



LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY

What better way can there be of leaving a mark than continuing to help others beyond one's life? Anyone can do this by bequeathing a percentage, a fixed amount or the balance of their estate to Development and Peace — Caritas Canada. By doing so, people can make large donations without changing their current financial situation or compromising control over their assets in their lifetimes, whilst also reducing their heirs' eventual tax burden.

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THE 1% PROGRAM

Here I am Lord, send me.



Dear Sisters in the League,

The Catholic Women's League of Canada has had a longstanding relationship with Development and Peace — Caritas Canada (DPCC). Since 1969, the League has been encouraging its members to contribute to the 1% National Voluntary Fund by putting aside 1% of the cost of all personal items they purchase and of funds raised by councils to support DPCC and its partners.

These partners work to improve the status of women in the Global South and collectively, the funds are having a real impact on the lives of women in desperate need of a better future. The League is supporting two projects for the next two years, one in the Sahel and another in Somalia. Both projects are to help women (youth, babies) struggling with food insecurity.

DPCC and its partners provide support through training, resource management, health information and gender equality measures. Through partnership with organisations in the Global South, DPCC is deeply rooted in the values of the church, particularly the preferential option for the poor.

How can the League members help support the 1% program?

ITEM	COST
Coffee	\$2.00
Lunch	\$20.00
Movie	\$30.00
New clothes	\$80.00
Craft supplies	\$200.00
Beauty parlour	\$20.00
Total per month	\$352.00
1% to DPCC = \$3.50 (approx.)	

This **\$3.50**, which is a small amount to us, will help women in the Global South and make a huge impact in the daily lives of so many. It will give women a sense of empowerment, teaching them to help themselves and each other.

"I saw the suffering and I let my self feel it... I saw the injustice and was compelled to do something about it. I changed from being a nun who only prayed for the suffering world to a woman with my sleeves rolled up, living my prayer."

— Sr. Helen Prejean

Joline Belliveau

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National Chairperson of Service



1% CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

One per cent may not seem like much, but it can make a big difference. For over 50 years, CWL members have been contributing to the **1% Program** to support Development and Peace — Caritas Canada projects for vulnerable women in the Global South. By setting aside **1%** of your expenses on personal items and of the funds raised by parish councils, you can have a real impact on the lives of thousands of women seeking social and economic justice for themselves, their families and their communities. Together, CWL members across Canada can make a real difference!

A Catholic movement of solidarity

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of the global Caritas Internationalis confederation.

Inspired by Catholic Social Teaching, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada addresses the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity.

The organization's four-pronged approach involves partnership; placing women at the heart of change; education and mobilisation; and advocacy.

Over 12,800 members across Canada are at the heart of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's democratic movement for global solidarity.

Learn more at www.devp.org.



SOMALIA



In Somalia, the combined effects of conflict, drought and displacement have placed over **1.8 million children under 5 at risk of severe malnutrition**. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is responding to this crisis with a three-year project, co-funded with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, in local partnership with Trócaire, the Irish member of the Caritas confederation.

“In 2023–2024 alone, **22,562 people (63 % women and girls) will be served by the project.**”



In the Belet Hawa, Luuq and Dollow districts of Somalia’s Gedo region, the project is providing lifesaving nutritional services to children and pregnant and lactating women through fixed, mobile and outreach clinics. To ensure that malnourished children receive the best possible care, the project also offers childcare and nutrition tips and training to mothers and fathers.



SAHEL



Because of conflict, climate change, environmental degradation, inflation and political and economic instability in the Sahel region, **millions of people are facing food insecurity in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger.**



Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is therefore running a broad-spectrum food, nutritional security and climate resilience project in these countries. Over five years (2021-2026), the Global Affairs Canada-funded project with four local partners will serve some **147,000 people (49 per cent youths; 81 per cent women)** working in farming, livestock rearing and fisheries.

The project offers training in sustainable agricultural, forestry, pastoral and fisheries techniques and on food and nutrition policies; builds communities’ and local authorities’ capacities to manage natural resources sustainably and collaboratively; promotes community-led climate change adaptation initiatives; facilitates access to higher-value markets; and empowers communities through food policy advocacy.

Already, the project has **restored over 200 hectares of degraded land** by regenerating depleted forests in Burkina Faso; securing dunes to protect rivers and arable land in Mali; and revitalizing soils in Niger. With integrated income-generating components, these initiatives have improved the economic situation, food security and climate-resilience of peasant women and their families.

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