

A photograph of a woman in a green sari with a gold border, wearing glasses and a red bindi. She is using a stethoscope to listen to a patient's chest. The patient's arm is visible in the foreground, and the woman's hands are holding the stethoscope. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a clinical or hospital setting.

**Inspiring 🌍 Innovating 🌍 Investing
For A Just World**

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20

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:

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FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS



Global Affairs Canada

Employment and Social Development Canada - Sustainable Development Goals



OTHER

MCIC Members
All Charities Campaign
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The newly expanded MCIC team pose for a photo during the FIT open house in August, with Robert-Falcon Ouellette, then MP, announcing Global Affairs Canada funding for FIT.

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A MESSAGE FROM MCIC PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This has been an extraordinary year for MCIC and the world. It was one of expansion and growth for MCIC, as we doubled our staff and office space. By the end of the year, COVID-19 brought the whole world to a halt, and we ended the year working remotely.

Spring 2019 was an extremely busy time, hiring staff for the Fund for Innovation and Transformation (FIT), creating the website, and developing the application procedures. We were delighted to publicly launch FIT at the end of May. We are thrilled that within one year we have been able to fund nine small and medium sized organizations (SMOs) from across Canada to test their innovative solutions to advance gender equality in the Global South. The FIT team, led by Christina Maclsaac, is to be commended for their excellent work. We are looking forward to funding more SMOs and sharing their results in the coming years.

MCIC was pleased to sign a new four year agreement with Global Affairs Canada for our Inspiring Action for Global Citizenship (INSPIRE) project. We are excited to have an amazing team working on this project led by Patricia Maruschak. By mid-March, due to COVID-19, all of MCIC's staff moved to working remotely in response to public health measures. Our INSPIRE team shifted gears and got creative developing and adapting resources that could be used online by educators and parents with their students and children at home. MCIC moved our Local Brews + Global Views to a Home Edition, which has attracted participants from across Canada and beyond to learn about our members' work. We have engaged people through workshops, discussions, resources, social media, and paid advertising, resulting in more than 600,000 engagements with Manitobans and beyond.

This year we received additional funding from Employment and Social Development Canada to assist us in promoting the Sustainable Development Goals. We organized roundtables to gather input to feed into the development of Canada's implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This funding allowed us to translate our Sustainable Foundation resource into French and create bilingual posters and we are very pleased to be able to provide more programming in French.

As 2020 marks 150 years since Manitoba became Canada's fifth province, the only province to enter Confederation under Indigenous leadership, it is also 45 years since the Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program started funding our members' projects. MCIC truly appreciates this ongoing support from the Government of Manitoba. This year the \$1.2 million provided funding to 52 projects in 34 countries. It is also important to note that Manitobans contributed over \$29.4 million directly to our members' international development work.

This has also been a year of renovations and upgrading our computer and phone systems. In July, we were able to expand into additional office space on our floor. We appreciate having a larger meeting room where our Board can meet. The cloud-based computer and phone



(L-R) Minister of Economic Development and Training Hon. Ralph Eichler, MCIC Executive Director Janice Hamilton and MCIC President Jason Carkner

system allowed us to quickly transition to working remotely. Jane Mychasiw, our Office Coordinator, was instrumental in overseeing the renovations and our system upgrades.

With the growth and expansion this year, we implemented a new organizational structure. In addition to the Director of Innovation, and Director of Engagement and Learning, Carrie Osabutey is our Director of Finance. MCIC is proud to have a very talented and creative team implementing our programs and we are pleased that many of our new team members are fluent in both English and French.

With this expansion and growth, MCIC is very fortunate to have a dedicated Board of Directors providing guidance and support during this time. Given our increased programming and staff, the Board was pleased to be able to increase our restricted reserve fund by \$40,000, bringing it to \$150,000. At the AGM in June we will have a number of Board members leaving after six years of service. We will certainly miss the wisdom and insight of Sue Bishop, Dinah Cepelis and Zephania Matanga. As well, Beata Alonzo, who left the board in March, and Tiffany Koberstein is leaving after her two year term. We also want to thank the many volunteers from our member agencies who participate on our committees. MCIC would not be able to do our work without their involvement.

It has been a memorable year. The world has been at centre stage. We have witnessed the power of Greta Thunberg's action to bring attention to the climate crisis – inspiring youth and adults in many countries, while the power of coronavirus quickly changed our normal routines. Now is the time to build back better. This is an opportunity to create a new normal, a world with equality and respect for human rights. A Just World.

Jason Carkner
President

Janice Hamilton
Executive Director

INSPIRING MANITOBANS

FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL



This year, MCIC had **601,916** engagements with Manitobans and beyond. We inspired active global citizenship through workshops, discussions, resources, social media, websites, displays, and paid advertising.



LOCAL BREWS + GLOBAL VIEWS

Local Brews + Global Views continued this year with two events at local coffee shops 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 May, Sam's Place welcomed guests interested in discussing the work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). In September, at Thom Bargen Café, Tiyahna Ridley-Padmore of World Vision Canada took us on the 1,000 Day Journey – an initiative that supports the health of women and children in vulnerable communities in Kenya, Tanzania, Bangladesh, and Myanmar.

WORLD VISION – POWER OF HER



MCIC participated in World Vision Canada's - Power of Her film screening and international panel discussion at the Winnipeg Art Gallery for the Manitoba debut of Platon's film *My Body is Not a Weapon*. Darcy Ataman, CEO and founder of Make Music Matter, spoke to their innovative music therapy program that empowers girls and young women in the DRC. MCIC set up a display and collaborated with inspired and engaged youth advisors from the Canadian Council of Young Feminists, World Vision Canada and other local organizations for a powerful evening.



"Women are the strength in the community; as we help them, we restore that strength."

(Nancy Del Col from World Vision Canada)



