** were indicated most frequently.



PROJECT COUNTRIES

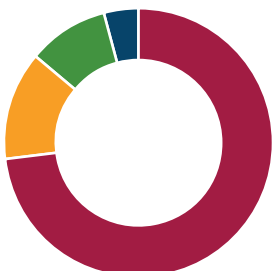


PROJECTS BY REGION



AFRICA	\$516,289		43%
ASIA	\$474,229		40%
THE AMERICAS	\$111,769		9%
MIDDLE EAST	\$97,713		8%
TOTAL	\$1,200,000		100%

PROJECTS BY FUNDING TYPE



DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$885,854		74%
THEME FUND	\$150,146		13%
RELIEF & REHABILITATION FUND	\$120,000		10%
COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY FUND	\$44,000		4%
TOTAL	\$1,200,000		100%

DEVELOPMENT FUND



Cuso International volunteers Chelsey Berendse and Christina Tellez help harvest and market Bolivia's botanicals.

CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

● PHILIPPINES | \$60,000

Supporting Smallholder Farmers in Tarlac, Quezon and Leyte

This project will address rural poverty and improve standard of living in rural areas by sustaining and strengthening organic demonstration farms, scaling-up production of organic crops, building the capacities of smallholder farmers to sustain and initiate agriculture-based enterprises for local market development, and securing farmers' land tenure.

CANADIAN HUMANITARIAN

● ETHIOPIA | \$10,861

Empowering Youth to Break the Cycle of Poverty

This project will help break the cycle of poverty by empowering orphans and vulnerable children through education and support. It will use a "Holistic Child Centered Network" model to promote emotional and physical development — providing more than just education and a hot meal, it ensures children can grow well.

CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

● JORDAN | \$73,775

Improved Learning Environment for Children

This project will contribute to improved learning for Syrian and Jordanian girls and boys in Amman, Irbid and Zarqa governorates. It includes the rehabilitation of schools and WASH facilities and involves training teachers to promote good hygiene and psychosocial health.

CANADIAN MULTICULTURAL DISABILITY CENTRE

● ZIMBABWE | \$10,673

Poultry and Marketing Project for Families with Disabilities

This project will assist fifteen disabled families to establish poultry and marketing projects. The objective is to enhance food security and employment in these families through self-help strategies.

CANADIAN PHYSICIANS FOR AID AND RELIEF

● ETHIOPIA | \$10,200

Enhancing Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights for Women and Adolescents

This project will improve women and adolescent girls' reproductive and sexual health and rights by increasing awareness of and access to high-quality gender-responsive and youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services in selected communities in the Amhara and Oromia.

CARE CANADA

● TANZANIA | \$18,846

Tabora Maternal Newborn Health Initiative

This project will save lives by improving the quality and availability of reproductive, maternal and newborn health services, and by addressing the barriers women and girls face in accessing this care. Over one million women, newborns, men and boys will be assisted through this project.

CODE

● LIBERIA | \$10,168

Reading Liberia 20/20

This project will improve learning outcomes for boys and girls in Liberia by creating and publishing books that support the national curriculum. The project aims to inspire imagination, develop a habit of reading and nurture learning. Up to 24 high-quality book titles will be published, along with materials to guide teachers in their use.

CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION OF CANADA

● MONGOLIA | \$16,940

INVEST Co-op Mongolia – Women’s Mentorship Echo Program

This project contributes to sustainable, gender equitable, economic well being for smallholder farmers. Women managing financial co-ops in Mongolia receive professional development opportunities to improve managerial skills and self-confidence – vital skills for women working in traditionally male-dominated cultures.

CUSO INTERNATIONAL

● BOLIVIA | \$14,991

Improving the Livelihood of Rural Indigenous Women in Bolivia

This project will train, send and support volunteers who specialize in rural development and medicinal plant cultivation, to help build capacity within Bolivia. The volunteers will share business skills and provide training on topics related to cultivation and harvesting of organically produced plants for Indigenous women in Bolivia.

