

REAPING



OUR RIGHTS



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Reaping our Rights together

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada works for dignity, solidarity, justice and peace.

Every year, our campaigns unite Canadians and forge links between them and our partners in the Global South. Together, we work to **build a world of justice** and fight the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality.

We are the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and a democratic solidarity movement guided by Catholic Social Teaching that supports women and social movements as agents of sustainable change.

It is **thanks to you** that our partners can help the people they serve to reap their human, social, economic, ecological and political rights. **Thank you for your support!**

A word from the president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops*

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis reminds us that “Everything is connected” and “No one is saved alone” [19]. It follows that Canadians have a duty to ensure that peasants’ rights, human rights and environmental rights are fully respected, not only in Canada but everywhere in the world.

On behalf of all the bishops of Canada, I therefore hope you will join the **Create Hope – Reaping our Rights** campaign wholeheartedly through its Lenten and fall phases by:

- Encouraging your communities to **give generously to Share Lent** (especially, on Solidarity Sunday, i.e., the 5th Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2024), in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who feed the planet while taking care of our Common home
- Participating in the **education and action campaign** in fall to encourage Canada to do more for small-scale farmers and peasants around the world

I invite you to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world through your generosity, engagement and solidarity; to “Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you” (Hosea 10:12).

Fraternally in our Lord,



William T. McGrattan

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Bishop of Calgary
President, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

*Excerpted from the CCCB president’s message of support available at devp.org/lent/resources.

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“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.”

— Galatians 6:9

Sowing justice

Climate change, land grabbing, resource theft, soil contamination, armed conflicts, forced displacements.... **Everywhere on Earth, and especially in the Global South, impoverished peoples are facing growing challenges.** Rural populations are particularly hard-hit.

That is why it is imperative to **defend rural communities’ rights** to life, land, water, biodiversity, justice, health, participation, decent livelihoods, a healthy environment and more.

This year, **we will meet the farmers who feed and protect the planet.** We will be asking Canada to do more to protect the rights and dignity of small-scale farmers here and around the world.

Reaping dignity

We know that we reap what we sow. So let’s sow love, dignity, peace and justice together every day, to **create hope** for reaping a better world. Let us stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who face growing inequality and hardship. **Let us support them in their struggles** against systems that exploit many to enrich a few.

Pope Francis once said, “Each new generation must take up the struggles and attainments of past generations, while setting its sights even higher. This is the path. **Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day**” (Santiago, January 16, 2018).

That is why Development and Peace — Caritas Canada has been striving, every day since 1967, to reap peace and dignity for the integral human development of all.

Together, let’s **Create Hope** and work toward **Reaping our Rights**.

CREATE
HOPE

Our presence in the world

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada places **human dignity** at the heart of its mission. We support communities in the Global South in taking charge of their own development through projects that **address the root causes of poverty**.

Our work in the Global South from September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2023

\$14.5 million invested

73 community development and humanitarian aid projects

36 countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East

4.3 million people reached by our overseas projects and programs



Our work focuses on:

- Climate and ecological justice
- Democracy and citizen participation
- Justice for women
- Peace and reconciliation
- Humanitarian aid



HAITI

Men and women are learning about positive male role models and reducing gender-based violence.



BRAZIL

Mining and agroindustry-affected communities are organizing to defend their rights and territories.



SYRIA, IRAQ, LEBANON, YEMEN

Young people are helping build inclusive peace in their communities.



