



Annual report
**2020
2021**

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OUR MISSION

Combat poverty, exclusion and inequality.

OUR VISION

A world without poverty that is egalitarian, inclusive and celebrates diversity.

OUR VALUES

Cooperation
Respect
Equity
Commitment
Integrity

RESILIENCE AND INNOVATION



Danielle Lamy
President



Philippe Dongier
Executive Director

In 2020-2021, our new strategic framework was launched, with an emphasis on finding innovative solutions to help ensure that the most disadvantaged and marginalized groups are included in sustainable development, in particular, to strengthen women's economic empowerment, support the role of women in adapting to climate change and build the resilience of communities in crisis situations. CECI also continues to support scaling up of innovative approaches that have proven effective, with the objective of more inclusive development.

This year will no doubt be remembered as the year of a devastating health, social and economic crisis. To date, 4.5 million people have died from COVID-19 around the world and many more lives have been disrupted. The impact on countries where CECI runs programs has been profound. In some cases, like in Nepal and Bolivia, the crisis took on dramatic proportions. Everywhere, the pandemic exacerbated inequalities, and the most vulnerable were particularly hard hit by measures taken to prevent the spread of the virus. Many people in the informal sector lost access to their means of subsistence and faced food insecurity. Gender-based violence also increased.

CECI did mobilize to help communities we work with to recover from this crisis, while helping to strengthen resilience in anticipation of future crises. This work was done under complex circumstances due to limitations on travel and in-person gatherings. We strongly believe in the NEXUS approach that takes into account the immediate as well as long-term needs of communities. This approach involves coordinated initiatives that combine emergency aid with supporting lasting improvement in living conditions.

In this context, the launch of CECI's new volunteer cooperation program was particularly challenging. Restrictions on international travel greatly impeded our capacity to deploy Canadian volunteers abroad. Thanks to the flexibility of Global Affairs Canada, our main funding partner, CECI was able to adapt by recruiting Canadian citizens or permanent residents already in our programming countries as well as a greater number of remote volunteers.

We invite you to read this report to find out how, during this exceptional year, we were able to support efforts to identify and scale up innovative solutions to build the capacity of women and girls to exercise their rights and secure gainful employment; facilitate women's full participation in the agricultural sector and climate change adaptation; and support the resilience of vulnerable communities in dealing with prolonged crises.

We would like to thank our teams, partners and volunteers around the world who found ways to overcome uncertain and changing conditions to fulfil our mission while concentrating on ensuring the security of communities. We are also very grateful to CECI's donors and our financial partners for their trust and contributions.

On behalf of the large CECI family, we sincerely thank Claudia Black who completed her third mandate as Executive Director, after nine years of remarkable accomplishments. Among her many contributions, we'd like to highlight her contributions in strengthening governance and launching the internationalization of CECI's network.

"IN 2021, CECI WELCOMED ITS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PHILIPPE DONGIER, A FRIEND OF CECI FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND FIRST DIRECTOR OF CECI NEPAL. HIS VISION FOR THE ORGANIZATION MIRRORS CECI'S ASPIRATIONS IN TERMS OF ITS INTERNATIONALIZATION AND REACH. MOREOVER, HIS WORK ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS, IN MANAGEMENT POSITIONS FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR—IN PARTICULAR, THE WORLD BANK, MCKINSEY & COMPANY AND GENERAL ELECTRIC—HAS POSITIONED HIM WELL TO GUIDE CECI'S STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK.

2020-2025 STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

In 2020, CECI embarked on its new 2020-2025 strategy, an ambitious framework aimed at deepening its impact. The strategic framework has three programmatic priorities and five strategic orientations.

→ PROGRAMMATIC PRIORITIES



1. WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND RIGHTS

CECI aims to strengthen and further develop approaches and methodologies that will create a profound impact on the Economic Empowerment of Women, and on the Rights of women and young women, and recognise their crucial role as agents of social change.



2. WOMEN, KEY ACTORS IN ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

CECI aims to further develop approaches and methodologies that combat the impact of climate change and strengthen the resilience of impacted communities, particularly women and young women while recognising their capacity to act.



3. RESILIENCE OF COMMUNITIES TO FRAGILE CONTEXTS AND/OR PROTRACTED CRISES

CECI aims to further develop approaches and methodologies, particularly in governance, local development and humanitarian action gained through its long standing experience in fragile contexts in supporting communities to adapt, act and mobilise themselves in the context of weak governance, instability, insecurity and displacement.