1,768
TWITTER
FOLLOWERS



2,696
FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS



341
INSTAGRAM
FOLLOWERS



75,107
WEBSITE
VIEWS



1,448
NEWSLETTER
SUBSCRIBERS



15,800
YOUTUBE
VIEWS

COMMUNITIES ENGAGED

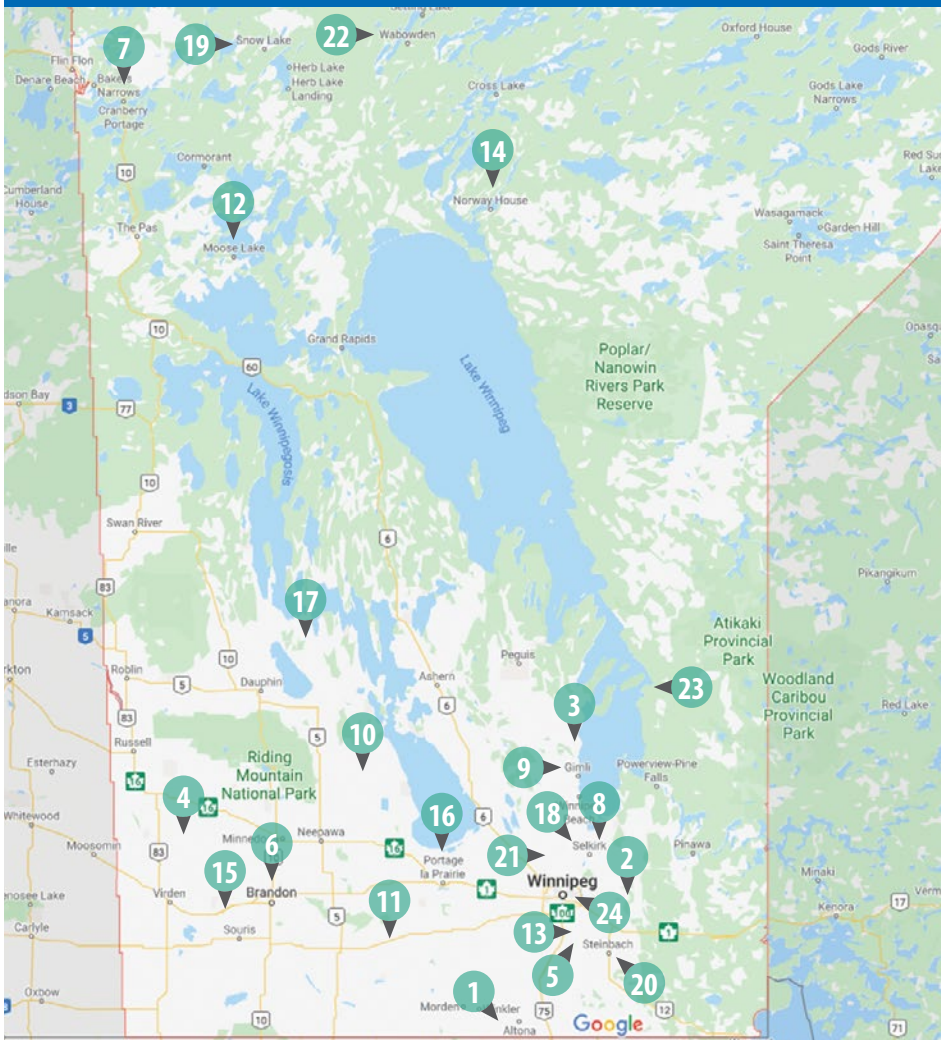
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| 5. Bothwell | 14. Norway House | 22. Wabowden |
| 6. Brandon | 15. Oak Lake | 23. Wanipigow |
| 7. Cranberry Portage | 16. Portage
la Prairie | 24. Winnipeg |
| 8. East Selkirk | | |
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35,554
MANITOBANS



24
COMMUNITIES



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



EDUCATORS & YOUTH

INSPIRING LEARNING, ACTION, AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP FOR MANITOBAN EDUCATORS AND YOUTH



MCIC's continued commitment to inspiring engagement with Manitoba educators and youth through **45 workshops** on a range of topics aimed toward supporting the Sustainable development goals (SDGs). MCIC reached **86%** of the school divisions in Manitoba!

ENSURING ACCESSIBLE AND BILINGUAL PROGRAMMING

Thanks to funding from Employment and Social Development Canada (EDSC), MCIC was able to translate our *Sustainable Foundations: A Guide to Teaching the Sustainable Development Goals* into French. In addition, MCIC created a colourful bilingual SDG poster with all the targets for each of the 17 goals.



RESPONSE TO COVID-19

MCIC staff began working at home in mid-March due to COVID-19. MCIC saw opportunities for creativity and connection and were quick to pivot programming to the changing context. To meet the needs of educators and caregivers teaching from home, the Inspiring Action for Global Citizenship (INSPIRE) team adapted existing SDG resources to create remote learning lesson plans for each SDG. They were shared nationally by partners, via social media, e-newsletters, and the MCIC website.



45
WORKSHOPS



3
CONFERENCES



32
SCHOOL DIVISIONS



10,041
BLOG VIEWS



602
EDUCATORS
M: 76 W: 226
UNSPECIFIED: 300




1,255
STUDENTS
B/M: 482 G/W: 594
UNSPECIFIED: 178
NON-BINARY: 1



A Better World is InSight, a 360 immersive video experience tour schedule had to change due to COVID-19. We're looking forward to sharing this innovative learning opportunity when it's safe to do so.




OUTSTANDING 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 an exceptional Take Action projects as part of their course work.

- **Mallory McLeod** and **Isaiah Sanchez** - St. James Collegiate, Winnipeg
 - Educated and encouraged freedom of expression.
- **Isabelle Skonberg** and **Lexie Tencha** - Linden Christian School, Winnipeg
 - Advocated to end the sale of Canadian made weapons to Saudi Arabia.
- **Noah Douglas-McKay** - St. James Collegiate, Winnipeg
 - Interviewed experts on Modern genocide and designed professional poster.
- **Julianna Raposo** - St. James Collegiate, Winnipeg
 - Worked to end stigma around mental health.

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**.



Educators Kathleen Mira and Livia Gloux receiving the Global Citizenship Award at MCIC's 2019 AGM.

- **Kathleen Mira** and **Livia Gloux** - Tec-Voc High School, Winnipeg
 - Their tremendous efforts helped their school become a Fair Trade designated School. They challenged students to care about global issues and helped students sell fair trade products in their school's store.
- **William Taylor** - Frontier Collegiate Institute, Cranberry Portage
 - Worked to bring global issues, lessons, and ideas to students in his classes across Northern Manitoba. His efforts also connected other educators with resources on global issues.
- **Darryl Patterson** - Yellowquill School, Portage la Prairie
 - Brought the Generating Momentum youth conferences to Portage la Prairie School Division for two consecutive years. His efforts made it possible for both students and educators to access learning opportunities about global citizenship, sustainability and youth empowerment.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EDUCATORS

This year MCIC saw tremendous growth in requests for professional development session for educators, due to increased interest in *Sustainable Foundations: A Guide to Teaching the Sustainable Development Goals*. **13 sessions** were offered to **372 educators** and student teachers, from **31 school divisions** across the province. MCIC worked with the Department of Education to offer special sessions in both Winnipeg and Brandon on our resources for teaching the SDGs.



INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK

GO FOR THE GOALS



2020 marked the **30th Anniversary** of International Development Week (IDW) in Canada. This year's theme - Go For The Goals - illustrated Canada's commitment to moving forward collaboratively and positively to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



MCIC hosted the official launch of IDW in Manitoba at the Manitoba Legislative Building. The Hon. Ralph Eichler, Minister of Economic Development and Training, brought greetings with an official proclamation on behalf of the Government of Manitoba. Members shared stories of how their work is advancing the Global Goals, with an emphasis on gender equality.

WHO DOES YOUR BODY BELONG TO

Chosen from a pool of young Manitoba applicants, high school students, Jules Stevenson and Juliana San Buenaventura were selected to participate in MCIC's 2020 Voices for Change program. With guidance from MCIC and professional spoken word artist, Steve Locke, the pair created *Who Does Your Body Belong To*. The poem weaves together a powerful narrative addressing human rights, gender, and the ownership of one's body.

Jules and Juliana presented the poem live at the official Launch of IDW in Manitoba. It was also featured as part of Global Affairs Canada's national livestream event, Manitoba's segment was live from Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School in Selkirk, Manitoba, where the local MP James Bezan joined the students. The national event featured youth from coast to coast.




GO FOR THE GOALS AT THE FORKS

MCIC kept the momentum going with an outdoor puck shooting event in collaboration with Fair Trade Winnipeg at The Forks. The team engaged with Manitobans to Go for the Goals by shooting a puck through the SDG wheel and by warming up with complimentary Fairtrade hot cocoa. Former Winnipeg Blue Bomber, Obby Khan, joined in on the fun and participants were encouraged to take a photo at our SDG photobooth.