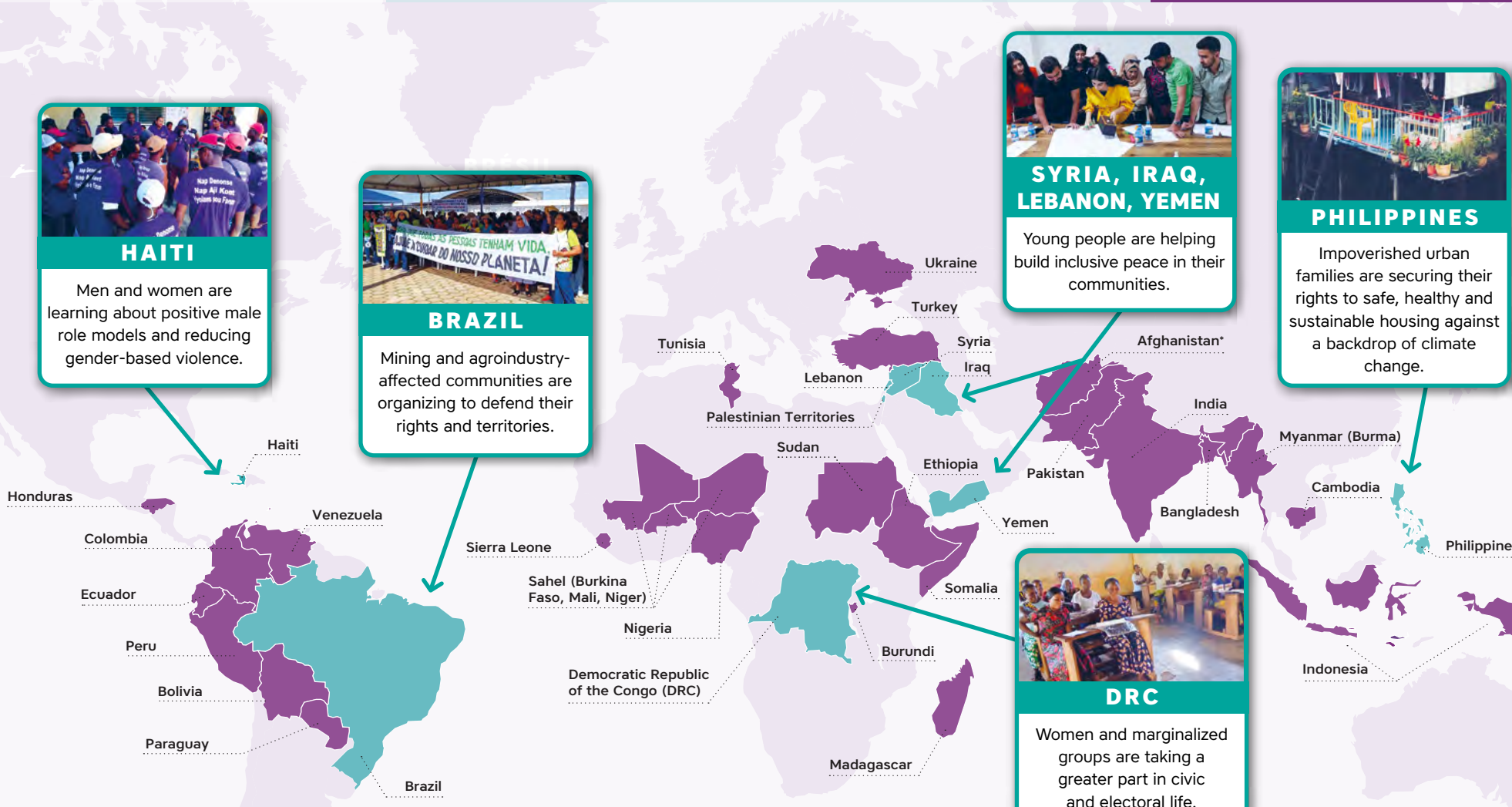
PHILIPPINES

Impoverished urban families are securing their rights to safe, healthy and sustainable housing against a backdrop of climate change.



DRC

Women and marginalized groups are taking a greater part in civic and electoral life.



*Programming on hold

Nigeria: denouncing oil pollution

Our partner **Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)** works on issues of climate justice, food sovereignty and oil pollution. HOMEF defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands from pollution and contamination by the oil industry in southern Nigeria.