STRATEGIC ORIENTATIONS



Photo *Nikesh Kalshapati* / CECI - Nepal

1. LEARNING, INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

CECI aims to support the search for innovative solutions, optimize sharing of knowledge and best practices, and track impacts.



Photo *Lassy King* / CECI - Mali

2. ADVOCACY TO INFLUENCE CHANGE

CECI aims to carry out structured and constructive advocacy efforts on issues where the organisation has a deep understanding of challenges and possible solutions. Advocacy is based on analysis of evidence including that generated from CECI's concrete experience.



3. MOBILIZATION AND OUTREACH

CECI wishes to develop a strong network to mobilize the public and to be recognized for the lasting results that it helps achieve. This includes mass media campaigns to raise awareness in Canada regarding gender inequalities worldwide and to mobilize to make a difference.



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4. NEW FINANCING MODELS FOR DEVELOPMENT

To increase its impact on the most vulnerable populations, CECI seeks to develop innovative strategies to access new sources of development financing. In particular, CECI is investing in the Fonds d'investissement de solidarité internationale du Québec (FISIQ), a financial tool for business partners in the social economy. CECI plans to diversify its partnerships with foundations and the private sector in order to have a greater impact.



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5. AN INTERDEPENDENT AND INCLUSIVE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

CECI continues to deepen its process of internationalisation and localisation. This year, CECI by-laws have been modified, making it possible to align the transformation of our organization towards more international governance, and to pursue efforts to localise our capacities and expertise within the framework of an international network. We have set up new spaces and platforms for collaboration, mutual aid, exchange of experiences and co-construction of knowledge in order to mobilize key actors of change and promote sustainable solutions to reduce poverty and strengthen equality and inclusion.

IMPACT OF COVID-19

CECI ACTIONS AND RESULTS

COVID-19 has had a huge impact on public health, food systems, employment, and further exacerbated already existing social and gender inequalities.

CECI has taken a number of actions through 38 projects, 21 of which proposed adaptive measures to COVID-19. Our efforts have made it possible to mitigate effects of the pandemic in communities with which we work. Specific actions and results are highlighted below, structured around our three programmatic priorities.

SOURCES: UN WOMEN, UNFPA, UNICEF, FAO, WHO, OECD, WORLD BANK.

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND RIGHTS



Photo
Nikesh Kakshapati /CECI-Nepal



As a result of the pandemic, violence against women and girls, especially within the family, has increased by more than 30% in several countries. More than 47 million women and girls have fallen into extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.90 per day. Partly as a result of the pandemic, over the next decade, the number of cases of female genital mutilation could increase by 2 million, and the number of child marriages by 13 million. 7 million more unintended pregnancies could occur due to lack of access to contraception in low- and middle-income countries.



CECI's activities were already addressing the underlying root causes of violence against women (and other marginalized groups), their exclusion from economic activities as well as their lack of representation in positions of responsibility.

Thanks to projects already acting on root causes of social and gender inequality, 176,209 women, 86,191 young girls, 106,286 men and 73,258 young men have increased their awareness of gender-based violence and exclusion, and increased their access to economic opportunities. In order to continue to take action and work in the COVID-19 context, we reallocated 15% of our budget to put in place measures to help communities adapt to COVID-19, and as well as additional measures to promote the fight against gender-based violence and promote economic empowerment of women. A total of 2,209,720 people were protected indirectly through these activities.

WOMEN, KEY ACTORS IN ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE



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Andrej Ivanov/CECI-Senegal



The pandemic greatly affected food systems. 27 countries are threatened by an imminent food crisis which only makes the already existing food insecurity and hunger worse. To add to that the extreme weather conditions due to climate change put further stress on food systems. In 2020, between 83 and 132 million people, more than 50% of whom are women and girls, suffered from hunger. Women produce more than 50% of the food grown in the world, but most of them are informal workers on small farms, and have been particularly affected by the economic impact of the pandemic.



Prior to the pandemic, CECI's activities were already aimed at addressing root causes of food insecurity and increasing the leadership capacity of women in the agricultural sector.

We reallocated 5% of our budget to put in place adaptive measures against COVID-19 (awareness, social distancing, hand washing, etc.) to allow our teams to safely continue their work. In-depth analysis have identified priority needs to mitigate the immediate impact of the pandemic in the agricultural sector, mainly on women, while strengthening the resilience of long-term production systems. 31,973 women, 6,701 young women, 49,007 men and 44,894 young men took part in activities to strengthen their resilience to climate change.

