

Canada's Policy for Civil Society Partnerships for International Assistance

A feminist approach

Canada has adopted a Feminist International Assistance Policy to reduce extreme poverty and build a more peaceful, inclusive and prosperous world. The policy recognizes that promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls is the most effective approach to achieve this. To be effective, international assistance must respond to local needs and priorities. CSOs possess valuable experience and expertise and have a strong understanding of local challenges and opportunities. New

partnerships between Canadian, international and local CSOs will foster new ideas and solutions and ensure that Canada's international assistance is more effective and yields lasting results. The Government of Canada's Policy for Civil Society Partnerships for International Assistance recognizes our civil society partners as essential actors and sets out our approach for achieving strong cooperation to end poverty in all forms everywhere.

5 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Canada's Official Development Assistance Accountability Act

Human rights and inclusivity

Istanbul Principles for CSO Development Effectiveness

9 OBJECTIVES:

- 1 Reduce poverty by empowering women and girls and promoting gender equality
- 2 Facilitate a safe and enabling environment for civil society
- 3 Protect human life and dignity
- 4 Foster CSOs leadership in innovation
- 5 Integrate CSOs as independent CSOs into international assistance programming
- 6 Establish more predictable, equitable, flexible and transparent funding mechanisms
- 7 Foster multi-stakeholder approaches to international assistance
- 8 Engage Canadians in international assistance
- 9 Promote sustainability, transparency, accountability and results



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