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The Conditions for Sustainable Change

This year, CECI adopted a new strategic framework that will guide its work through 2030. Underlying this process is a fundamental question: What conditions enable women, young people, and their communities to sustainably strengthen their capacity to take action and build a more just and inclusive future?

The choices that shape our work are guided by more than six decades of commitment, by the lessons learned alongside our partners, by the expertise of the teams working every day in our regions of programming, and by our values of solidarity and commitment.

This strategic framework highlights the importance of inclusive and sustainable economic opportunities that enable women and young people to strengthen their autonomy, create decent jobs, and contribute to the vitality of their communities. It also recognizes the role of entrepreneurial innovation and climate-resilient solutions in supporting sustainable economic transitions in the face of social and environmental challenges.

Finally, it affirms that realizing girls' right to education and the right to health for women and teenage girls contributes to building more equitable, prosperous, and peaceful societies.

Civic engagement, inclusive governance, and humanitarian action remain essential pillars of our approach. In fragile and crisis-affected contexts, they strengthen participation, social cohesion, and the capacity of communities and institutions to respond to current and future challenges. They also foster societies that are more stable, transparent, and conducive to shared prosperity.

Through these priorities, CECI and its partners help drive sustainable change at various levels—from communities to institutions—by developing innovative approaches tailored to local realities.

The following pages highlight the results and innovations that have shaped the past year.

Enjoy reading,



Marie-Claire Dumas,
CECI Board Chair



Philippe Dongier,
CECI Executive Director

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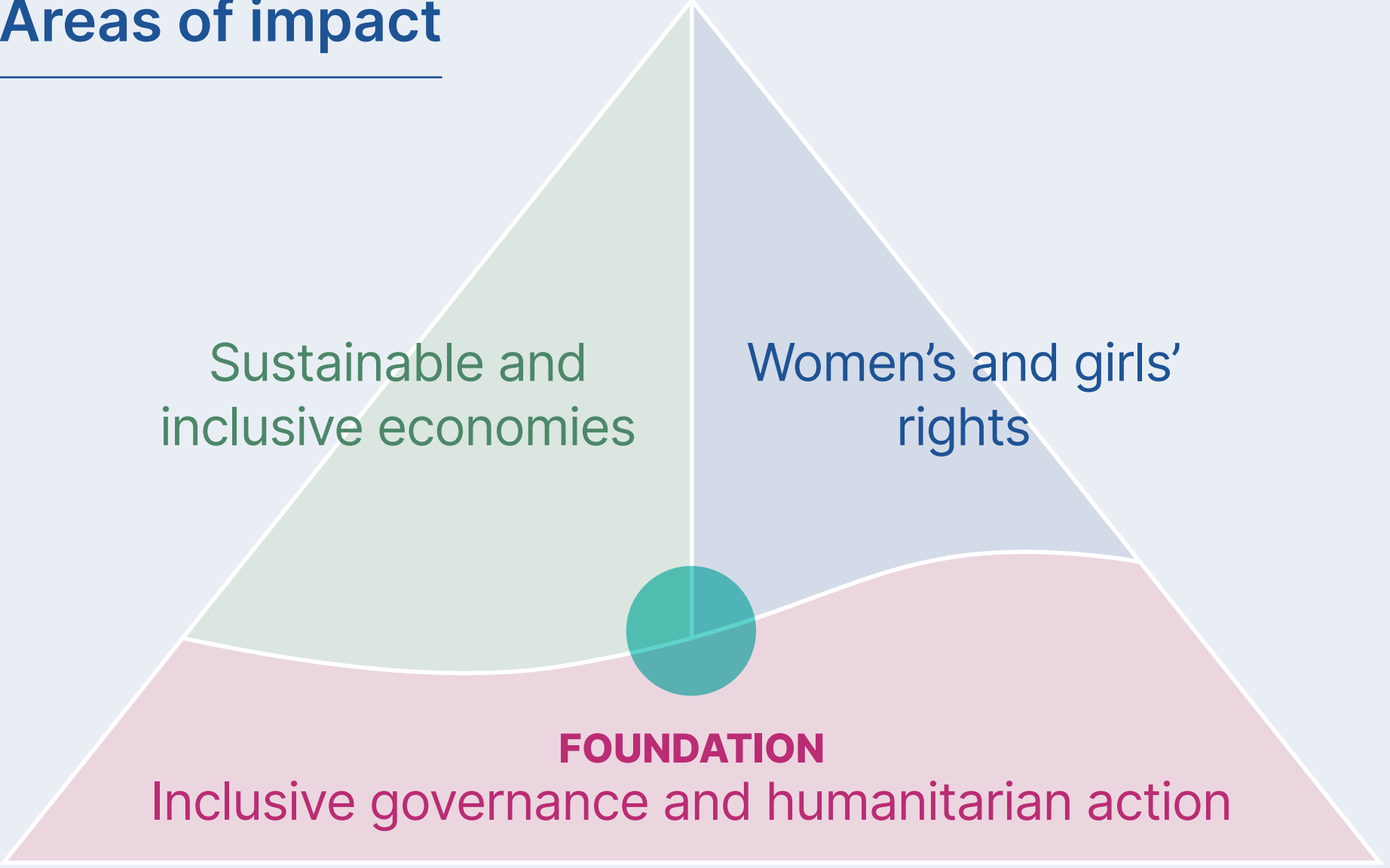
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Strengthening Economic Opportunities and the Rights of Women and Youth