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Despite the particularly difficult conditions in which we carried out our work this year, and thanks to the colossal efforts of our teams, our volunteers and our partners, in 2020-2021:

659,439

PEOPLE WERE DIRECTLY REACHED BY OUR PROJECTS, OF WHICH

53.4%

WERE WOMEN

3,297,195

PEOPLE WERE INDIRECTLY POSITIVELY AFFECTED BY OUR PROJECTS

RESILIENCE OF COMMUNITIES TO FRAGILE CONTEXTS AND PROTRACTED CRISES



As a result of the pandemic, an additional 23 million people have become victims of extreme poverty in countries experiencing fragile contexts, conflict and violence. Informal employment is the norm for women in fragile contexts. Women are therefore particularly vulnerable to economic shock and most are also excluded from social protection measures. 183 million girls and teenage girls living in fragile contexts were no longer in school in 2020 following the closure of schools caused by the pandemic.



In responding to prolonged and complex crises, CECI directly supported 31,973 women, 6,701 young women, 49,007 men and 44,894 young men, as well as an additional 322,840 people indirectly. Our work has helped communities adapt to crises, including through cash transfers and livelihood support programs that help them meet urgent needs. Our activities also facilitated access to drinking water, sanitation and hygiene for displaced populations and those without health infrastructure.



Photo George Harry Rouzier /CECI-Haiti

ACTIVE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS IN 2020-2021

Africa

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BENIN

- Support to Women's Entrepreneurship in the Rice Industry (PAEFFR)
- Volunteer Cooperation Program

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BURKINA FASO

- Enhancing Women's Resilience to Climate Change in the Shea Sector in Burkina Faso (PCCI)
- Support to West Africa Governance & Economic Sustainability (WAGES)
- Impact of the COVID-19 crisis on food security in Burkina Faso and Senegal
- Project in Support of Institutional and Technical Reforms for Equity (PARITÉ)
- Project in Support of the Consolidation of Peace and Social Cohesion (PPCS - PBF)
- Project in Support of the Modernization of Traditional Poultry Farming (PMAT)
- Women and Young Women Economic Resilience Project
- Volunteer Cooperation Program

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BURUNDI

- Educating Girls for a Better Future in the African Great Lakes Region (ÉDUFAM)

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GHANA

- Support to West Africa Governance & Economic Sustainability (WAGES)

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GUINEA

- Support to West Africa Governance & Economic Sustainability (WAGES)
- Project to Support Revenue-Generating Activities in Communities Located in Extractive Areas (PA-AGR)
- Restoration and Improvement of Livelihood (PRAMS)

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MALI

- Youth Employment and Skills (PROCEJ)
- Rights and Innovations in Sexual and Reproductive Health in Kayes (Yellen)
- Armande Bégin Fund for the Women of Mali
- Support for Food Security and Access to Water for Vulnerable Women and Men Affected by Conflict in the Timbuktu and Mopti Region
- Women's Voice and Leadership (VLF-Musoya)

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NIGER

- Agricultural Support Services (SAA)

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- Educating Girls for a Better Future in the African Great Lakes Region (ÉDUFAM)

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RWANDA

- Educating Girls for a Better Future in the African Great Lakes Region (ÉDUFAM)
- Volunteer Cooperation Program