"In the past, farming was easy. My mother was a farmer. She used to have good harvests of cassava, cocoyam and plantain. Now on our farm, the cassava is dying. When we uproot it, we notice the sheen of oil. We face health challenges; houses filled with cracks from extractive activities; and a poor water system, among many other challenges."

— Akpanikan Felix, Okoro-Utip Indigenous farmer

"After more than six decades of reckless, mindless, irresponsible, oil and gas extraction, communities are struggling for survival. It's about regaining land for farming; it's about getting clean water for fishing and for potable use; it's about regaining their dignity. It's a struggle for the right to life."

— Nnimmo Bassey, Executive Director, HOMEF

"I rented a farm around here. For several months, it has been flooded and filled with oil. The cassava from here can't be used for anything. I am a widow with children to take care of. To date, no environmental remediation has been done. I can't feed my children anymore."

— Charity Ejiye, farmer, Eteo community

HOMEF at a glance

ESTABLISHED:
2011

MISSION:
To support healthy, cohesive social-ecological communities where people live in solidarity and dignity.

IMPACT:
3,000+ people empowered to expose and denounce the adverse impacts of extractive activities on their livelihoods.



"This cassava has been planted for over a year, but there has been no yield, and now the roots have decayed in the soil. When the river overflows due to poor drainage, it affects the farm. When the water leaves, the oil remains on the farmland. I had the hope of making a profit from the farm, but it was to no avail. Our aquatic life is gone. I wonder what will happen for the generations to come."

— Abasinobong John, farmer, Ibeno

Indonesia: training next-generation farmers

Our partner **PAYOPAYO**¹ encourages village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and youth engagement.

"The main problem faced by the rural community nowadays in Indonesia is the rural de-agrarianization process, where agriculture is increasingly abandoned and youths migrate to the city. Agriculture is becoming an ageing sector."

— Karno Batiran, Executive Director, PAYOPAYO Peasant School



"At the PAYOPAYO youth farming field school, in addition to farming, we learn about rural entrepreneurship. My hope for the future is that people in my village are aware that agriculture should be sustainable and that it is not only an old people's job, but that it can also be done by youth and women."

— Nurfauziah (aka Uci), young farmer, Sinjai Regency

¹Payopayo means "scarecrow" in the Mandar language. The scarecrow, a protector of crops, is a symbol of friendship with farming communities.

PAYOPAYO at a glance

ESTABLISHED:
2007

MISSION:
To ensure village sovereignty, in terms of both food and energy, so that farming communities can lead more just, dignified and sustainable lives.

IMPACT :
55,000 people in 25 villages reached by 250 young community organizers.

Bolivia: supporting Indigenous and farming communities

To enhance rural Indigenous farming families' living conditions, our partner **Fundación Nuna Bolivia (NUNA)**² supports agroecology projects that improve food sovereignty and environmental conservation. NUNA also supports food processing ventures, like cheese, yogurt and ice cream manufacturing, that increase and diversify family incomes.

"We encourage local development, because in the communities where we work, there is the problem of men—youths and adults—migrating permanently from the countryside to the city, because there are no local opportunities for work and income generation."

— Eva Colque, Executive Director, NUNA



"NUNA helped us to terrace the land; to sow a wide variety of vegetables and fruit; and to create greenhouses for growing. We learned how to make frozen sorbets and ice cream. I am very grateful and want to keep learning so much!"

— Lucy Huacoto, farmer and entrepreneur, Yocarhuaya community

²Nuna means "consciousness" in Quechua, a local Indigenous language.

NUNA at a glance

ESTABLISHED:
2009

MISSION :
To contribute to the economic, political, social and cultural development of each individual, building fair and equitable relationships to preserve life and nature.