#GOFORTHEGOALS

Together with the other provincial and regional councils and Global Affairs Canada, MCIC took part in the #GoForTheGoals social media challenge from January 13 to February 8 engaging Manitobans to take actions to support the Global Goals. MCIC also featured a separate social media campaign that successfully engaged members and partners to share what global goal inspired them to Go For the Goals.



84,602
Reach



87
New Social Media Followers

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

MCIC engaged over 1,000 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. This year, MCIC engaged even more bilingual and French schools to participate – totalling 140. The campaign featured two reading lists, a documentary list, a bilingual promotional poster, bookmarks and a for a second year in a row included a contest encouraging participants to share a book that helped them think globally!



INVESTING IN SUSTAINABILITY



This year MCIC broadened the scope of our sustainability programming to include other areas in addition to fair trade. We now have a Sustainability Specialist position.

MCIC organized five multi-stakeholder roundtables and three focus groups between April 12 and April 25, 2019 to gather input to feed into the development of Canada's implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Roundtables were held in Gimli, Brandon, and three in Winnipeg. Attendees represented stakeholders from the private, non-profit, civil society, faith, and public sectors as well as interested individuals. The focus groups were held with Educators, Youth and People with Disabilities. To increase the accessibility, educators and youth had the option of joining by video conference. We arranged for sign language interpretation and Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) to be available for the Inclusivity focus group.

SDG CUBE EXHIBIT



Thanks to funding from ESDC, MCIC updated an existing display cube to promote the SDGs, and features the 17 SDGs and their targets. Here, MCIC staff pose for a photo with the cube at the 2019 AGM.

FAIR TRADE UPDATES

MCIC continues to be a proud Fair Trade Workplace. This year, we made fair trade presentations at the World Trade Centre and Transport Canada. We also had a display at Menno Simons College Social Justice Fair during International Development Week. Our Sustainability Specialist attended the Canadian Fair Trade Network's 8th National Fair Trade Conference in Calgary in March.

SWEET + FAIR VALENTINE'S DAY: MANITOBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

MCIC attended Manitoba Catholic Schools on February 14 at St. Mary's Academy in Winnipeg. 400 Manitoban educators gathered to explore the theme of Social Justice. MCIC delivered a session on fair trade to 70 educators. We also participated in their Justice Market Hall where we featured Fairtrade roses and other Fairtrade products for sale.

ANOTHER CANADIAN FIRST

The RBC Winnipeg Convention Centre is the first convention centre in Canada to support the fair trade global initiative and provide clients the support they need to be designated a Fair Trade Event!

MANITOBA RECOGNITION

In March of 2020, at the National Fair Trade Conference in Calgary, Brandon's Fair Trade Town Committee, an initiative of The Marquis Project, became the first recipient of Fairtrade Canada's Educator Award! This award recognizes a fair trade group who is committed to educating Canadians about what Fairtrade means and the values that the fair trade movement embodies.



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Fair Trade Towns



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Fair Trade Campus



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Fair Trade Schools



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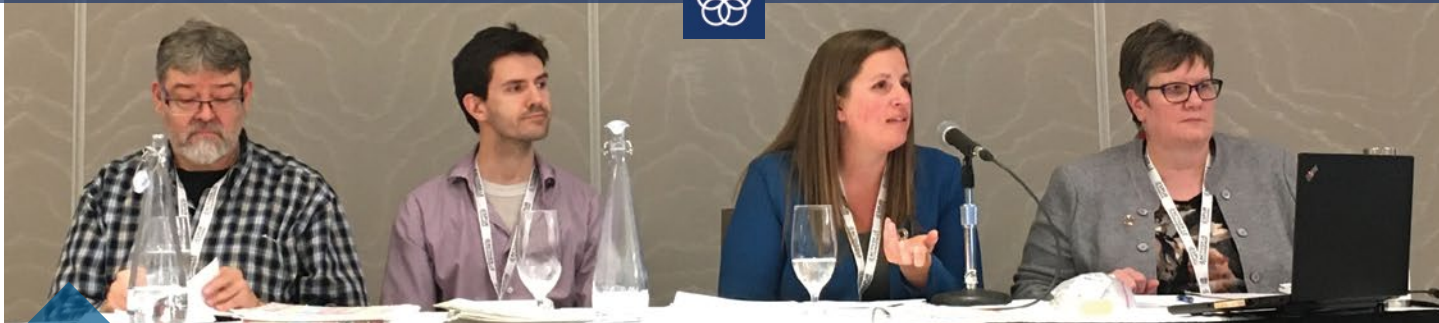
Fair Trade Workplaces



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Fair Trade Faith Groups

INVESTING IN OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS



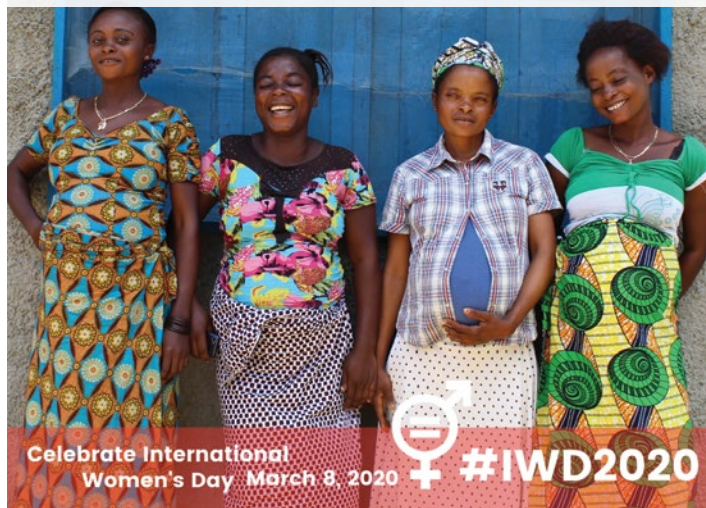
This year, MCIC continued to support and amplify the work of our members in international cooperation and engage with our partners in collaborative work to further global sustainability. Whether through funding our members' international projects through the MGMGP, or our commitment to amplifying our members' messaging to advance gender equality through our International Women's Day campaign – investing in our members is foundational to our work as a council.

MCIC promoted members via social media during International Women's Day 2020. Here, women attend a pre-natal class from the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada.

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.

MCIC supported the work of the national Spur Change program, speaking at their first annual conference on the theme of *Inclusive Governance: Meaningful Participation towards Gender Equality*, held in Edmonton, Alberta.



DEMYSTIFYING PARTNERSHIPS WITH GLOBAL AFFAIRS

In January, MCIC was pleased to organize Demystifying Partnerships with Global Affairs Canada. Shannon Fougere, Deputy Director, responsible for calls for proposals secretariat for the Partnership for Development Innovation Branch, led the session. The information presented provided insight into how applications are reviewed and selected by Global Affairs Canada. We had a fantastic turn out of Manitoba organizations including MCIC Members, universities and community organizations.

DEVELOPING GOOD PROJECTS AND PROPOSALS

MCIC organized three workshops for community groups to learn how to develop good projects with their partners in the Global South, and prepare funding proposals for MCIC's Community Solidarity Fund. We also held a webinar for MCIC members to go over our application process and expectations for funding through our Manitoba Government Matching Grant Program. (MGMGP)

 6 WORKSHOPS	 1807 PARTICIPANTS
 5 DISPLAYS	 10 DISCUSSION GROUPS
 28 EVENTS	

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.