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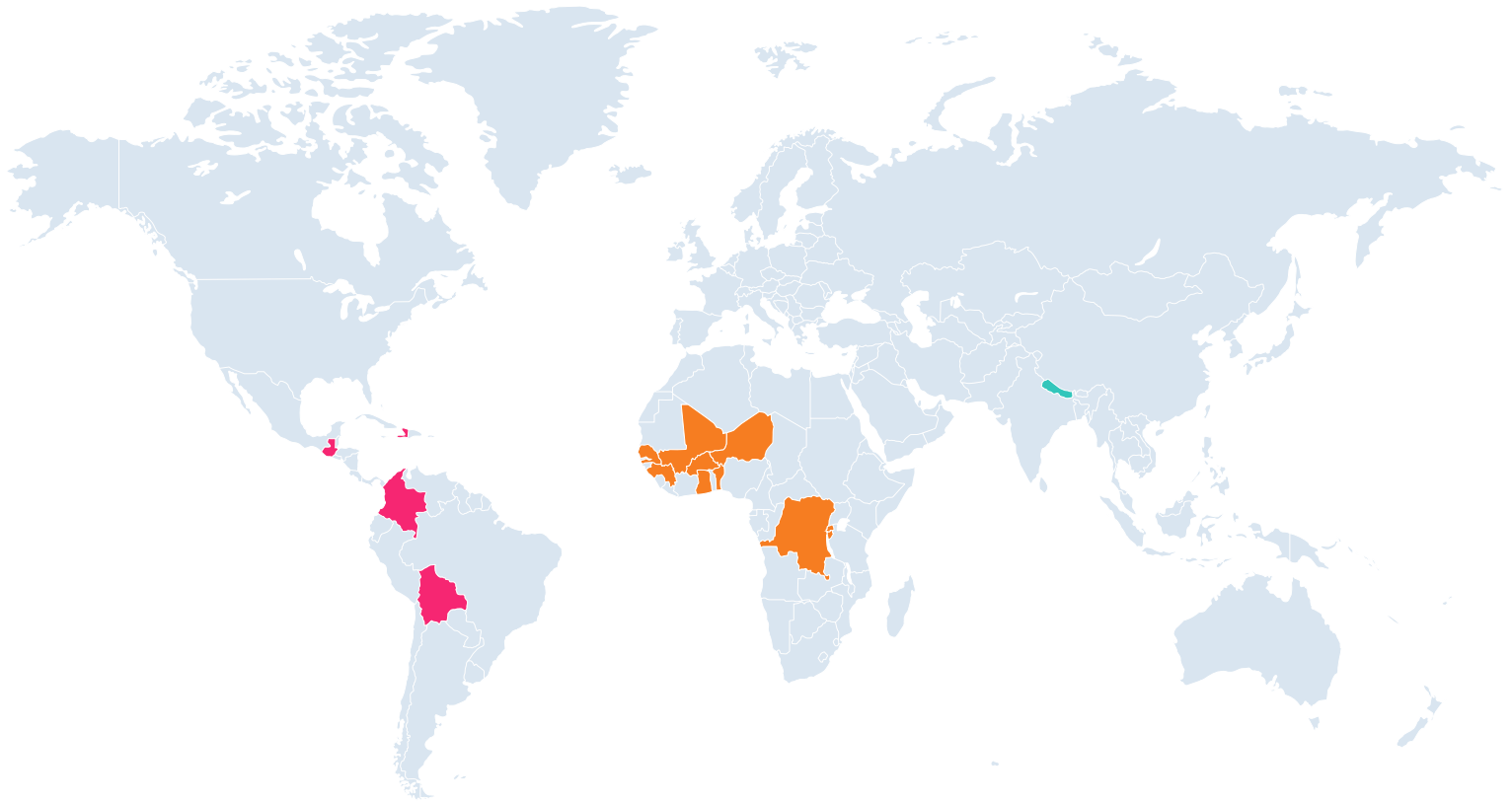
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SENEGAL

- Impact of the COVID-19 crisis on food security in Burkina Faso and Senegal
- Resilient Women and Agriculture (FAR)
- Integrated Resilience Garden (JIR)
- Women's Voice and Leadership (WVL-Senegal)
- Volunteer Cooperation Program

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Americas

BOLIVIA

- Purchase of oxygen concentrators for the isolation centre for COVID-19 patients **HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

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- Québec Without Borders - Handicraft in Bolivia

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- Volunteer Cooperation Program

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COLOMBIA

- Strengthening Resilience and the Protection of Displaced Migrant Women and Girls

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GUATEMALA

- Equal Rights and Justice for Indigenous Women and Girls in Guatemala (DEMUJERES)

- Rural Business Development Program (PDER)

- Response to hurricanes Eta and Iota in Guatemala

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- Food security, resilience and prevention of COVID-19 contagion in Guatemala

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- Support for the revival of the local economy by empowering rural women and adopting sustainable poultry production practises

- Volunteer Cooperation Program

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HAITI

- Partnerships for Strengthening Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (ACOSME)

- Climate Adaptation and Economic Development of Haiti's Agricultural Sectors (AVETI)

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- Food assistance for households with the greatest food insecurity in the Nord department

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- Food assistance for households with the greatest food insecurity in the Sud department

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- Temporary social safety net and skills for young people

- Irrigation South (RESEPAG)

- KLIMA Grand Sud

- Fighting Climate Change in the Nord Department (KLIMA)

- Technological Innovation Program for Agriculture and Agroforestry (PITAG)

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- Water Management Program in the Artibonite Basin (PROGEBa)

- Program to Improve the Health of Mothers and Newborns in the Artibonite Department (PRISMA)

- Cooperation project - Roncalli International Foundation

- Research on improving soil fertility (PITAG) **RESEARCH**

- Research on plant diseases and pests (PITAG) **RESEARCH**

- Food security emergency in Haiti in the context of COVID-19

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- Women's Voice and Leadership (WVL-Haiti)

- Volunteer Cooperation Program

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Asia

NEPAL

- Support for the Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVP)

- Support to Federalism (STF)

- Sustainable use of Technology for Public Sector Accountability (Susasan)

- Volunteer Cooperation Program

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WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND RIGHTS

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ORGANIZATIONS AND NETWORKS DEDICATED TO WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' RIGHTS STRENGTHENED THEIR CAPACITIES AND IMPROVED THEIR FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

THE WOMEN'S VOICE AND LEADERSHIP (WVL) PROJECT IN MALI IS IMPLEMENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SOCODEVI.

