

# U.S. & CANADA: PARTNERS IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

For over 150 years, Canada has had no closer friend and ally than the United States. We work together at home to make our citizens' lives safer and more prosperous, and around the world to safeguard global peace and security. From responding to international humanitarian crises to bringing innovative approaches to economic development, we are actively working together in the field. Here's how:



## EMPOWERING WOMEN

Canada and the U.S. work together through international organizations and the private sector to lift up women around the world. We were among the first contributors to the World Bank's Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative fund, helping women and girls start businesses and access capital in developing countries. When G7 Development and Finance Ministers met in 2018, Canada and the U.S. called on humanitarian partners to integrate gender equality and women's economic empowerment into their programming. With Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy, and the U.S. Women's Global Development Partnership, our emphasis on the empowerment of women and girls remains a core shared value.



## PROVIDING NEW OPPORTUNITY

The Canadian and American private sectors are critical to meeting our global development objectives. In 2018, Canada launched FinDev Canada and the U.S. created the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (USIDFC) to better leverage private resources and match these to where they are needed most. At the G7 Summit in Charlevoix, QC in 2018, FinDev Canada and USIDFC, among others, committed to raise \$3 billion to support women's leadership opportunities and their full economic participation. In addition, Canada and the U.S. are facilitating trade in the developing world to diversify economies and facilitate growth. Canada and the United States are among the founding partners of the the Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation, which brings governments and the private sector together to generate trade-led growth in the developing world.



## PROMOTING PEACE

Canada and the U.S. are among the largest donors helping fragile and post-conflict states with humanitarian assistance and economic development. We are the largest donors in a number of contexts like South Sudan, Iraq, Syria, and Haiti. These resources have lifted countless out of poverty and provided protection to the most vulnerable. Crucially, we are supporting innovative solutions to international humanitarian problems. For example, USAID and Grand Challenges Canada are partnering on the Saving Lives at Birth program, providing pregnant women and newborns in hard-to-reach communities access to preventative health care innovations.



## POWERING AFRICA

USAID created Power Africa in 2013 to bring governments and technical experts together to provide electricity to 60 million homes and businesses in sub-Saharan Africa. Canada is a leading development partner in Power Africa, and we are providing on- and off-grid solutions to the region, in addition to \$150 million in direct investment. In particular, we are working with francophone communities in West Africa and ensuring Canadian companies contribute to improve outcomes in rural areas.