CECI is working for a future where women and youth achieve shared and sustainable prosperity and well-being within inclusive, supportive and peaceful communities.

Together with our partners, we sustainably strengthen economic opportunities for women and youth and promote the full realization of the rights of women and girls.

Areas of impact

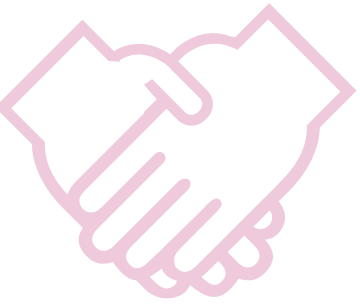


CECI in Numbers

12 offices
worldwide
and active in
20 countries



Over **440**
employees
and volunteers
worldwide



475
partner organizations
and networks, nearly half of
which are women's organizations



67 years
OF ACTIVITY



Over **\$1.5 billion***
invested to improve the living
conditions of communities
around the world



More than **350** projects*
implemented in over
30 countries

*Cumulative figures since CECI's creation





This Year's Highlights

In the current context of multiple crises, disruptions in the international order, and challenges to cooperation, CECI has redefined its strategic framework to focus on actions that lead to concrete and genuine improvements in the lives of women and youth in vulnerable communities.

Looking ahead to 2030, we are focusing on creating sustainable economic opportunities and bolstering rights to health and education, while supporting inclusive and participatory governance systems and humanitarian actions in crisis contexts.

THIS YEAR AT A GLANCE

958,256 people's living conditions improved thanks to initiatives supported by CECI, including **78% women and 42% youth**



41 ongoing projects in **20** countries



112 VOLUNTEER MANDATES IN 7 COUNTRIES

Thanks to CECI's Actions

More than **4,2 million people** indirectly benefited from the positive effects of our projects



719,149 people received support in fragile or conflict-affected contexts



18,550 people GAINED ACCESS TO DECENT WORK



16,543 people adopted or maintained climate and biodiversity solutions



5,197 women and girls have a better access to education



39,557 women

used sexual and reproductive health services



14,976 people

increased their income or assets and have greater control over how they use them



4,9 million people were reached in Canada



Sustainable and Inclusive Economies

AREA OF IMPACT

Against a backdrop of chronic youth underemployment, exclusion of women and youth from decision-making spaces, and growing impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss, CECI helps build and strengthen sustainable and inclusive economic models led by women and youth.