WVL PROJECTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, THROUGH GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA.

54,276

PEOPLE TOOK PART DIRECTLY IN THE ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY OUR PARTNERS

Haiti, Mali and Senegal

Innovation to better defend the rights of women and girls

To improve the support offered to women and girls whose rights are too often violated, CECI-Haiti, CECI-Mali and CECI-Senegal have supported organizations defending the rights of women and girls through the implementation of innovative approaches. Training on positive masculinity was facilitated to strengthen the capacities of partner organizations to transform power relations between women and men. Incorporating intersectionality into their work has enabled them to better support women who suffer from social exclusion from diverse and sometimes multiple reasons (e.g., disability, remote rural areas). Workshops to facilitate generational succession within partner organizations were also offered and practice communities were set up to strengthen leadership, particularly in rural areas, and to encourage the cooperation of various stakeholders within communities. In addition, special funds have enabled certain organizations to see one of their innovative projects funded in order to tackle specific issues such as the fight against COVID-19, raising awareness

about violence in schools or violence against women and girls with disabilities. Whether in Haiti, Mali or Senegal, the milestones of the feminist movement, such as the 16 days of activism or the International Women's Day, were an opportunity for our partners to raise awareness and undertake advocacy actions with governments to demand that the rights of women and girls be respected. These actions took the form of public media events, in compliance with health standards.

“ Thanks to the funds (multi-year, rapid and responsive), our organization was able to reach all circles in the Kayes Region through theatrical tours. These activities made it possible to change the attitude of the population towards people with disabilities, specifically women and girls in the affected communities. ”

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ASSOCIATION MALIENNE DES FEMMES HANDICAPÉES (AMAFH), MALI



Photo Lassy King / CECI-Mali

Guatemala

Make a difference for indigenous women and girls who are victims of violence

CECI-Guatemala and its partners have made it possible to improve the prevention of sexual and gender-based violence, as well as providing care for indigenous women and girls victims of violence. In the departments of Chimaltenango, Alta Verapaz and Sololá, four communication campaigns were carried out in three Mayan languages, encouraging indigenous women to file complaints for cases of violence and to seek legal advice from our partner organizations, despite health restrictions related to COVID-19. We also participated in the organization of the second Mesoamerican meeting on masculinities, which was an opportunity to reflect on the historical construction of indigenous masculinities and the consequences of oppressive masculinity on violence. Moreover, access to justice for indigenous women and girls has improved because of the training provided to justice key players, including traditional indigenous authorities, which allows the appropriation of legal standards for protection against sexual violence based on gender.

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ACTIVITIES MOBILIZED 4,320 PARTICIPANTS, OF WHICH 76% WERE INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS

40,000

PEOPLE WERE REACHED BY 4 AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

THE "FOR THE RIGHTS AND JUSTICE OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS IN GUATEMALA" (DEMUJERES) PROJECT IS IMPLEMENTED WITH LAWYERS WITHOUT BORDERS CANADA (LWBC) AND RECEIVES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, THROUGH GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA.

“ What we want is to make the voices of indigenous women and girls heard. Let them question what previously seemed normal to them, but which is not. Make it possible for them to ensure the defence of their own rights. ”

MARTA FIDELIA QUIB,
COMMUNITY THERAPIST



“ We have gained knowledge that we share in our community. We noticed that the number of rapes has decreased. Teenage girls in a situation of early pregnancy are made aware of family planning. We also include their boyfriend in the discussions about planning. ”

MAGDALA ALCIUS,
COMMUNITY LEADER, COMMITTEE OF WOMEN USERS OF BAHON, HAITI

Haiti

Promote sexual and reproductive rights in the times of pandemic

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, CECI-Haiti has adjusted its interventions to support the North Health Department (NHD) of Haiti in its response to the health crisis, while ensuring the maintenance of sexual and reproductive health services. The staff of the NHD, health centres and hospitals participated in training sessions on issues relating to gender, human rights, health rights and sexual and reproductive health. Employees are now real allies, able to take care of pregnant women, mothers and their young children, while being sensitive to the difficulties they face. Several activities were also carried out within the communities to engage women, men and opinion leaders to danger signs in pregnant women and infants, contraception, menstrual hygiene, gender based violence, the necessary involvement of men, and the importance of using maternal and child health services.