MCIC distributed a total of \$1,200,000 to 52 projects in 34 countries through the MGMGP.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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

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



DEVELOPMENT FUND

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



THEME FUND

The Theme Fund encourages MCIC member organizations to take a broader view of development projects by responding to current issues of international concern, reflected in a bi-annual theme. The 2019-20 theme is: Sustainable Urban Centres: Meeting People's Needs in an Urbanizing World.



RELIEF & REHABILITATION FUND

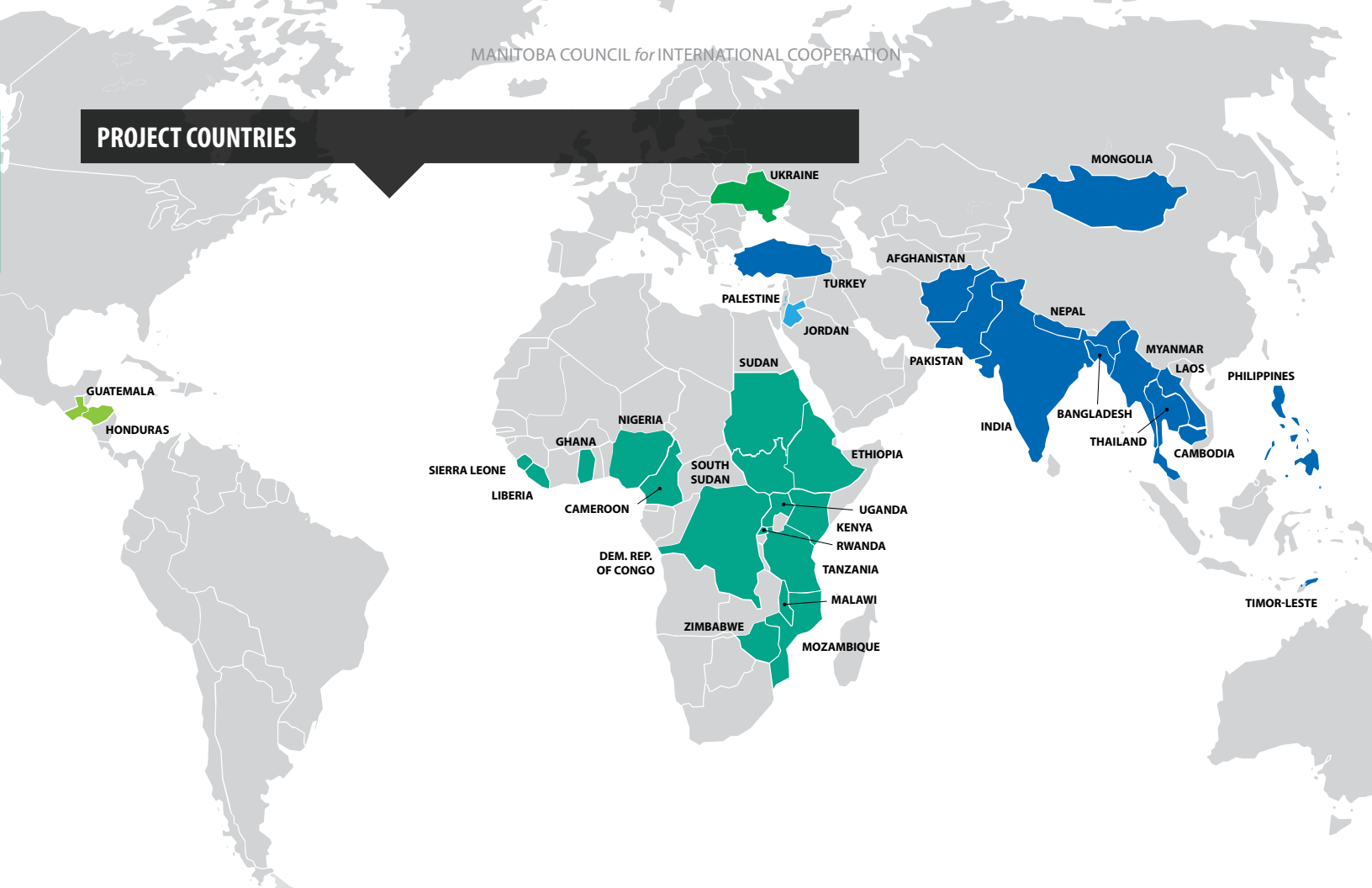
The Relief & Rehabilitation Fund bridges the gap between the effects of a disaster and the continuation of long-term development. Projects in this category are often part of large international relief efforts, in which case MCIC directs funding to specific components as part of the wider effort. This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



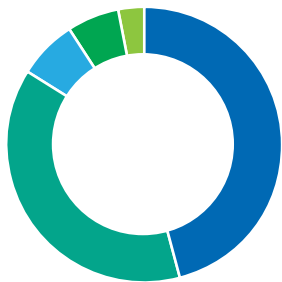
COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY FUND

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.

PROJECT COUNTRIES

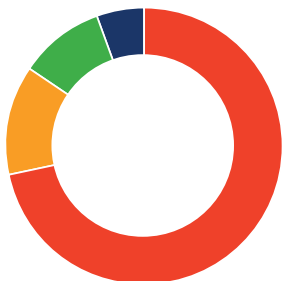


PROJECTS BY REGION



ASIA:	\$549,035	 46%
AFRICA	\$458,641	 38%
MIDDLE EAST	\$88,151	 7%
EUROPE	\$74,900	 6%
THE AMERICAS	\$29,273	 3%
TOTAL:	\$1,200,000	 100%

PROJECTS BY TYPE



DEVELOPMENT FUND:	\$860,237	 72%
THEME FUND:	\$155,763	 13%
RELIEF & REHABILITATION FUND:	\$120,000	 10%
COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY FUND:	\$64,000	 5%
TOTAL:	\$1,200,000	 100%

DEVELOPMENT FUND



Inter Pares: Nijera Kori Group Ensuring Democracy, Accountability and Rights for the Poorest: Strengthening Women's Rights in Bangladesh.

Photo by: S M Mahfuzul Islam Rahat

iDE CANADA

● NEPAL | \$51,968

PLANT DOCTOR PLUS

This project will build on iDE Nepal's success training Farm Business Advisors to be "Plant Doctors", who help increase the productivity and incomes of smallholder farmers. Together with individual donor funding, this project is expected to increase the incomes of farmers and small agricultural entrepreneurs.

CANADIAN MULTICULTURAL DISABILITY CENTRE

● ZIMBABWE | \$10,300

Training People with Disabilities with Assistive Technology

The project aims to train three hundred students and workers with disabilities in the application of assistive technology in overcoming urban-based barriers by establishing a computer based resource centre in Chivhu, Zimbabwe. The use of assistive technology for reading and writing documents and interfacing with other devices such as computers, cell phones, and tablets significantly enhances the capabilities of the disabled population to handle a broader range of activities independently. This includes access to information, health, education, government, city services and the ability to engage in electronic communication and transactions which is critical for survival in the urban environment.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

● NEPAL | \$1,858

Women's Vermicomposting for Organic Production

This project will support the establishment of 10 vermicomposting units in individual members' farm yards, by providing materials to prepare sheds made of locally available construction materials such as bamboo. The overseas partner, Jagaruk Mahila Samuha (Innovative Women's Group), has identified that vermicomposting is a vital ingredient in organic production which is increasing in Nepal. The project contributes to the green economy and women's empowerment through promotion of preparation and sale of vermicompost in eastern Nepal.