EMMANUEL INTERNATIONAL CANADA

● MALAWI | \$3,771

PROMISE Bicycle Ambulance Project

This project will reduce maternal and child mortality through improved delivery of health services, improved use of essential health services, and increased consumption of nutritious foods by mothers, adolescent girls, pregnant women, newborns and children under five.

HOPE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

● HAITI | \$17,255

Agriculture Revitalization

This project will ensure food security and income for communities hit by hurricane Matthew in 2016. Agricultural activities will be re-established and farmers will be supported to establish cropping systems that are resilient and provide sustainable income in the future.

iDE CANADA

● GHANA | \$51,043

Embedding Gender, Environmental Sustainability and Government Inclusion Through Sanitation Marketing

Through Sama Sama, a social enterprise launched by iDE as part of a larger Global Affairs Canada funded project, this project provides a one-stop shop for affordable, aspirational toilets for customers in the three northern regions of Ghana, ultimately reducing the incidence of diarrheal disease in Northern Ghana.



Inter Pares: A meeting of a women’s landless group in Bangladesh.

INTER PARES

● BANGLADESH | \$9,209

Ensuring Democracy, Accountability and Rights for the Poorest: Strengthening Women’s Rights

This project will help village-level groups of poor women and men exercise their rights as citizens through gender focused, rights-based training. The project will mobilize landless groups to take collective action on issues such as violence against women, women’s access to services and women’s participation in governance.



Jane Goodall Institute of Canada: Pregnant women attend a pre-natal class.

JANE GOODALL INSTITUTE OF CANADA

● D.R. CONGO | \$16,065

Delivering Healthy Futures

This project will reduce maternal and child mortality by improving health service delivery, strengthening health systems and infrastructure. Activities include community education and training in family planning, water, hygiene and sanitation, safe pregnancy and motherhood, and latrine construction.

MAKE MUSIC MATTER

● RWANDA | \$2,000

Raising Voices and Lifting Lives through Music

This project is the continuation of a successful one-year initiative that uses a music production approach to educate Rwandan youth and the community about the health risks of contracting HIV/AIDS, using song to help prevent spread of the virus, while also reducing trauma through music production.

MARQUIS PROJECT

● TANZANIA | \$3,000

Supporting Agriculture in Kishapu District

This project will help rural Tanzanian youth acquire local economic development skills, facilitating and building self-employment in the local economy and improving income streams. Local partners will act as a catalyst to increase local capacity through training in microenterprise, identifying tangible goals, agro-production, mentorship and life skills.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

● AFGHANISTAN | \$130,000

Strengthening Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

This project will increase consumption of nutritious foods and supplements by mothers, pregnant women, newborns and children under five; improve use of essential health services by mothers, pregnant women, newborns and children under five; and reduce the vulnerability of mothers and children to water related diseases.

MENNONITE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES

● KENYA | \$66,822

Building Enterprise Capacity in Kenya

This project will improve the business performance of small and medium-sized enterprises, in particular those led by youth under 35, by increasing access to business development services and third party financing.

OSU CHILDREN'S LIBRARY FUND

● GHANA | \$8,544

Establishing Mini-libraries in Fishing and Salt-Mining Villages

This project will develop seven mini-libraries in villages that initially received support through the Reading to Babies Campaign, in order to develop a reading culture in communities that previously had no access to children's storybooks.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

● GUATEMALA | \$2,500

Refurbishment and Expansion of the El Remate Children's Development Center

This project will update the recently purchased Children's Development Center building to ensure it is accessible, safe and has functioning amenities. The center provides a safe place for local children in five communities to read, learn and participate in activities designed for healthy child development.

PRESBYTERIAN WORLD SERVICE & DEVELOPMENT

● AFGHANISTAN | \$16,197

Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

This project will improve the delivery of essential health services for mothers, pregnant women, adolescent girls, newborns and children under five. It will also improve the demand for essential health services and reproductive, sexual health rights by women, men, girl and boy adolescents, newborns and children.

PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

● BANGLADESH | \$18,160

Reducing Climate Change Vulnerabilities by Promoting Local Knowledge

This project will reduce vulnerability to climate change by using community knowledge and practices to identify and promoting tolerant seeds and livestock. It will also promote bamboo binding and mangrove regeneration, involving Bangladeshi farmers from ten villages in disaster prone zones.

TEARFUND CANADA

● KENYA | \$19,503

Kajiado Women's Savings Group

This project will empower approximately 1,170 beneficiaries in 45 new savings groups, of which 91 per cent will be women. As women learn to save and have the opportunity to borrow and invest in their communities, they develop a sense of economic independence and are empowered to take steps to exit poverty.

UNICEF CANADA

● UGANDA | \$62,466

Undaunted

Girls who drop out of school are vulnerable to early marriage and pregnancy. During menstruation, the lack of gender-segregated toilets, washing facilities and water systems at schools hinder girls' education. This project will improve WASH infrastructure in schools, strengthen hygiene education, and promote girls' education including.



United Church of Canada: Fatima, a midwife with NECC takes a blood sample from an infant for testing at Gaza clinic.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

● PALESTINE | \$23,938

Nutrition and Health Services for Vulnerable Children and Well Baby Clinics

This project will improve child health by identifying childhood illnesses, particularly the widespread malnutrition and anaemia among children in vulnerable areas of the Gaza Strip. Ill children will be identified through well baby checks. Nurses will provide health education to caregivers to decrease the prevalence of disease and speed recovery in a sustainable manner.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

● INDIA | \$3,100

Strengthening Women's Capacity to Participate in Civil Society

This project will support tribal peoples, particularly women, in establishing community structures to improve access to legal rights and entitlement for food, livelihoods, state welfare and social security, as well as increased control of natural resources.

USC CANADA

● BANGLADESH | \$7,989

Seeds of Survival – Nilphamani

This project will help young women farmers in the northwest of Bangladesh to transform their land and homesteads using organic methods, local seeds and knowledge on how to farm sustainably into the future, whatever the weather.

WAR CHILD CANADA

● D.R. CONGO | \$12,151

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

This project will enable a national scale-up of War Child's 'Interactive Radio Instruction' approach by working closely with the Ministry of Primary, Secondary and Professional Education, Ministry of Social Affairs, and other education stakeholders to extend access to quality education for out-of-school children.

WORLD RENEW

● BANGLADESH | \$18,644

Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security in Kalmakanda

This project will improve food security among marginal farming households who possess less than half an acre of farmland by teaching them environmentally sound agriculture practices that will lead to increased crop yields and improved dietary diversity.

WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE OF CANADA

● PERU | \$37,032

Program for University Students

This project will develop an innovative and inclusive mechanism to support refugees and vulnerable students in accessing higher education in Peru. The project will train more than 200 students and 50 stakeholders, and will directly support three students to access higher education.



This Bangladeshi family received small animals as part of World Vision Canada's project to promote eating healthy foods.

WORLD VISION CANADA

● BANGLADESH, MYANMAR, PAKISTAN,
● KENYA, TANZANIA | \$130,000

Enhancing Nutrition Services to Improve Maternal Health

This project will reduce maternal and child mortality through: improved gender-responsive essential health and nutrition services; increased production and consumption of bio-fortified crops; and strengthened governance, policy and public engagement of maternal, newborn and child health in Canada and project countries.

THEME FUND



Save the Children Canada: An elementary school in San Pedro Sula, acts as a safe space to deliver sexual and gender based violence and unaccompanied migration prevention programs. *Photo by Yannis Koumarios*

CANADIAN PHYSICIANS FOR AID AND RELIEF

● ETHIOPIA | \$20,176

Comprehensive Emergency Health Care Service Skills Upgrades

This project will help health facilities meet the emergency medical needs of growing urban populations in North Shoa, Ethiopia by providing skills upgrade training, mentorship and basic medical supplies for health workers in urban and peri-urban centres.