1,329

MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL STAFF WERE TRAINED TO DELIVER QUALITY CARE TAILORED TO THE NEEDS OF WOMEN

471

COMMUNITY MEMBERS WERE MADE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF USING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES

5

HEALTH CENTRES WERE BUILT OR RENOVATED AND PROVIDED WITH THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, DRUGS AND PERSONNEL TO MEET THE NEEDS AND RIGHTS OF WOMEN

THE MOTHER-CHILD HEALTH CONTINUUM (ACOSME) PROJECT IS IMPLEMENTED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL (IHU) AND RECEIVES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, THROUGH GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA.



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Nikesh Kakshapati /
CECI-Nepal

Nepal

Strengthen citizen participation and government accountability through technology

CECI-Nepal completed the Susasan project this year, which exceeded all expectations. Reforms to the federal government system, which coincided with the start of the project's implementation, in 2017, and the COVID-19 pandemic, which began in 2020, have not hampered progress towards governance and more inclusive responsibility. The success of the technology hubs, the main innovation of the project is obvious: more than 66 technology hubs have been created, whereas only 27 were planned initially. These technology hubs act as community centres, both physical and virtual, where residents can learn about the decisions of local authorities, interact and influence their decision-making. The project was so successful that the majority of new technology hubs were set up without CECI funding, which shows that the intervention is sustainable and that it has met a need.

“ I'm a person with a disability. Due to the deformation of my face, I stayed home most of the time, limiting myself to household chores and some farm work. I was hesitant to talk to people and attend social gatherings, thinking people would laugh at me. My confidence level has increased dramatically thanks to the support and encouragement I have received through the Susasan project. Now, I feel empowered, and I can talk to people and use my rights as a citizen. My participation in the activities of the project has made me an accomplished woman. ”

DARSHAN MAYA,
MEMBER OF THE TAMANG COMMUNITY,
SINDHUPALCHOWK DISTRICT

IN TOTAL, MORE THAN
280,000

PEOPLE WERE REACHED BY THE PROJECT, OVER TWICE THE INITIAL GOAL

OVER
80%

OF COMMUNITY GROUPS REPRESENTING WOMEN AND OTHER MARGINALIZED GROUPS HAVE HAD THEIR DEMANDS FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THEIR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

224,000

OF THESE PEOPLE ARE WOMEN WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN LEADERSHIP TRAINING, INTERACTED WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH TECHNOLOGY, OR RECEIVED USEFUL INFORMATION ON GOVERNANCE AND DEMOCRACY WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITY

THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTABILITY (SUSASAN) PROJECT HAS RECEIVED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, THROUGH GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA.

THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN HAS INCREASED BY

31%

(ON AN AVERAGE) IN THE DECISION-MAKING BODIES OF THE PARTNER RICE PRODUCTION UNIONS

970

PEOPLE, 64% OF WHOM WERE WOMEN, PARTICIPATED IN TRAINING ON PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES ADAPTED TO CLIMATE CHANGE

THE SUPPORTING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE RICE INDUSTRY PROJECT (PAEFFR) RECEIVES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, THROUGH GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA.

Benin

Improve rice production to improve living conditions

This year, CECI-Benin organized brainstorming sessions on positive masculinity with male members of partner rice production unions. These meetings were a great success and made it possible to improve the participation of women workers and producers in decision-making within their households, within consultation frameworks, and in the national political dialogue. Training in production techniques adapted to climate change also continued during the year and opportunities to access credit were offered to women workers. This allowed them to increase the amount of rice they produce, process and sell. The sales generated enough income to allow the women to repay the amounts they owed to the lender (Gomé CREP) and some even made early repayments. In terms of infrastructure, CECI-Benin continued its work to build new and improve already existing rice processing centres, and four 6-hectare irrigation systems were finalized, which will allow participating women to better withstand irregular rainfall, improve their yields, as well as the quantity and quality of the rice they produce.