CODE

● LIBERIA | \$7,904

Reading Liberia 20/20

The Reading Liberia 20/20 project is designed to improve the learning outcomes of upper primary and junior high school students in four counties. This is achieved through teacher training, mentoring and certification, provision of culturally relevant reading and learning materials, and special after-school clubs for older girls.

ADRA CANADA

● THAILAND | \$10,014

Write to Learn - School Supplies for Refugees

This project aims to support basic education in refugee camps by providing school supplies and learning materials to 2,923 students in 7 refugee camps in Thailand, along the Thai-Myanmar borderline. It will also build and upgrade education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive and provide safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments for all.

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS (MSF)

● AFGHANISTAN | \$85,204

Helmand Province Secondary Healthcare- Boost Hospital

This project aims to provide good quality, free secondary health care services for the population of Helmand in Boost Hospital, and basic reproductive healthcare services in rural districts of Helmand. The Boost Provincial Hospital is a referral facility in southern Afghanistan, one of the areas most affected by active conflict, where there is a scarcity of fully functional medical facilities.

CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

● MYANMAR | \$46,492

Promoting a Culture of Peace and Sustainability in Myanmar

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

CUSO INTERNATIONAL

● CAMEROON | \$11,266

Climate Resilience of Women Farmers

This project aims to support women farmers to adopt agriculture technologies and access relevant information on changing weather patterns via their smart phone. With the help of a new mobile phone application, women will be able to receive weather forecast information for their area, connect with agricultural experts for guidance, and access training. This will allow them to become more resilient to the effects of climate change, improve food security and will result in improved standard of living for these small scale farmers.



Hope International Development Agency: (Left) Boy from Zala Dola, Ethiopia, fetches water prior to the construction of the gravity fed water system. (Right) Completed construction of the gravity fed water system.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

● PALESTINE | \$22,571

Nutritional and Health Services to Vulnerable Children and Well Baby Clinics

The project aims to contribute to improved child health status through identification of childhood illnesses, particularly the wide-spread malnutrition and anemia among children in the vulnerable areas of the Gaza Strip served by the NECC/DSPR in Shijaia, Darraj and Rafah; thus reducing mortality and morbidity resulting from childhood illnesses and their co-morbidities among children under 6 years.

PRESBYTERIAN WORLD SERVICE & DEVELOPMENT

● AFGHANISTAN | \$9,377

Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

The project aims to improve the status of maternal, newborn and child health in Laghman Province. Improved delivery of essential health services to women of childbearing age (mothers, pregnant women, adolescent girls) newborns, and children under 5 years, in targeted communities. As well improve demand for essential health services and reproductive, sexual health rights by women and men, pregnant women, girl and boy adolescents, newborns and children under 5 years.

SAVE THE CHILDREN CANADA

● NIGERIA | \$15,041

Reaching and Empowering Adolescents to make informed Choices for their Health (REACH)

The project aims to improve the sexual and reproductive health and rights of adolescents aged 10-19 in rural communities in Nigeria. The program will build capacities of health workers, establish adolescent safe spaces, and raise awareness with community members, ensuring adolescents have better access to, and quality of care.

UNICEF CANADA

● UGANDA | \$50,507

Undaunted

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

TEARFUND

● INDIA | \$13,632

Pakur Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture

The project will work with 650 families in 26 villages in the Pakur district to address food insecurity. Through training on conservation agriculture and livestock management, 650 farmers (over 325 women) across 26 villages will learn how to increase their yields, manage their natural resources (water, soil health, seeds), and how to improve livestock management. Market crops will increase family income and food insecurity will be decreased.

MAKE MUSIC MATTER

● RWANDA | \$3,900

Raising Voices and Building Sustainable Communities through Music

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

MENNONITE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES

● UKRAINE | \$74,900

AGRO-ReAdapt: Promoting Agricultural Business as a Method of Professional and Social Readaptation for Veterans

In this project MEDA will test a business and community-building model that provides grant support to local partners, who will facilitate the economic and social reintegration of veterans through capacity building and job creation in the agricultural sector. AGRO-ReAdapt will directly engage twelve veterans and six family members, and indirectly will benefit more than eleven thousand inhabitants in the Mykolayivsky rural region.

CARE CANADA

● TANZANIA | \$15,299

Tabora Maternal Newborn Health Initiative (TAMANI)

The project aims to improve the quality of reproductive, maternal, and newborn health services, and to address the existing barriers women and girls face in accessing care in the rural Tabora Region. The project is expected to directly support 56 health planners, 270 healthcare workers and 1,000 community health workers and to indirectly support 300,000 women and girls of reproductive age, 660,000 men and boys and 68,600 newborns in the communities across Tabora region.

WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE OF CANADA

● UGANDA | \$35,420

Adolescent Girls' Education in Crisis Initiative - Life Skills component

This project aims to enhance the empowerment of refugee adolescent girls and female youth pursuing educational pathways. The project will provide these girls with life skills training on decision making, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), mental health, financial literacy and negotiation skills through existing and newly established after-school girls' clubs.

KIDS INITIATIVE

● KENYA | \$9,553

Lemolo IDP Camp – Water Borehole Project Phase 2

This project within the Lemolo Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Camp will provide reliable access to potable water for 6,500 individuals and support the successful Agriculture and Food Security Project. Phase 2 includes pump and tank installation and further testing.

CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

● PALESTINE | \$45,580

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

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

CANADIAN HUMANITARIAN

● ETHIOPIA | \$8,346

Empowering Youth to Break their Cycle of Poverty

This project aims to empower 97 orphaned, high risk, vulnerable children, and youth whose circumstances prevent them from achieving their educational potential that affects their future success. That will include paying for the kids' tuitions, uniforms, school supplies and hot meals.

WORLD RENEW

● MOZAMBIQUE | \$11,668

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

This project is a scale-up nutrition project, which improves the wellbeing of children through improved feeding practices and nutritional/health status of mothers and children under two, and strengthens the health services in 12 villages in Mozambique. The project targets 800 households, including 800 mothers and 1,600 children under two.

HOPE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

● ETHIOPIA | \$14,394

Improving Access to Clean Water - Zala Dola

The project aims to pipe clean water to the community, and to provide basic health and hygiene education, benefitting 1,484 people (including 700 women and 128 children). This will help families living in Zala Dola, southern Ethiopia who lack access to clean water, leaving them vulnerable to waterborne diseases.

CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION OF CANADA

● UGANDA | \$15,703

Women's Mentorship Echo Program in Uganda (WMPiU)

This project aims to provide women managing financial co-ops with professional development opportunities encouraging peer learning and improving managerial skills and self-confidence – vital for women working in traditionally male-dominated cultures.

WORLD VISION CANADA

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

Enhancing Nutrition Services to Improve Maternal and Child Health in Africa and Asia (ENRICH)

This project aims to contribute to the reduction of maternal and child mortality through improved gender-responsive essential health and nutrition services, increased production and consumption of bio-fortified crops, strengthened governance, policy and public engagement of MNCH. The total beneficiaries account for slightly over two million people.

INTER PARES

● BANGLADESH | \$8,614

Ensuring Democracy, Accountability and Rights for the Poorest: Strengthening Women's Rights in Bangladesh

This project assists village-level groups of poor women and men through gender focused, rights based training to exercise their rights as citizens. It accompanies landless groups to mobilize and take collective action on issues such as violence against women, women's access to services and women's participation in governance, resulting in concrete improvements in women's lives.

