



WHY SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE?

Because together we can create a better world! With your support, thousands around the world are taking action to lift themselves, their families and their communities out of poverty and injustice.

WHEN YOU DONATE TO DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:

- You are raising the voices of the poor and marginalized.
- You are easing the suffering of those affected by conflict and disaster.
- You are empowering local grassroots organizations that are acting for change.
- You are supporting actions in Canada to create a more just world.

You become part of a movement for social justice and peace!

“The principles that Development and Peace lives by and teaches stand the test of time and hold up the dignity of the human person. I haven’t found an organization that does it better than Development and Peace.”

Mary Boyd, Prince Edward Island,
Member since 1972

HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

EXPENSES

5 %

Governance and operations

4 %

Fixed costs and new initiatives



12 %

Advocacy and education

79 %

International programs

The percentages reflect our expenses for 2014-2015. For more information, consult our Annual Report.

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“Solidarity... is to fight against the structural causes of poverty, inequality, lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labour rights.”

Pope Francis’ address to popular movements, Vatican City, October 29th, 2014

ABOUT US



The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace is one of the most established international development organizations in Canada. It was founded in 1967 by the Catholic bishops of Canada to inspire the solidarity of Canadians towards their sisters and brothers in the Global South suffering the injustice of poverty.

In its 50 years of existence, it has invested \$600 million in over 15,000 development projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

It is a strong and diverse movement of Canadians from coast to coast acting for justice so that the poorest can live in dignity and with respect.

Development and Peace is the official Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis, a global confederation of over 160 Catholic organizations, and belongs to several national and international networks, including CIDSE and Kairos, to help build a world of justice.

HOW DOES DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE ACT FOR JUSTICE?

OVERSEAS

Development and Peace works in partnership with close to 150 local organizations in over 30 countries in the Global South who are empowering their communities to defend their rights, act for peace and promote their own development. We believe that the poor must be the authors of their own destiny and we support them in this endeavour.

Our programs address the root causes of poverty by working on the following issues:



DEMOCRACY AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Good governance is key for achieving development that is equitable and where people have the ability to influence decisions that affect their lives. It is essential for building societies that are based on social justice and human rights.



EXAMPLES OF OUR WORK:

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, we support initiatives that raise awareness on government accountability and promote free and fair elections.



EQUALITY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN:

Without equal rights, women are marginalized and made vulnerable. We are working to ensure that women and men benefit from the same rights and have equal access to goods, services and opportunities.



In Afghanistan, we are helping women to launch small businesses and learn to read to improve their standard of living.



FOOD:

There are over 800 million people in the world today who suffer from hunger, mainly because of unjust systems that prevent them from accessing food. Our program aims to facilitate the participation of small family farmers in decisions that affect their way of life and help them maintain control over the food they produce.



In Brazil, we are helping peasants to preserve heritage seeds, which is improving their harvests.



NATURAL RESOURCES:

The pillage of natural resources is impoverishing communities in many parts of the world. We are working alongside vulnerable communities who are struggling for their rights and mobilizing to defend their land and their access to resources.



In Honduras, we are accompanying communities that are calling for fair compensation from mining companies that have contaminated their land.



ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE:

Communities need a healthy environment to thrive and we support them in their efforts to protect and defend their natural living spaces.



In Haiti, we are countering deforestation through projects that introduce agro-ecology to communities.



PEACE:

Without peace there can be no development. It is the foundation for building a better society and we believe in promoting dialogue and tolerance through common projects that are focused on community building.



In the Middle East, we are bringing together youth of different faiths to collaborate on joint projects, which is helping to break down barriers of intolerance.



HUMANITARIAN AID:

The poor and the most vulnerable always bear the greatest burden of disasters or conflict. We take a long-term approach in responding to emergencies, which ensures that no one is left behind and communities can emerge stronger from the tragedies they are living through.



In the Philippines, we are supporting 600 families affected by Typhoon Haiyan to resettle in a way that gives them the power and responds to their real needs.



IN CANADA

Here in Canada, Development and Peace organizes campaigns to raise awareness among Canadians of the global systems that create poverty and injustice and to raise funds to support local organizations in the Global South. We are supported by an unparalleled network of thousands of members across Canada that give life to our campaigns in their parishes, schools, universities and in their communities-at-large.

Over the years, Development and Peace has campaigned on crucial issues, such as apartheid, sweatshops, the right to water, and access to justice for communities affected by the extractive industries. These campaigns inform Canadians and urge them to act for change.

Today, our education campaigns continue to address the issues that perpetuate conditions of poverty in the Global South. We accompany these activities with advocacy actions that make the voices of the most poor and vulnerable in the Global South heard by decision-makers.

“Development and Peace is more than a financial backer, they are our sisters and brothers in the struggle for a new Haiti.”

Marie-Ange Noël, Director,
Fanm Deside, a local partner organization in Haiti.