Photo
David Champagne

“ This project has given value to our work. The construction of a rice-processing centre has enabled us to parboil our rice in good conditions, to produce quality rice, to increase our prices and our profits. Thanks to this initiative we can support our children to go to school and also help our family. ”

AUGUSTINE TOTO AGBANRIN,
PRESIDENT OF THE KASSOWOKPO COOPERATIVE



Burkina Faso, Ghana, Guinea

Promote economic diversification in areas affected by extractive activities

In these three countries, CECI has enabled micro-enterprises run by women and young people to take off. By combining training sessions and grants, 300 micro-enterprises were able to test the marketing of specific products that are in great demand on the market but whose manufacturing processes are relatively simple. In addition, each of these companies now has its own business plan, has knowledge of its market, analyzes customer behaviour and is able to seek financing to expand its activities.

2,088

PEOPLE, 55% OF WHOM WERE WOMEN, PARTICIPATED IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING AND MENTORING SESSIONS

85%

OF THE COMPANIES SUPPORTED IN THE THREE COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SEVERAL ECONOMIC GROUPS OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, INCREASED THEIR INCOME

WEST AFRICA GOVERNANCE & ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY IN EXTRACTIVE AREAS (WAGES) IS IMPLEMENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE OF CANADA (WUSC) AND RECEIVES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, THROUGH FROM GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA.

“ My income level has really increased over the years. This is the result of all the training I have received from this project. Now, I'm saving money for the business growth, and personally I can afford three meals a day. I can pay my hospital bills if I'm not well. I was able to save enough to continue my studies next year. ”

YOUNG FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR, GHANA

Mali

Promote entrepreneurship among young people to tackle unemployment

Like many countries on the African continent, Mali has a particularly high unemployment rate among young people, who face significant constraints preventing them from accessing decent employment and entrepreneurship opportunities. In response to this situation, CECI-Mali implemented a project to improve education and training to support employability and employment opportunities for young people in the private sector. We set up business plan competitions for young Malian entrepreneurs enrolling in flourishing sectors in Mali. These competitions have enabled the participants to strengthen their entrepreneurial capacities, expand their network, gain visibility and credibility, and improve their chances of obtaining financing. In addition, some young people whose projects were particularly promising received additional support to facilitate their access to financing, develop their value chain and specific skills, and carry out robust expansion and partnership plans.

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EDITIONS OF THE BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION WERE ORGANIZED BETWEEN 2016 AND 2020

878

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS TOOK PART IN TRAINING TO DEVELOP THEIR BUSINESS PLAN

400

BUSINESS PROJECTS STOOD OUT, 25% OF WHICH WERE LED BY YOUNG WOMEN

THE PROJECT TO IMPROVE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS WAS IMPLEMENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WUSC AND FINANCED BY A GRANT FROM THE WORLD BANK TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MALI.



Photo PROCEJ project

WOMEN, KEY ACTORS IN ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE



Photo JEAN-HAÏTI

4,150

WOMEN PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS OF SHEA HAVE ACQUIRED AGRO-SILVICULTURAL PRACTICES ADAPTED TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN BURKINA FASO

200

HECTARES OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FORESTS WERE CONVERTED ON DEGRADED LAND BELONGING TO 223 PRODUCERS IN HAITI

THE WOMEN'S RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN SHEA SECTOR PROJECT IN HAUTS-BASSINS AND CENTRE-OUEST IS IMPLEMENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OURANOS AND GECA ENVIRONNEMENT. THE PROJECT TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE IN HAITI'S NORD DEPARTMENT IS IMPLEMENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH VIRIDIS TERRA INTERNATIONAL (VTI). THESE TWO INITIATIVES WERE CARRIED OUT THANKS TO THE FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC.

Burkina Faso and Haiti

Innovation to mitigate the effects of climate change

Over the past four years, CECI-Burkina Faso and CECI-Haiti have actively participated in the fight against climate change by mobilizing women and young people with a key role in the agricultural sector and by introducing technological innovations. In Burkina Faso, women producers of Shea participated in technical training allowing them to transform their biodegradable waste into organic charcoal, a more efficient and cleaner energy than traditional charcoal, by means of improved pyrolysis. In addition, the Burkinabè Meteorological Agency has strengthened its forecasting capacity in Shea production areas through climate scenarios and training offered by our partner, Ouranos. In Haiti, degraded land has been converted into sustainable energy forests, providing people with access to a sustainable source of energy

while reducing pressure on natural forests. The transformation of wood for energy-supply purposes has been improved in order to reduce the quantities needed for production. Finally, a pilot sorting and composting site was set up in partnership with a youth organization to help process a large part of the organic waste in Cap-Haïtien.