HIGH-IMPACT INNOVATIVE ACTIONS

Inclusive entrepreneurial growth and economic opportunities

Facilitating women traders' access to regional markets



An inclusive and sustainable business environment

Promoting shared responsibility for caregiving to remove barriers to women's entrepreneurship



Climate and biodiversity solutions

Cross-pollinating knowledge to develop sustainable climate solutions



Thanks to CECI's Actions this Year



227,134 people

WERE SUPPORTED BY OUR ACTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, including **67% women** and **41% young people**

18,550 people



GAINED ACCESS TO DECENT WORK, including **81% women** and **36% young people**

14,976 people



increased their income or assets and have greater control over how they use them, including **81% women** and **39% young people**

16,543 people



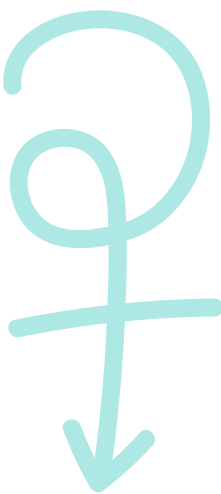
adopted or maintained climate and biodiversity solutions

11,874 hectares

of degraded land were restored through agroforestry and natural regeneration



74 businesses were created, **74% of which are owned by women** and **35% by young people**



Women's and Girls' Rights

AREA OF IMPACT

CECI works to ensure that women and girls can fully exercise their rights, including to education and health, live in safe environments, and participate in decisions that shape their communities. We collaborate with local organizations and networks of women's rights groups to help shift social norms and strengthen essential services.



HIGH-IMPACT INNOVATIVE ACTIONS

Bolstering the right to health

Community-based care to transform maternal health



Bolstering the right to education

A proven action plan for girls' education



Support for movements advocating women's rights

A concerted action for sustainable impacts against gender-based violence



Thanks to CECI's Actions this Year



469,327 women

received support to promote their rights, including **37% of young women**



5,197

women and girls

have a better access to education



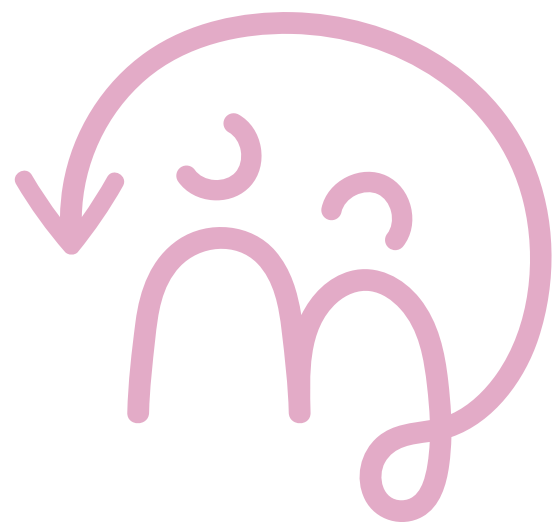
39,557 women and young women

used sexual and reproductive health services



88% people

of respondents reported holding attitudes in **SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS** and/or **AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**



Inclusive Governance and Humanitarian Action

FOUNDATION

CECI supports inclusive and participatory governance systems that align investments and services with community priorities. These efforts often take place in contexts of protracted crises, where we also support humanitarian actions focused on dignity and recovery.



HIGH-IMPACT INNOVATIVE ACTIONS

Citizen participation in inclusive governance

Strong civic engagement for sustainable stability



Social cohesion and collective action

Collective mobilization to defuse tensions

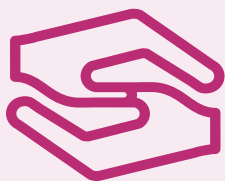


Humanitarian action

Preventing violence in crisis contexts



Thanks to CECI's Actions this Year



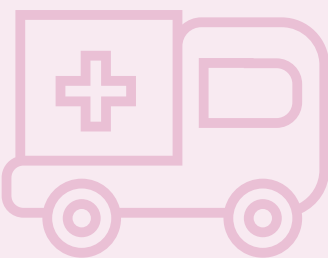
719,149 people received support in fragile or conflict-affected contexts in the Sahel, the African Great Lakes region, and Haiti



