Canada’s Feminist International Assistance Policy

Entry points for Agriculture and Food Systems

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Why a **Feminist IAP**?

- **A Focus on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment** is the most effective way to reduce poverty and build a more inclusive, peaceful and prosperous world.
- **Canada as a feminist donor and leader** in promoting the empowerment of women and girls around the world.
- **SDG 5** is the entry point for and will drive progress in all other SDGs.
- No less than **95 percent of Canada’s bilateral international development assistance** will target or integrate gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.
FIAP Six Action Areas

1. Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls (Core action area)
2. Human Dignity – access to health care, SRHR, nutrition, education, and timely humanitarian assistance
3. Growth that Works for Everyone – increase women's access to and control over economic opportunities, resources and services
4. Environment and Climate Action – adaptation and mitigation in response to climate change
5. Inclusive Governance human rights, rule of law, and building stronger institutions, women’s political participation
6. Peace and Security we will support greater participation of women in peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction efforts

There are entry points for agriculture and food systems in EACH of these!
Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls

• The core action area of the FIAP
• addressing sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), including harmful practices such as FGM/C and CEFM
• supporting organizations and actions-initiatives that advance women’s rights
• improving institutional capacity (public and Private); and
• helping to build a strong base of evidence to support gender equality and women empowerment actions

“Canada has chosen to focus on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls as the most effective way to challenge poverty and inequality.” – 2017, Canada’s Feminist International Assistance Policy
Some of Canada’s commitments

• CAD $150 million over five years to support local organizations that advance women’s rights in developing countries

• CAD $100 million over five years to small and medium-sized Canadian civil society organizations

• CAD $2.65 billion in climat finance

• CAD $300 million to Development Finance Institute (DFI)
  – DFI will fund activities in countries eligible to receive ODA
  – DFI is expected to begin entering into deals in January 2018

• Canada will ensure that no less than 50 percent of its bilateral international development assistance is directed to sub-Saharan African countries by 2021-22
Implication on how we work ...

• Identify opportunities with high potential for reach, benefit and empower ... in Agriculture and Food Systems

• Identify women groups: who they are? what they do? Their skills? Skill gaps? Organizational capacity? Access and control? Leadership and decision making roles?

• Set clear baselines and target results for women ...

• Do the right thing to ensure sustainable – climate resilient and inclusive Agriculture-led growth ...

• ... Do it right by putting women and girls at the centre of your preoccupations.