CUSO INTERNATIONAL

● PERU | \$20,000

Feeding Lima from Within

This project responds to issues of urban growth, migration, livelihood and climate change by drawing attention to the role and potential of urban agriculture. The project will increase the income, savings and access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food for the urban poor, as well as reduce environmental degradation.

HOPE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

● INDIA | \$20,000

Strengthening the Wellbeing of Urban Youth in Hosur City

This project will engage key stakeholders in a collaborative effort to address youth protection and rights in Hosur City. Youth in ten government schools will establish youth groups, gain knowledge and practical skills relevant for their urban context, and establish urban gardens.

iDE CANADA

● GHANA | \$20,000

Fecal Sludge Management Pilot

This project will develop and test a business model for emptying fecal sludge from household latrines in urban areas in northern Ghana. Utilizing a hybridized container-based collection technology, this project will draw on technological and operational innovations to crowd in micro-entrepreneurs and drive down costs for households.



UNICEF Canada is piloting an innovative public-private partnership to reduce air pollution in Bayankhongor, Mongolia in order to address the health risks posed to children.

INTER PARES

● SUDAN | \$20,000

Supporting Women's Rights in Sudan

This program will support women and girls who have experienced violence and discrimination by providing them with legal representation and psychosocial support. It will also engage policy advocacy for women's rights and build urban youth capacity for women's and human rights advocacy.

THE MARQUIS PROJECT

● TANZANIA | \$10,000

Usagara Garbage Alert Project

This project will prepare an expanding township by raising awareness on the need to improve handling of household garbage. Participatory theatre for the community, waste sorting, composting, re-purposing of materials, along with capacity building for local leaders will support the development of a plan to address waste management.

SAVE THE CHILDREN CANADA

● HONDURAS | \$20,000

Creating Opportunities and Preventing Adolescent Unaccompanied Migration

This project will provide protection services and social development opportunities to adolescents in two of the poorest and most violent cities in Honduras. Vocational and life skills training will enhance adolescents' employability, foster cultural integration and build sustainable communities, aiming to reduce adolescent migration.

UNICEF CANADA

● MONGOLIA | \$19,970

Improving Child Health by Reducing Air Pollution

This project will address the health risks to children of air pollution in Bayankhongor, one of Mongolia's fastest growing cities, by piloting an innovative public-private partnership that increases the demand, supply and financing of cooking, heating and insulation products and services that are clean, efficient, reliable and affordable for vulnerable residents.

RELIEF & REHABILITATION FUND



Raymond and his wife work together in their backyard garden. Raymond has always been supportive of his wife, but because of local traditions and gender roles within the community Raymond was not as involved as he would have liked to be. Since being a part of **World Vision's** Men-Care Program, Raymond has felt freedom to support his wife in many ways

CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

● ETHIOPIA | \$25,000

Emergency Response to Drought Affected Population

This project will respond to the drought emergency in Ethiopia by rehabilitating a pond that supports internally displaced persons, host families and their livestock in Mi'awa kabele, Gursum Woreda, East Hararghe Zone in Oromia Regional State. Ethiopia has been facing humanitarian crisis due to ongoing drought, coupled with ethno-political conflict.

HOPE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

● AFGHANISTAN | \$20,000

Drought Relief

Current drought conditions in Afghanistan have led to more than 113,500 people in need of food assistance in Kunduz province. This project will help households gain access to essential food relief items, leaving families better able to combat the severe food insecurity they will face in the coming months.

HOPE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

● MYANMAR | \$25,000

Relief for Internally Displaced Persons

This project will reduce the vulnerability of internally displaced persons, especially women and children. Newly re-displaced families in camps in Kachin State will be reached through emergency distribution of non-food items such as bedding, utensils, and clothing, sanitary items, and temporary latrines.