SEEDCHANGE (formerly USC CANADA)

● TIMOR-LESTE | \$7,376

Seed and Food Security in Highland

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

OSU CHILDREN'S LIBRARY FUND

● GHANA | \$9,190

Establishing Mini-libraries in Fishing and Salt-Mining Communities

In 2018, OCLF with MGMGP support established seven mini-libraries in salt mining and fishing villages in Ghana. This year of the project will continue this outreach with a transition to have the communities assume more financial responsibility and leadership.



World Vision Canada: Mother poses in a plentiful crop with her baby as part of the *Enhancing Nutrition Services to Improve Maternal and Child Health (ENRICH)* program.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE CANADA

● LAOS | \$130,000

Strengthening Land Governance for Sustainable Development in Pek District

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

EMMANUEL INTERNATIONAL CANADA

● MALAWI | \$4,160

Promoting Maternal, Newborn, Infant and Child sustainable health efforts (PROMISE)

The project aims to reduce maternal and child mortality through an integrated approach that improves the delivery of healthcare; the utilization of essential health services; and increases the consumption of nutritious foods directly for 11,200 females and 8,560 males in Traditional Authorities Malemia and Kuntumanje.

THEME FUND



Inter Pares: Protestors wave the Sudanese flag as they rally for peace and democracy. *Photo by Sari Omer*

UNICEF CANADA

● MONGOLIA | \$20,000

CHIPS for Kids: improving child health through reducing air pollution in Mongolia's cities

The project aims to address the health risks to children of air pollution through community awareness and citizen-driven initiatives to reduce air pollution and increase demand for cleaner and more efficient Cooking, Heating, and Insulation Products and Services (CHIPS) for households in Bayankhongor, one of Mongolia's fastest growing cities. UNICEF will also support Umnugovi and Govi-Altai provinces to develop clean air strategies and interventions and apply CHIPS in their communities.

THE MARQUIS PROJECT

● TANZANIA | \$7,000

Garbage in Usagara - Management Project [GUMP]

The project aims to increase the capacity of the local government in Usagara to support their role at the community level to plan, implement and evaluate the garbage management. This will happen by building the capacity of the 12 members of the Usagara Healthy Environment and Climate Change Committee to support their role at the community level. It will increase the skills of Usagara youth to manage household waste through community awareness, actual garbage management, and craft production for entrepreneurship.

INTER PARES

● SUDAN | \$20,000

Supporting Women's Rights

The project aims to support two Sudanese women's rights/gender justice organizations, to offer legal aid services to women survivors of violence, offer mental health counselling, provide sexual and reproductive health education and women's rights training to adolescents, and advocate for women's rights.

MAKE MUSIC MATTER

● TURKEY | \$19,500

Healing in Harmony Gaziantep - Music therapy for Syrian refugee children with special needs

The project aims to provide psychosocial support to 160 Syrian refugee children with disabilities and their parents/caregivers in Turkey. Through an innovative approach to music therapy, the children, their families, and their communities will participate to reduce trauma, build educational opportunities, and foster a culture of empathy.

WORLD RENEW

● HONDURAS | \$9,273

Promotion of Protective Factors and Community Participation among Vulnerable Children and Adolescents

The project aims to targets 150 at-risk youth (aged 10-18) in two marginalized and violent urban communities in Honduras. It will strengthen the protective factors of youth through clubs, work with families and community leaders to prevent violence, foster peace, and encourage active civic participation to understand and demand their rights.



10-year-old Usukhjargal sets the thermostat through UNICEF Canada's project to improve child health through reducing air pollution in Mongolia's cities.

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IDE CANADA

● GHANA | \$20,000

COVID-19 Response in Northern Ghana

This project will deploy staffed handwashing stations in high-traffic areas in Sagnarigu and Yendi, and create increased awareness around the importance of handwashing and physical distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19.

CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

● JORDAN | \$20,000

Zarqa Innovation Lab

The project aims to establish an Innovation Lab within the Zarqa Community Centre in Zarqa, Jordan. The Innovation Lab will promote social cohesion among Syrian and Jordanian youth and empower them as leaders in their communities by equipping them to design, implement, and/or pilot innovative solutions to challenges in their communities.

CANADIAN HUMANITARIAN

● ETHIOPIA | \$19,990

Empowering Girls & Fostering Gender Equality

The project aims to provide year-long empowerment, self-esteem, and leadership workshops to urban Ethiopian teens to help them make informed life choices and create gender-equal communities. Workshops will be conducted weekly for 9 months for two hours throughout six different Ethiopian urban communities.

HOPE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

● INDIA | \$20,000

Strengthening the Wellbeing of Urban Youth in Hosur City

The project aims to engage key stakeholders in a collaborative effort to address youth protection and rights in Hosur City, India. 400 youth (240 girls, 160 boys) in 10 government schools will establish youth groups, gain knowledge and practical skills relevant for their urban context, and establish urban gardens.

RELIEF AND REHABILITATION FUND



Hope International Development Agency: Some South Sudanese community members on the road to Maruko.

EMMANUEL INTERNATIONAL CANADA

● MALAWI | \$25,000

Cyclone Idai Flood Relief

The project aims to help meet some of the basic needs of displaced people and households in order to help get their lives back on track. The displacement occurred due to a Tropical Cyclone formed in the Mozambique Channel and drifted to Malawi causing heavy rains accompanied by strong winds. More than 868,000 people have been affected. The project focuses on distributing plastic sheets, blankets, pails, utensils and sweet potato vines to 3,350 families and training on their correct cultivation.

HOPE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

● CAMBODIA | \$25,000

Drought Relief

The project aims to provide emergency livelihood support to reduce the impact of drought through rehabilitating an irrigation canal serving 4 villages. According to Cambodia's National Committee for Disaster Management, the drought has affected more than 20,000 hectares of rice fields in 13 provinces. Thus, the project will establish and train Village Agriculture Committees, and 160 vulnerable farming families (413 women and girls / 387 men and boys) will receive training, seeds, and community-owned water pumps for irrigating their land.

HOPE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

● SOUTH SUDAN | \$25,000

Emergency Food & Livelihood Relief

The project aims to support 350 displaced and 625 non-displaced households in Maruko, Western Equatoria with emergency relief including agricultural tools (lost during displacement), seeds, food, and soap. 4.36 million South Sudanese are displaced by ongoing conflict. Ultimately, the project will help reduce suffering and maintain human dignity.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE CANADA

● GUATEMALA | \$20,000

Shelter for Migrants

This project will provide gender-equitable access to shelter, primary medical care, food, and personal and feminine hygiene products for more than 6,000 migrants, deportees, and refugees in Guatemala City. The project is implemented by MCC's partner, Casa del Migrante (CDM).

IDE CANADA

● GHANA | \$25,000

Restoring Livelihood Opportunities

This project will restore the irrigation infrastructure and farming activities to pre-disaster levels for the land of farmers in Sunsong, northern Ghana, which were damaged and destroyed by an uncontrolled bushfire.

COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY FUND



Accountable Development Works/Sierra Leone Action Mission Committee: Koidu Academy School Construction progress in Sierra Leone.

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE INTERNATIONAL INC.

● **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC) | \$6,000**

Ibanda Orphanage and Training Centre

The project aims to assist orphans and vulnerable children who lost parents during the war and armed conflict in eastern DRC. The project targets children from Walungu district to support their school fees and other needs such as clothing, food, and accommodation.