14,598 people are better protected against gender-based violence in humanitarian contexts



206,427 people were reached by our initiatives for more inclusive governance, including **67% women** and **43% youth**



233,585 people received humanitarian assistance (ACCESS TO WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE, FOOD AID, AND/OR EMERGENCY SHELTER)



23 INCLUSIVE AND PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE AND/OR ACCOUNTABILITY mechanisms were established or strengthened

Africa

With a strong local presence and the leadership of a regional team based in Côte d'Ivoire, CECI and its partners are implementing major programs in West Africa, the Sahel, and the Great Lakes region.

In contexts marked by rapid economic and demographic growth, inequality, climate change, and vulnerability to conflict, CECI supports women, youth, and vulnerable communities in strengthening their economic empowerment, access to markets and financing, resilience, and participation in local and regional development dynamics.



This year's key achievements

In 2025-2026

16 ongoing projects
in 13 countries



884,859 people's
living conditions improved thanks to actions supported by CECI, including **79% women and 43% youth**



16,835 people
gained access to decent work, including **79% WOMEN AND 28% YOUTH**

11,039 people
are more resilient
TO CLIMATE RISKS



291 partner organizations and networks



201,072 people
received humanitarian assistance



BENIN



GUINEA



RDC



BURKINA FASO



MALI



RWANDA



BURUNDI



NIGER



SENEGAL



CÔTE D'IVOIRE



NIGERIA



TOGO



GHANA



Latin America

CECI is active in Bolivia, Colombia and Guatemala. Three countries where a lack of jobs and business opportunities, deforestation, and climate changes are causing significant migration and limiting future prospects for women and young people.

In these diverse contexts, we promote inclusivity in value chains and economic and financial mechanisms, and support the economic development of women entrepreneurs. We also work to build environments that respect the rights of women and girls and to prevent violence, particularly gender-based violence, while preserving ecosystems in the face of climate change.



→ This year's key achievements

-  BOLIVIA →
-  COLOMBIA →
-  GUATEMALA →



In 2025-2026

8 ongoing projects in 3 countries



37,379 people's living conditions improved thanks to actions supported by CECI, including 68% women and 33% youth



545 people gained access to decent work



134 people INCREASED THEIR INCOME AND ASSETS and have greater control over how to use them



64 partner organizations and networks



44 volunteers were mobilized



Asia

In Asia, CECI is currently focusing its activities on Nepal and the Philippines, with a regional approach. In contexts marked by inequality, geopolitical tensions, and high climate vulnerability, we support inclusive local governance based on citizen participation and increased women's leadership. We work to create more equitable economic environments for women, in order to strengthen their autonomy.

In 2025-2026



20,467 people's living conditions improved thanks to actions supported by CECI, including **68% women and 37% youth**



64 partner organizations and networks from civil society



3 ongoing projects in **2 countries**



2 volunteers were deployed to support **ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES**



This year's key achievements



NEPAL



PHILIPPINES



Caribbean: Haiti

Despite the ongoing deterioration of the security situation in Port-au-Prince and significant socioeconomic instability, we are continuing our operations in other regions of the country. Together with our partners, we are supporting inclusive and sustainable economic recovery and working to strengthen the resilience of local communities and systems.

We are focusing in particular on agricultural livelihoods by supporting the development of value chains, strengthening local capacities for adaptation and risk management, and promoting the economic empowerment of women and youth.