HOPE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

● SOUTH SUDAN | \$25,000

Relief for Internally Displaced Persons

Ongoing conflict has displaced 3.9 million people in South Sudan. This project will help displaced and re-displaced households gain access to relief items, including food and non-food items. Families will be better able to combat the severe food insecurity in the current lean season.

SAVE THE CHILDREN CANADA

● INDIA | \$25,000

Kerala Flood Response

This project will restore food security and livelihoods of communities affected by Kerala flooding. It will support the 'Rebuild Kerala' initiative by providing livelihood support to affected families and re-operationalizing microenterprises providing nutritional mixes for children.



Agnes took out a small loan from one of **Tearfund Canada's** women's savings groups in order to open her own sewing shop. Now she's earning \$40 per day when she used to earn about \$0.50 per day.

COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY FUND



Women in the Wau district of South Sudan participate in workshops led by Monica Kaima and Deborah Awut Mayom, two women who recently completed trauma healing and peacebuilding training in Rwanda.

CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY

● INDIA | \$6,000

Enhancing Education for Women in Marginalized Coastal Villages

This project will support a small rural school in Nicha Kotda by providing educational materials and scholarships to encourage girls' education. This includes purchasing computers, sports equipment, textbooks and laboratory equipment, as well as subsidized tuition for ten girls.

EMMANUEL MISSION

● BURUNDI | \$6,000

Supporting Women and Girls Lacking Sanitary Products

This project will improve girls' school attendance by providing sanitary kits during menstruation. The aim is to prevent girls from missing or dropping out school due to lack of access to sanitary products.

GAS STATION ARTS CENTRE

● KENYA | \$6,000

From Playing to Learning: Participatory Theatre in Crafting Human Rights Interventions

This project will create community led mechanisms for peacebuilding and human rights by empowering women in Kenya as prevention agents in human rights abuse and peacebuilding at the household level. It will enhance the capacity of grassroots women's organizations through training, coaching and linkages to existing society and government initiatives

KENYA INITIATIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT & SUSTAINABILITY INC.

● KENYA | \$8,000

Lemolo Internally Displaced Persons Camp – Water Borehole Project

This water borehole project within the Lemolo IDP Camp will provide reliable access to water and support K.I.D.S. successful agriculture and food security project. It will support crop yields and sustainable enterprises while providing clean water to the camp and surrounding areas.

KUWALA CHRISTIAN GIRLS SCHOOL

● MALAWI | \$6,000

Greenhouse Implementation

This project will acquire and implement a greenhouse for the Kuwala Christian Girls School in Malawi to use as a teaching exercise and to promote entrepreneurship, provide food for the students and raise additional funds for the school by selling produce.

THE TABERNACLE OF NEW COVENANT

● TANZANIA | \$6,000

Socioeconomic Empowerment of Women and Young Fishermen

This project will provide rental boats to young fishermen and interest-free microloans to fishmonger women who process and sell fish. Rental fees will be used for maintenance of the boats, with any surplus added to the fund collected through loan repayment, which women can access through micro-loans on a rotational basis.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG GLOBAL COLLEGE