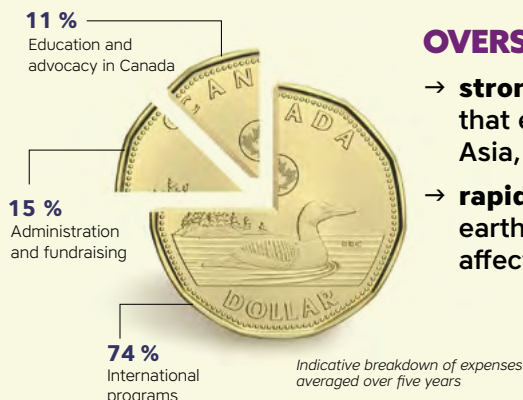
IMPACT :
779 people reached directly through agriculture, livestock-rearing and food processing projects.



How your dollar makes a difference

IN CANADA, your donations help develop:

- **education and action campaigns** that raise awareness about the causes of impoverishment and **inspire Canadians to advocate and act for change**
- **a dynamic youth program** that brings together and mobilizes:
 - **15 youth representatives** aged 18-35 from across the country
 - **200+ schools in our D&P Schools program** (learn more and register at devp.org/schools and collect all 22 badges!)



OVERSEAS, your donations help develop:

- **strong partnerships with local community organizations** that enjoy the trust of the communities they serve in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East
- **rapid responses to emergency situations** such as earthquakes, typhoons or armed conflicts, and support affected communities during the reconstruction

Why get involved?



"What motivates me to get involved is this question of justice. I like the vision which recognizes partners' expertise and supports them in their projects. That's why we run campaigns: to raise money and to raise awareness of social justice."

— Anne-Marie Chapleau, member from Chicoutimi, Quebec



"I love Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's commitment to strive towards Christ-centered social justice. Since elementary school, I've been involved with THINKfast and learned about the great work the organization does to serve those in the Global South and to educate others regarding the injustice."

— Robyn Aguila, youth member, South-West Ontario

Why give?



"Development and Peace — Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. Thank you!"

— Eva Colque, Executive Director, NUNA, a partner in Bolivia



"For us, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is a FRIEND. Ours is not like the relationship between donor and grantee but like that between friends, where one friend wants to do something and the other offers supports to achieve the goal."

— Karno Batiran, Executive Director, PAYOPAYO, a partner in Indonesia



DONATE MONTHLY

Become a *Share Year-Round* member

A great way to support us is to become a **Share Year-Round** monthly donor. Your recurring, predictable donations reduce our administrative costs and allow us to plan longer-term transformative work. You also become a member of the organization and join a family of over **12,000+ Canadians** who share your values and your convictions!

Double your impact this Lent!



Start or increase your monthly donations any time between Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Pentecost (May 19) to have your total annual donation (or increase thereof) matched dollar for dollar! See website for details: devp.org/shareyearround.

*"I became a **Share Year-Round** donor when I was a student. As my situation changed, the amount gradually increased. The monthly financial commitment was a reminder to myself to be steadfast in supporting the important work of our partners."*

— Chibeze Philomena Ojukwu, monthly donor from Saskatchewan



Leave a *Legacy of Hope*

Enjoy attractive tax benefits as you pursue your commitment to Development and Peace — Caritas Canada. To learn more about **bequests and planned giving**, please call **1-888-234-8533**.

Your support transforms lives!

By giving, you help **create hope** for millions of people in the Global South who are sowing justice to **reap their rights and dignity**.

Please give generously:

- Online at devp.org/give
- During the *Share Lent* parish collection
- By calling **1-888-234-8533**
- By mailing a **cheque** (made out to Development and Peace) to:
555 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 8th floor, Montreal, Quebec H2Z 1B1



"We appreciate the trust. We appreciate your support in the struggle for dignity, human rights and development. Thank you for what you are doing, and please keep doing it because it really changes lives."

— Nnimmo Bassey, Executive Director, HOMEF,
a partner in Nigeria

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Join the movement!

Campaign as a member to raise funds and awareness and to amplify the calls for justice, peace and dignity of sisters and brothers in the Global South.

Follow us on social media so you don't miss a thing all year long!!



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#ReapingOurRights