In 2025-2026

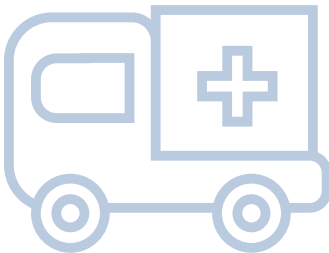


15,551 people's
living conditions improved thanks to actions supported by CECI, including **59% women** and **45% youth**

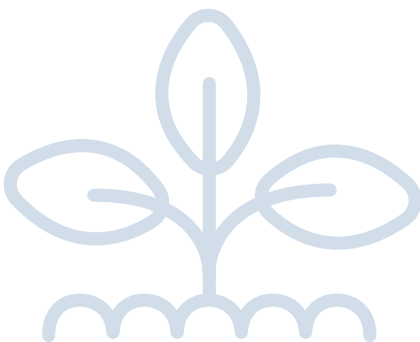


21 partner organizations and networks (civil society and government agencies)

15,575 people
received humanitarian assistance



2,874 people
INCREASED THEIR INCOME AND ASSETS
and have greater control over how they use them



5,504 people
adopted or continued to use climate and biodiversity solutions

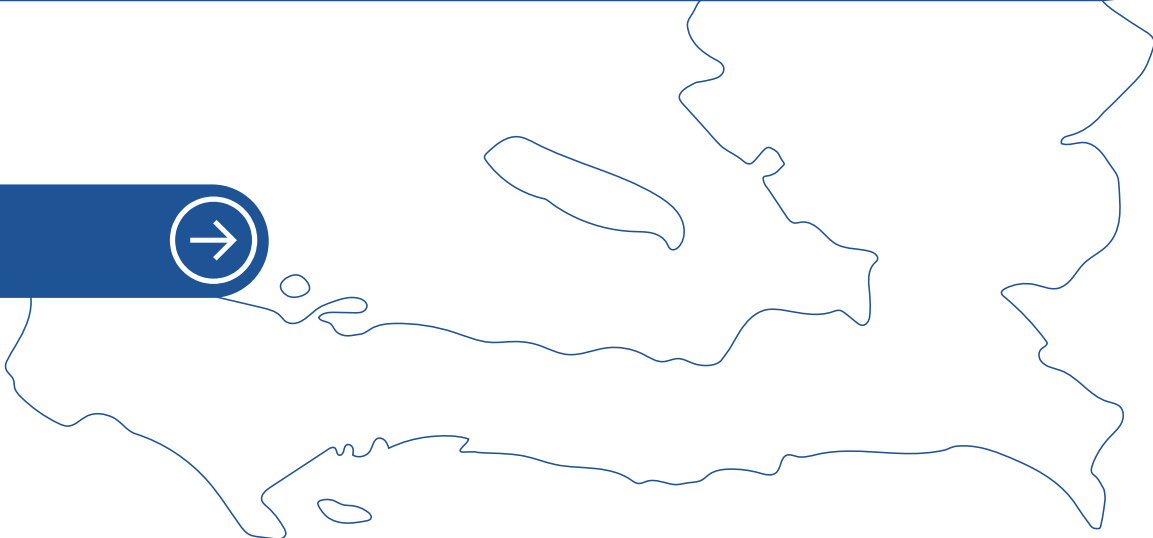
14 projects



This year's key achievements



HAITI



Changing the Narrative to Reimagine Engagement

At CECI, in celebration of the International Year of Volunteers in 2026, we are stepping off the beaten path to imagine new avenues for engagement that foster exchange, mutual learning, collaboration, and the creation of opportunities.

Displaying *The Matriarchs of the Forest* photo exhibit in Montreal and Ottawa, highlighting the leadership of Indigenous women from Bolivia and Canada in the face of climate change; building connections with diaspora communities; participating in key events in Canada and around the world; and more—all of these were key moments designed to inspire as many people as possible to take action for change, both in Canada and beyond.

95% of people reached this year in Canada took at least one action following their participation in our events and activities. A commitment that has become long term for 91.5% of them.