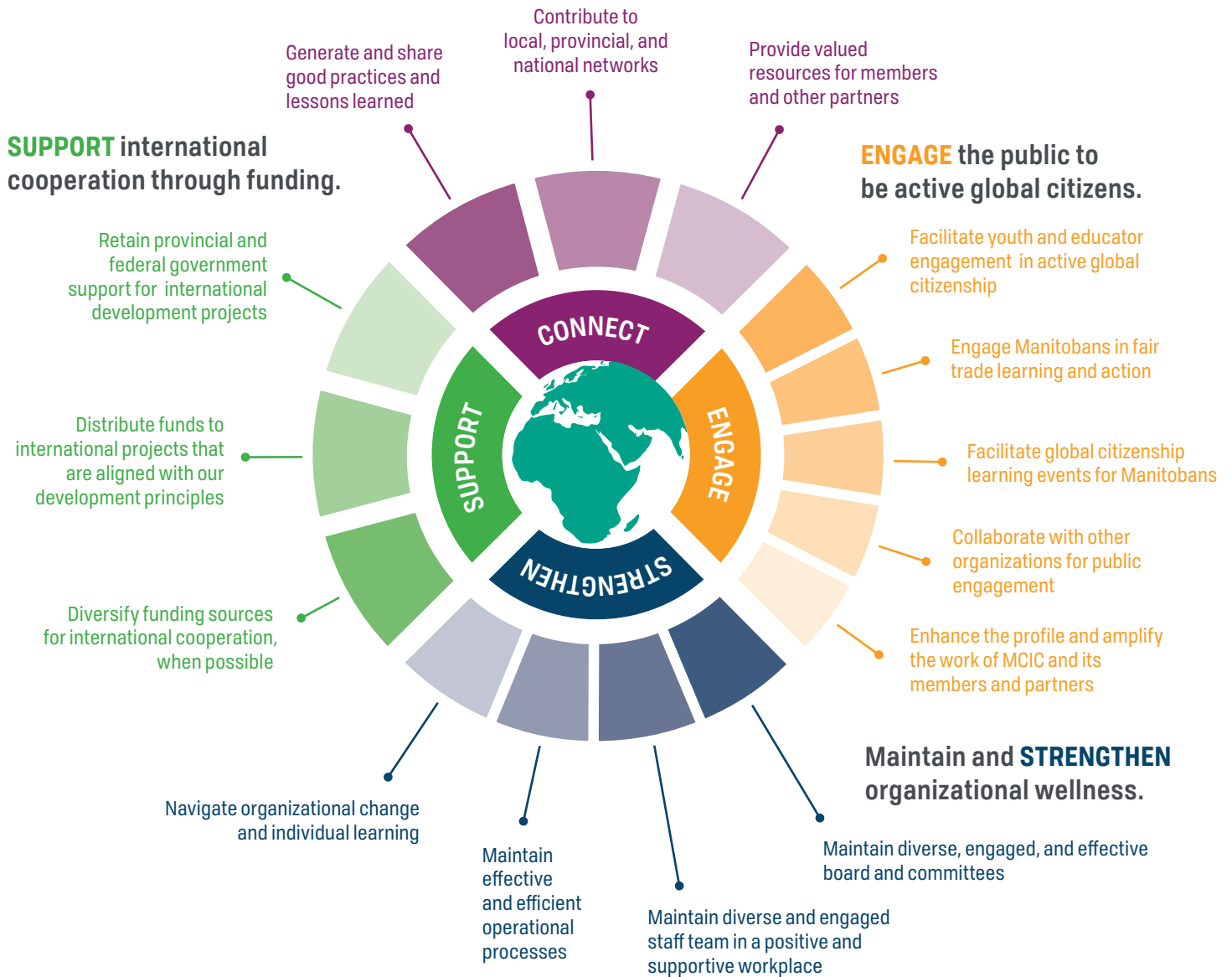
● SOUTH SUDAN | \$6,000

Rebuilding from Within

This project will provide trauma healing workshops in Wau district for women and girls who have experienced trauma from gender-based violence with the goal of empowering and rebuilding their communities. Workshops will be led by local women recently trained in the Rwandan Healing and Rebuilding our Communities model.

MCIC STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2023

Support **CONNECTIONS** and capacity development in members and partners for greater impact.



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.



RAY VANDER ZAAG

Ray Vander Zaag, the 2018 Paul LeJeune Volunteer Service Award recipient, is a long-serving volunteer to MCIC who has spent several years offering his time and expertise to the organization. Ray's involvement with MCIC started out when he became the volunteer representative of World Renew. In 2011, Ray was elected to the MCIC Board of Directors. For his first three years on the board Ray served on the finance committee, followed by the executive committee from 2013 to 2016. In his final year on the board Ray returned to the finance committee while also joining the nominations, membership and bylaws committees.

Ray is currently assistant professor of international development studies at Canadian Mennonite University.

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