ACCOUNTABLE DEVELOPMENT WORKS / SIERRA LEONE ACTION MISSION COMMITTEE

● **SIERRA LEONE | \$6,000**

Koidu Academy School Construction

The project aims to commence construction in Koidu, Eastern Sierra Leone on a locally managed high school which will provide sustainable, exceptional education to benefit the poorest, most vulnerable children including orphans and street children. A focus will be placed on gender equity (at least 50% will be girls).

OSAMIPE / CANADA INTERAID LINK, INC.

● **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC) | \$6,000**

Widows' Microfinance in Uvira

The project aims to train widows from Uvira in DRC and provide each one with start-up capital based on the beneficiary's small business plan. Moreover, the project is aiming to educate these widows to be self-reliant and able to provide for their children.

SCHOOL FOR KIDS IN LAOS

● **LAOS | \$8,000**

Building Khonevat Primary School

The project aims to replace a dilapidated school with a more adequate, permanent structures because the current educational infrastructure in the area is poor. The project provides the children the opportunity to learn in a safer, more appropriate learning environment, to increase the number of children attending school and help decrease the illiteracy rate. Teachers and students will be appropriately sheltered from unfavorable weather conditions year-round, allowing for a conducive learning environment.

SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS INC.

● **PHILIPPINES | \$8,000**

Health Improvements for Women and Children in the Kulaman Valley

The project aims to provide health care and education to the Manobo Dulangan indigenous people living within and in the 9 villages surrounding the area of Kulaman, Mindanao, Philippines. The project will prioritize community preventative health education, as well as pre- and post-natal care for women, and nutrition and health care for women and children.

CHURCH OF GOOD SHEPHERD / NABALEKHWA WOMEN GROUP

● **KENYA | \$8,000**

Rooftop Rainwater Harvesting Project

The project aims to introduce rooftop rainwater harvesting by women in Lugala Village for domestic consumption, agriculture, and livestock done at small-scale by widows and children. This will be achieved by training women group members and establishing sustainable systems to access clean drinking water by constructing a harvesting system around a drain spout connected to a roof outlet.



World Mission Good Seeds/Namwira Folks: Staff posing in front of bakery.



World Mission Good Seeds/Namwira Folks: Children holding pamphlets in the DRC.

WORLD MISSION GOOD SEEDS / NAMWIRA FOLKS

● **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC) | \$8,000**

Bakery for School Support to Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Goma

The project will build a bakery to be as a source of income which will be used primarily to pay for schooling of orphans and vulnerable children in the city of Goma. This will assist in reducing illiteracy among orphans and vulnerable children.

WIDE WORLD OF FAITH CHURCH / THE FANOS LIGHT CHILDREN SUPPORT

● **ETHIOPIA | \$8,000**

A Journey Back to Sedika From Winnipeg

This project is focused on building the capacity of small-town schools in Ethiopia by improving the quality of education by providing training to improve educational outcomes by training local school staff in better ways to educate, and support children in their care. It will also provide resources needed to support the process of teaching and learning.

ROTARY CLUB OF WINNIPEG / CONFLICT AND RESILIENCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

● **BANGLADESH | \$6,000**

Quality Life-Skill Education for 50 Rohingya Refugee Adolescent Boys and Girls

The project aims to provide a year-long quality life-skill education for resilience and capacity-building of 50 Rohingya adolescents (25 boys and 25 girls). Non-formal Primary Education (NFPE) will be used as the delivery model which is a UNICEF approved model. The Rohingya adolescents are sheltered in Bangladesh refugee camps with lack of access to basic education which leads to their vulnerability to victimization by criminal gangs, pimps, drug sellers, and other anti-social rackets.

FUND FOR INNOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION (FIT)

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



The Fund for Innovation and Transformation/Le Fonds pour l'innovation et transformation (FIT) is a program of the Inter-Council Network (ICN) made possible through funding from Global Affairs Canada and administered by the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation. FIT is a five-year \$16.5 M national program designed to provide funding to small and medium-sized organizations (SMOs) in Canada to test innovative solutions to specific development challenges that advance gender equality and empower women and girls in the Global South.

Change for Children Association: Indigenous data collectors conducting baseline study and gender analysis in Nicaragua

In the first year, the program has been very productive having met several milestones! The program was officially launched on May 28, 2019 with introduction webinars as well as the FIT website (both in French and English). The application process and program resources have been developed. The application process is a two staged process; first stage is submission of a Concept Note, which are reviewed by an Expert Review Panel and those that show promise are invited to submit a proposal. We have had two intakes of Concept Notes and one intake of proposals in our first year.

Along with national webinars and online learning tools, FIT presented at the OCIC and SCIC Annual General Meetings, the inaugural SPUR Change Nation conference in Edmonton and the Summit on Canada's Global Leadership in Ottawa.

The first round of recipients was announced on February 25, 2020, with nine Canadian SMOs selected. Testing has begun or will be soon underway. In the midst of adapting to COVID-19, the Intake 2 process is well underway. We would like to thank all provincial and regional councils for their on-going support and promotion of the program.




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FIRST RECIPIENTS

Alternatives | Quebec

Sudan | \$246,710

Gender Equality

A Platform Against Violence on Women

Journalists in Sudan

Alternatives will develop and test a new digital database, Harassmap, as a way to improve the safety of women journalists and protect women's rights in Sudan.

Canada SOS:

Students Offering Support | Ontario

Guatemala | \$198,574

Education

Girls Groundswell

Canada SOS will test an innovative approach to improving educational performance and retention among rural Mayan youth, especially girls, in Guatemala, using student-driven "learning circles" supported by e-learning technologies.

Canadian Network for International Surgery | British Columbia

Tanzania | \$250,000

Health & Nutrition

Midwifery Active Digitization

Empowerment Initiative for Tanzania

CNIS will test the use of digital augmentation to improve and expand the delivery of midwifery curriculum at Tanzania's Nursing Training Colleges.

Change for Children Association | Alberta

Nicaragua | \$250,000

Education

Technology & Training for Quality and Equality

Change for Children will test a new training program and digital resource database for teachers in remote indigenous communities of Nicaragua.

Embrace International Foundation | Alberta

Uganda | \$213,814

Education

Inclusive E-Learning for Ugandan Youth

Embrace International Foundation will test a new approach to self-directed e-learning through the use of Mobile Learning Labs, which consist of a portable plug-and-play server RACHEL (Remote Area Community Hotspot for Education and Learning) and tablets.

KIDS Initiative | Manitoba

Kenya | \$214,945

Health & Nutrition

Kieni Fighters Resource Centre for Women and Girls

KIDS Initiative will test a new holistic prevention program, the Kieni Fighter Resource Centre for Women and Girls, that addresses behavioural, biomedical, and structural risks of HIV/AIDS infection for women and girls in Kenya.

OVO Solar Technologies Inc. | Ontario

Zambia | \$249,030

Agriculture

Increasing poultry production in Zambia

OVO will test the distribution of solar chicken egg incubators with related training as a means to help farmers in Zambia raise more chickens, diversify their incomes and improve their overall livelihoods.

Ryerson University | Ontario

India | \$250,000

Health & Nutrition

Preventing Cervical Cancer in India through Self-sampling

Ryerson will test the introduction of a self-sampling method, supported by a sexual health literacy intervention, to increase screening for Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and cervical cancer among rural women in India.

Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief | Ontario

Ethiopia | \$250,000

Health & Nutrition

Testing Synchronous Ultrasound Technology for Obstetric Care in Remote Locations

In partnership with the University of Saskatchewan, Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR) will design and test a capacity building program that will increase access to obstetrical care in rural Ethiopia by bringing potentially life-saving prenatal ultrasound imaging – and associated diagnostic, preventative and therapeutic capacities-to pregnant women in remote areas of Ethiopia.



Intake 1	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PEI	NL	YT	NT	NU	Total	Notes
Concept Notes Submitted	11	10		7	26	15	3	1	1		1			75	60 - English, 15 - French
Proposals Submitted	1	2		2	9	2	1		1					18	
Funded Recipients	1	2		1	4	1								9	
Intake 2	BC	AB	SK	MB	ON	QC	NB	NS	PEI	NL	YT	NT	NU	Total	Notes
Concept Notes Submitted	12	9		3	17	12	2	4			1			60	48 – English, 12 – French
Concept Notes Accepted	5	2		2	6	2	1	3	1					22	19 selected, + 3 from Intake 1 asked to resubmit

ICN + SPUR CHANGE



ICN PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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

(FIAP) and to advance achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Some ICN highlights from 2019-2020 include:

Policy & Research

The ICN supports and builds the international cooperation sector, by conducting original research to influence policy and community-led change. The ICN conducted a policy scan of the sector and mapped out themes and projects to pursue in the coming months and years of the Project.

Youth Delegation

Annually, the ICN brings together youth from across Canada to participate and engage in international forums. This year, eight diverse participants were selected to represent the ICN at the Commission on the Status of Women's 64th session at the United Nations in New York. Sarah Bonner-Proulx was chosen from Manitoba. Due to the global pandemic, this conference

was unfortunately cancelled. However, the delegates attended a two-day Youth Dialogue Forum hosted by the Honourable Marilou McPhedran, Independent Senator for Manitoba, at the Canadian Senate in Ottawa instead. One participant said: "This experience definitely made me think about gender equality in the local context. Meeting everyone and hearing about their work, really broadened my perspective of issues being faced by diverse women in my own community, but also across the country."

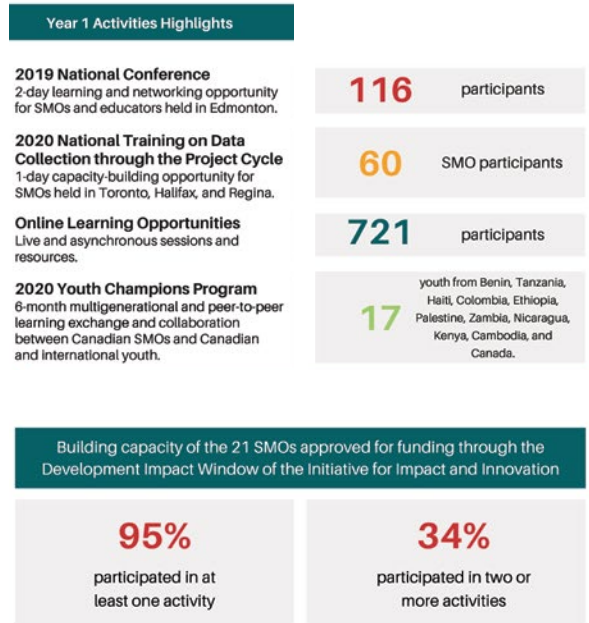
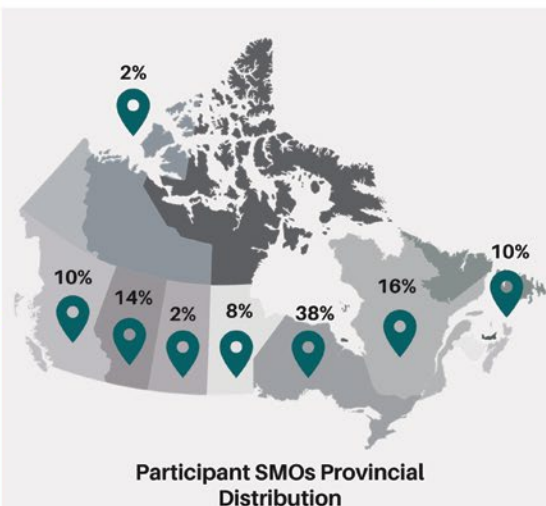
Public Engagement

The ICN met regularly, both face-to-face and virtually, throughout the year. Meetings included Global Affairs Canada and other partners to focus on public engagement, global citizenship, gender equality and other common challenges within the international cooperation sector. These meetings provided opportunities to collaborate, share knowledge, and advocate for meaningful engagement, strengthening the ICN's collective efforts.



YEAR 1 OVERVIEW

The Spur Change program is a 5-year initiative of the Inter-Council Network (ICN), funded by Global Affairs Canada (GAC), supporting capacity building and knowledge sharing for Canadian Small and Medium Organizations (SMOs), educators, and youth.



FINANCIAL REPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Directors of Manitoba Council for International Cooperation Inc.

OPINION

I have audited the financial statements of Manitoba Council for International Co-operation Inc. (the "Organization"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2020, and the statement of operations, statement of changes in net assets, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Manitoba Council for International Co-operation Inc. as at March 31, 2020, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

BASIS FOR OPINION

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Canada, and I have fulfilled my ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

OTHER INFORMATION

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon. My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 2 to the financial statements, 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Ryan Merner Chartered Professional Accountant Ltd.
238 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R2H 1J3
June 15, 2020

MANITOBA COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION INC.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended March 31, 2020

REVENUE	2020	2019
Manitoba Government		
Matching Grant Program	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Global Affairs Canada – INSPIRE	\$404,181	\$344,316
Global Affairs Canada – FIT	\$1,798,046	\$32,690
Employment and Social		
Development Canada -SDGs	\$88,941	\$8,059
Manitoba Education	\$13,000	\$13,000
Membership and Levies	\$143,241	\$141,814
Other income	\$113,880	\$76,100
Total Revenue	\$3,761,289	\$1,815,979

EXPENDITURES

Manitoba Government		
Matching Grant Program	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
FIT – Flow-through fund to SMOs	\$1,000,500	-
Programming	\$456,397	\$231,776
Personnel	\$885,029	\$378,491
Operating Costs	\$178,999	\$80,972
Total Expenditures	\$3,720,925	\$1,891,239

EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$40,364	(\$75,260)
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

March 31, 2020

ASSETS	2020	2019
Current Assets	\$2,786,661	\$1,041,367
Total Assets	\$2,786,661	\$1,041,367

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities	\$2,613,185	\$908,255
Net Assets	\$173,476	\$133,112
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,786,661	\$1,041,367



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THE PAUL LEJEUNE VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD



STEVE LOCKE
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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.

Steve Locke, the 2019 Paul LeJeune Volunteer Service Award recipient, has dedicated much of his time with MCIC over the past 6 years engaging Manitobans on global issues through the power of artistic expression and spoken word. Steve's involvement with MCIC began with Voices for Change, MCIC's spoken word project, where he remains the resident spoken word artist. Steve's commitment to MCIC's youth programming also led him toward the role of public speaking facilitator for Generating Momentum youth conferences. For years, Steve has inspired youth to think globally and take action for a more sustainable future through a unique connection to art, global citizenship, and human rights. Not only does Steve exhibit excellent character as a positive role model, he empowers youth to share their voice, build confidence, and work toward a just world.

Steve is currently assisting MCIC with a special virtual At Home edition of Voices for Change exploring the struggles, successes, and global issues that have been raised by the pandemic.

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