Three Highlights of the Year

Time to Act: A national movement for action



Entrepreneurship and volunteerism: A virtuous cycle



From Dakar to Montreal: A shared connection

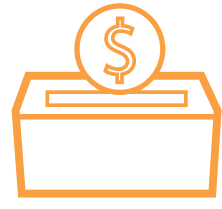


4,9 million people reached in Canada

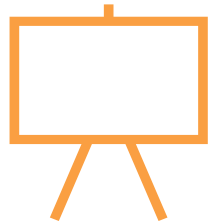
11 media appearances



91 fundraising events organized



25 EVENTS ORGANIZED



8 podcast EPISODES RELEASED



338 PUBLICATIONS, NEWS STORIES, BLOG POSTS, AND VIDEOS CREATED AND SHARED

Financial Information

The complete financial statements are available on our website



Consolidated results

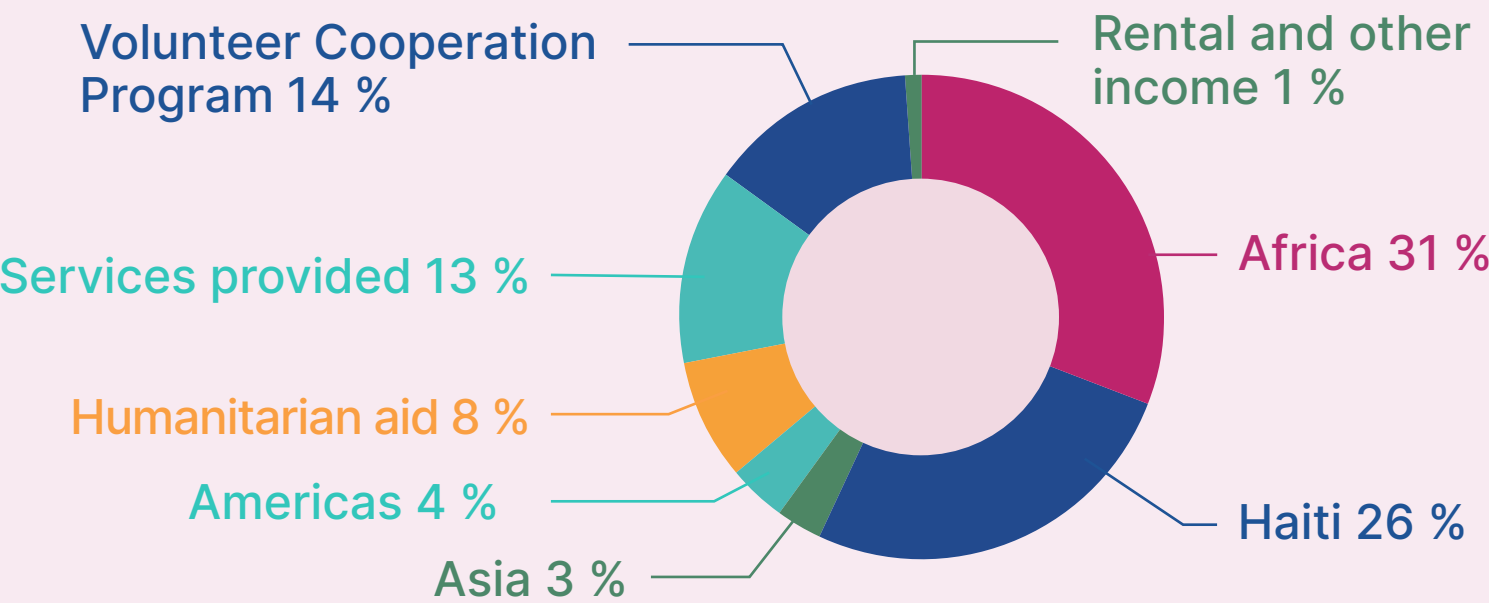
REVENUE	2026 (CAD\$)	2025 (CAD\$)
Global Affairs Canada — Partnership	6 244 297	5 391 700
Global Affairs Canada — Bilateral and other	17 279 004	18 555 082
Other donors	15 635 843	12 768 778
Grants	1 193 223	1 037 863
Subtotal	40 352 367	37 753 423
Contributions in the form of volunteer services	6 318 112	5 342 781
Other revenue	602 401	692 360
Total	47 272 880	43 788 564

