AT THE HEART OF THE ACTION
DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE
50 YEARS OF SOLIDARITY

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Looking back on 50 years of solidarity at Development and Peace

$600 million invested in 100 countries.

15,000 projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

+3.5 million signatures calling for justice sent to the Canadian government.

+7000 members across the country campaigning and taking action for change.

A worldwide presence through international and national networks, such as Caritas, CIDSE and Kairos.

At the heart of the action for social justice

Development and Peace was founded 50 years ago to support the poorest and most vulnerable people in the Global South.

To achieve its mission, Development and Peace:

- Supports local organizations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East in their work to promote justice and peace;
- Mobilizes Canadians to take action and create change.

Development and Peace is a dynamic movement thanks to people just like you.

You are Development and Peace!

“The mining campaign made young people think more deeply about whether our values are reflected in our lifestyles. Some of us discovered a political role we can play that brings us together and pushes us to amplify the voices of our partners in the Global South.”

— Ariane Collin, member of Development and Peace since 2006

Ariane Collin speaking on Parliament Hill on May 14, 2014, when over 80,000 cards were handed to Members of Parliament as part of the “Voice for Justice” campaign calling for mining justice.
“I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to your organization and its members for your solidarity with our people in their striving for a non-racial and democratic South Africa.”

— Nelson Mandela during his visit to Montreal, May 1990

AT THE HEART OF THE ACTION TOGETHER

People power can change the world and when you are a member of Development and Peace you are a part of that change!

Over the decades, Development and Peace has been active in worldwide movements to address injustice and create change.

Through 50 years of solidarity and action, Development and Peace’s members have:

→ Advocated alongside Nelson Mandela for an end to apartheid in South Africa (1988-1989);
→ Campaigned for dignified working conditions in garment industry sweatshops owned by companies such as Nike and Levi’s (1995-1997);
→ Demanded cancellation of the foreign debt of the 50 poorest countries (1998-1999);

Let’s be the change we want to see! Take action in Canada for global justice!

Check out our timeline for highlights of Development and Peace’s 50 years of solidarity! devp.org/50years
Unjust structures continue to perpetuate poverty and compel us to take action. We have been calling for ecological justice for the most vulnerable people of the world since 2011. Their struggles to live in dignity and to defend their land and the environment are at the heart of our ecological justice campaigns.

**2015: Create a Climate of Change**
In solidarity with people in the Global South who are most vulnerable and most affected by climate change, **380,000 cards** were distributed across Canada ahead of the Paris Climate Change Conference (COP21). Development and Peace members marched for the climate in cities across the country.

**2014: Sow Much Love**
In solidarity with small family farmers struggling to preserve their right to use traditional seeds, **30,000 signatures** were collected and submitted to the House of Commons. Meetings were held with Members of Parliament across Canada.

**2011: Together, we Hold the Future in our Hands**
In solidarity with small family farmers calling for sustainable agricultural models that will allow them to feed their families and communities, **80,000 cards** were delivered to our partners during the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).
Dignity for Small Family Farmers in Indonesia

In Indonesia, large tracts of land are being used for industrial-scale monoculture production that is not for local consumption.

Development and Peace’s partner Payo Payo is countering this trend by bringing dignity back to the practice of small family farming.

By pairing urban youth with families in rural communities, they are finding solutions to the challenges faced by small family farmers, including:

- adapting to climate change;
- introducing eco-friendly practices;
- supporting the diversification of crops.

“The volunteer spirit at Payo Payo is wonderful because it builds mutual respect, participation, and most of all happiness, which inspires a new love of the land!”

— Eka Wulandari, 26, volunteer with Payo Payo
Preserving Small Family Farms in Paraguay

In Paraguay, a country blessed with fertile red soil, 85% of the land belongs to only 2.5% of landowners. The agri-food industry is taking over increasing amounts of land to grow soybeans.

As such, small family farmers are selling their land for very little profit and moving into cities with no way of making a living.

COSOR (Coordination of Social Organizations in Repatriación) supports small family farmers by bringing them together to find solutions to social, political and environmental problems caused by the agri-food industry in the country.

“The advantage of toxin-free food production is food security and the certainty of having a wholesome diet.”
— Tomás Ascurra, member of COSOR who has been farming organically with this family for 15 years.

Tomás sells his harvest at a food fair, along with many other Development and Peace partners. This way, they strengthen their community of small family farmers and get a fair price for their products, while local people learn where their food comes from and are able to buy healthy produce.

“I thank you, small farmer. What you do is essential for the life of all.”
— Pope Francis, Prayer Intention, April 2016
Take action to promote ecological justice!

Sign the Development and Peace action card today!
devp.org/act

Ask the Prime Minister to recognize the essential role of small family farmers in feeding and cooling the planet, and to ensure that their voices are heard.

We need to support an agricultural model that enables these stewards of the earth to live in dignity and feed their communities in a way that respects our common home.

Stay active all year round

Year after year, thousands of people join Development and Peace to promote justice and human dignity.

Join us to work on these four issues:

- Ecological Justice
- Mining Justice
- Food Sovereignty
- Peace and Reconciliation

Visit the Advocacy section on our website to find out more:
devp.org/advocacy

*Slogan of the “People’s Climate March” in New York City, September 21, 2014.
Be at the heart of change

- Learn about injustice and what you can do about it.
- Take concrete actions in solidarity with the poorest and most vulnerable people of the Global South.
- Join a dynamic cross-Canada movement for global peace and justice.
- Speak out! When we act together, change is possible.

Take action!

Become a member of Development and Peace
Join your voice with thousands of others.

Volunteer your time
Help our campaigns come alive!

Donate
Make a donation or become a monthly donor!

For more information: devp.org/membership

Without you, there would be no action, no change, no justice!

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