



“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 28, 2014

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BECOME A FORCE FOR REAL CHANGE → BECOME A MEMBER

- Support millions of people in lifting themselves, their families and their communities out of poverty and injustice.
- Live out your faith and commitment in making the world a better place for all.
- Become part of a global network of grassroots Catholic organizations made up of people who share your convictions.
- Meet hundreds of people from across Canada and around the world, engage in meaningful dialogue, share your skills and knowledge, and learn new things.
- Inspire others.
- It's easy and inexpensive: \$10 for a lifetime membership! And if you are 35 or younger, it's FREE!

MEMBERSHIP IS A GIFT FOR YOU AND FOR US!

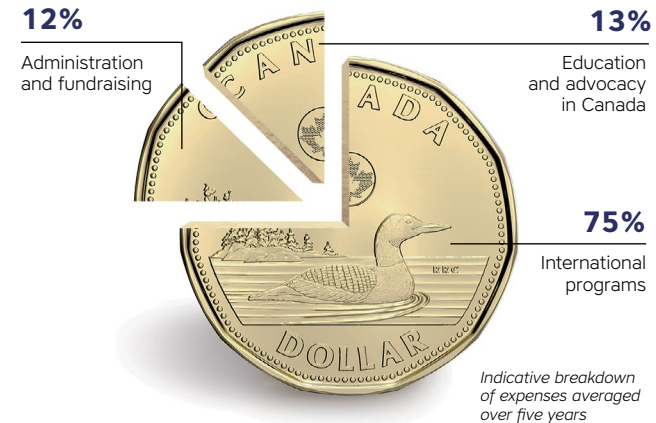
Your membership helps us wield influence. When we dialogue with governments, funding agencies and other outside entities, there is power in speaking as the voice of thousands of people.

“I joined Development and Peace to put my faith into practice. That, along with our partnership approach that puts people first and restores human dignity, is what keeps the spark of engagement alive for me.”

— Brenda Arakaza, member, Winnipeg, Manitoba



HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT



OVERSEAS your money:

- Allows our local partners to empower communities to create change
- Provides lifesaving humanitarian aid
- Funds work that is consistent with Catholic teachings

IN CANADA your money:

- Helps educate Canadians about the causes of impoverishment and inspire them to advocate and act for change
- Facilitates the fundraising and administrative work that sustains our mission

“I give to Development and Peace because I trust them. I trust that my money is going to be effective. I trust that that money is going to make a positive change in the world.”

— Rebecca Rathbone, member, Hamilton, Ontario



A MOVEMENT FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE





HOW WE ACT FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE

WHO we are

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. We were founded in 1967 by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. We are the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis, a global confederation of over 160 Catholic organizations.

WHAT we are

Our 11,000+ members across Canada are the heart of what we are: a popular movement for international solidarity that acts for social justice. We belong to several national and international networks of organizations that share our vision.

WHERE we are

We support humanitarian aid and people-led development programs run by local partners who are trusted by the communities they serve in some 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

WHY we do what we do

We are inspired by Catholic Social Teaching, especially the preferential option for the poor. We want to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers who are suffering the injustice of poverty.

IN CANADA

Thousands of Development and Peace members across Canada form a network of people committed to social justice. Through our education and action campaigns, they learn about global issues and work together to transform our world. In Canada, our work focuses on:

- **Raising awareness:** In their schools, parishes and communities, members study, reflect on and engage with the complex root causes of global injustice.
- **Advocacy and action:** Through parliamentary petitions and protests, members use their hands, feet and voices to amplify the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor and to demand justice, accountability and peace.
- **Fundraising:** To support our humanitarian aid and people-led development programs, and to help redistribute wealth to marginalized communities, members raise funds through parish and school collections and creative fundraisers such as garage sales or fair-trade product sales.



“What can Canadians do to address the challenges that we’re facing globally? Canadians can, first and foremost, participate within their country, within their communities, to work to dismantle structures of colonialism, structures of exploitation, structures of inequality...”

— Asume Osuoka, Social Action, a Nigerian partner organization

OVERSEAS

Development and Peace works in partnership with more than 100 local organizations that empower communities around the world to defend their rights, act for peace and take charge of their own development.

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

CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE



What harms the Earth is also what spreads poverty and hunger. To care for our common home, we support initiatives that **promote the sustainable use of natural resources** and the development of economic systems that **respect the planet’s limits and people’s dignity**.

Madagascar

We have helped residents turn one of the region’s most vulnerable neighbourhoods into a thriving ecological village. Hundreds of people have learned composting, agroecology and livestock rearing adapted to the flood-prone environment.

DEMOCRACY AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION



True democracy requires the full participation of citizens, especially those who are traditionally marginalized. We therefore work with our partners to **promote sustainable development, human rights and dignity through good governance**.

Cambodia

We have worked to educate and empower young people to be active, responsible citizens who take concrete initiatives and motivate others to promote sustainable peace, justice and a democratic society.

JUSTICE FOR WOMEN



With the conviction that empowering women enriches entire societies, we engage women and men in **transforming the power relations that create inequalities** and prevent women from being active and full citizens within their communities.

Democratic Republic of the Congo

We have supported women in learning to read and write, acquiring new skills, starting small businesses and asserting their rights. This has created new dynamics of respect and equality in their communities.

PEACE AND RECONCILIATION



Because development is impossible without peace, we support peacebuilding initiatives that **address the root causes of conflict, promote dialogue, encourage local participation** and propose peaceful ways to settle tensions.

Colombia

We have empowered vulnerable communities to defend their human, ecological and territorial rights and to build societies based on peace, social justice and reconciliation. Our partners have trained young people in filmmaking to help them capture and express their realities, challenges and aspirations.

HUMANITARIAN AID AND OUR TRIPLE NEXUS APPROACH



The poor always bear the brunt of disasters and conflicts. That is why our emergency responses adopt a triple nexus approach, **linking humanitarian aid to development and peacebuilding efforts**. In addition to saving lives in the immediate aftermath of crises, this helps our partners ensure that no one is left behind and that **communities emerge stronger and more resilient**.

Syria

Since the conflict began, we have been helping address not only people’s basic food, shelter and healthcare needs but also their longer-term livelihood, education, psychosocial support and peace-related concerns.