EXPENSES	2026 (CAD\$)	2025 (CAD\$)
Programs	36 549 465	33 642 160
Contributed volunteers services	6 318 112	5 342 781
Program development	458 056	653 172
Administration	3 238 367	3 399 167
Fundraising	273 340	325 535
Interest on long-term debt	80 577	112 046
Amortization of tangible capital assets	251 651	229 565
Amortization of intangible assets	41 764	17 109
Total	47 211 332	43 721 535
Excess of revenue over expenses before strategic investments	61 548	67 029
Strategic investments	390 872	154 977
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	(329 324)	(87 948)

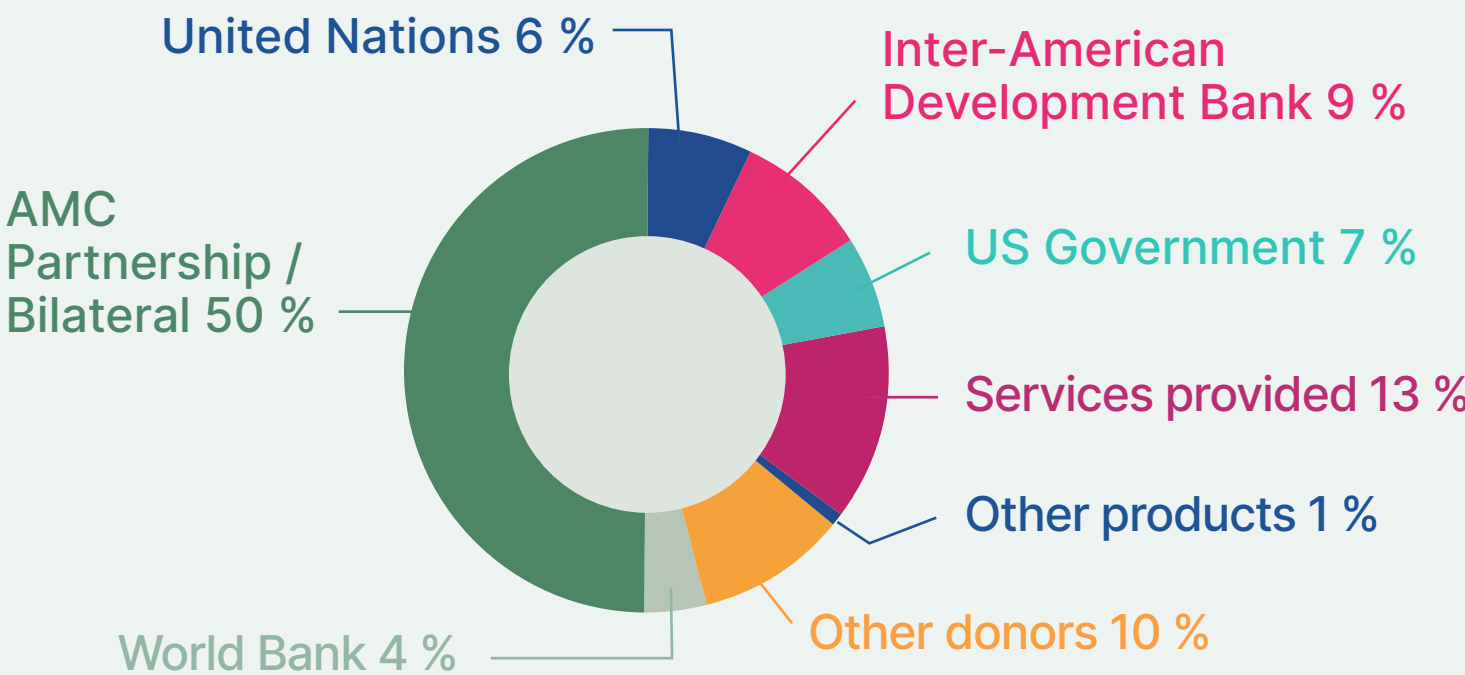
Consolidated financial position

	2026 (CAD\$)	2025 (CAD\$)
ASSETS		
Current		
Tangible capital assets	5 510 145	5 611 819
Other assets	1 244 051	1 178 277
Total	31 997 692	26 773 218
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Long-term	685 024	1 455 934
Net assets	7 864 354	8 208 572
Total	31 997 692	26 773 218

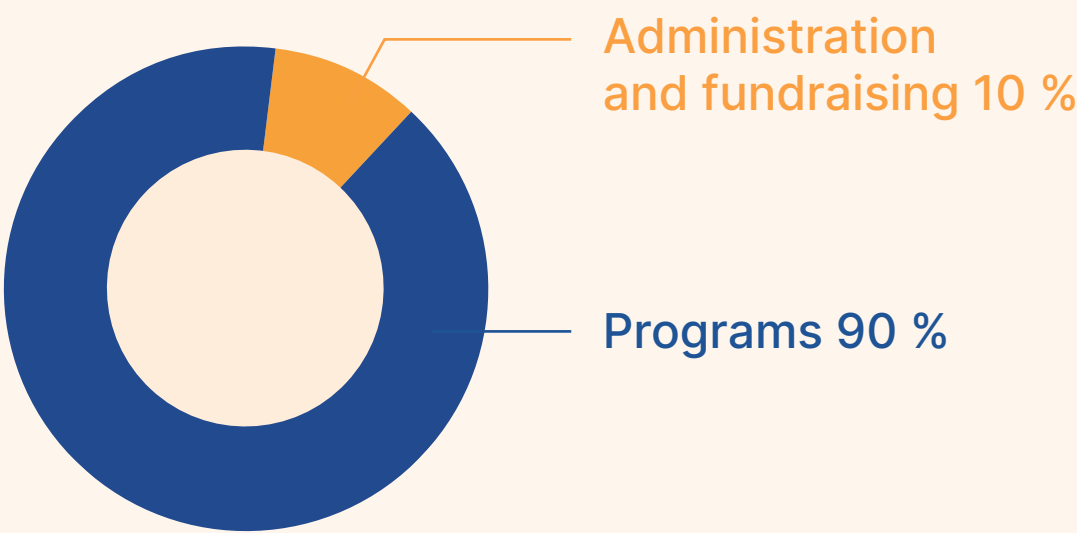
Breakdown of revenue by geographic region and business segment



Breakdown of revenue by donor



Breakdown of expenditures





Essential Support

CECI moves forward thanks to the commitment of financial partners and donors. Without them, none of this would be possible.

Thank you to our 19 financial partners. Your contribution has made it possible to carry out our activities this year. This support allows us to act where we are most needed. At a time when budget cuts are on the rise, the stability of our funding is key to ensuring the continuity of our efforts toward sustainable change.

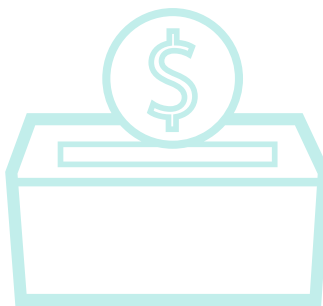
Thank you to our teams around the world, to the volunteers who stand by our side, and to the interns who support us throughout the year. Your daily commitment helps build the fairer and more prosperous world we aspire to.

Finally, thank you, the reader of this report. Your support is invaluable to us. Together, we can make a difference.

This Year



Our projects were implemented with **468** OPERATIONAL PARTNERS including **8** CONSORTIUM PARTNERS



3,464 donations were received

45 companies, foundations, institutions, unions, and religious communities **SUPPORTED US** through donations



Our Financial Partners



A big thank you to our donors, who contribute to our fundraising campaigns, and to everyone who stepped up to raise funds for CECI by participating in this year's charity challenge. Thanks to you, CECI can expand its work, innovate, and reach a wider audience.

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