“ Before I took part in the project, nothing grew on my land which had been degraded by the cultivation of peanuts. Thanks to the technical training and the seeds I received, I was able to restore it. Today, I cultivate my land on my own and even use leucaena seeds to replenish and enlarge it. I also grow peas to feed my family and ensure financial security. ”

YVÉNIE,
FOND BLEU, SAINTE-SUZANNE, HAITI

Senegal

Facilitating the participation of women in the agricultural sector

This year, CECI-Senegal carried out major media awareness campaigns in the regions of Sédhiou, Kolda and Tambacounda to make the difficulties encountered by women and young people in the agricultural sector known to the population and local authorities. Since then, some local authorities have made concrete commitments to ensure more equitable access to land. Farmer field schools have been set up for banana and market gardens to allow producers to learn new ecological, sustainable and resilient agricultural practices. These schools are also spaces for learning about human rights, women's rights, gender-based violence and positive masculinity, which allow everyone to find their place and strengthen their self-esteem. In addition, we are currently supporting our local agricultural partners in the development of strategies and tools that take into account both best environmental practices and

the needs and constraints of women, in order to offer activities and services that are inclusive, sustainable and resilient to climate change.

“ The best practices learned within Farmer Field Schools contribute considerably to improving our income. Our okra production has already grown significantly after only a few months of activity. The income that we are starting to draw from it allows us to cover a large part of our food and financial needs. This allows us to believe that, through learning, we will soon be able to cover all our needs, whether for food, health or finances. In addition, the activities of the Farmer Field Schools have already helped to strengthen the social bond between the participants. ”

KHADY NDIAYE,
RESPONSIBLE FOR FARMER FIELD SCHOOLS IN SOUTOURA

25,875

PEOPLE WERE MADE AWARE OF INEQUALITIES IN ACCESS TO LAND AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN GENDERS AND BETWEEN GENERATIONS

24

HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO 4 ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUPS AND THEIR 250 MEMBERS, 89% OF WHOM ARE WOMEN

500

PRODUCERS, 72% OF WHOM ARE WOMEN, PARTICIPATED IN FARMER FIELD SCHOOLS AND STRENGTHENED THEIR TECHNICAL AND GENERAL SKILLS

THE RESILIENT WOMEN AND AGRICULTURE (FAR) PROJECT IN SENEGAL IS IMPLEMENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SOCODEVI AND WITH THE COLLABORATION OF OURANOS. IT RECEIVES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, THROUGH GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA.

Photo Andrej Ivanov/CECI-Senegal



Photo Edver Senisier / CECI-Haiti



1,029

FARMERS (INCLUDING 41% WOMEN) PARTICIPATED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FARMER FIELD SCHOOLS AND REGENERATION WORKS

600

WOMEN RECEIVED HEALTH INFORMATION AND MATERIAL TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES AGAINST COVID-19

Haiti

Support the contribution of women to rural well-being

Despite the difficult socio-political context and the COVID-19 pandemic, CECI-Haiti was able to continue its work to support vulnerable people, including women, in the rural department of Grand'Anse. An adaptation plan to continue to work in the pandemic context was put in place to reduce its negative health and socio-economic impacts, particularly in terms of food insecurity. In addition, Farmer Field Schools were set up to allow producers to appropriate new agricultural practices that are more resilient to climate change in an environment conducive to collaboration between peers. Thanks to awareness campaigns on gender equality in the agricultural sector, several women and young people have now taken up positions of increasing responsibility in Farmer Field Schools, which gives them the opportunity to become farmers in contact with producers in their communities and neighbouring communities.

“ In the past, I did not know how to cultivate and manage a vegetable garden. My husband took care of it. The whole family depended on what he brought home. Thanks to this project, I was able to participate in the Farmer Field School to learn how to grow vegetables using methods that ensure we have good harvests. Now I grow okra. And thanks to the sale of my crops, I was able to buy school uniforms for my children. As a woman, I feel more comfortable in my home because I can bring in money. If my husband and I each have an income, we can improve our living conditions. ”

JUNIA ST-LOUIS,
MEMBER OF THE KALEM FARMER FIELD SCHOOL

WOMEN HOLD

50%

OF THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY POSITIONS AND

73%

OF THE TREASURER POSITIONS OF FARMER FIELD SCHOOLS

THE CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF HAITI'S AGRICULTURAL SECTORS (AVETI) PROJECT IS IMPLEMENTED BY THE ALLIANCE AGRICOLE INTERNATIONALE ET DEVELOPEMENT INTERNATIONAL DES JARDINS. IT RECEIVES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, THROUGH GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA.

Bolivia

Mobilizing indigenous women against Amazon deforestation

The socio-economic impact of COVID-19 pandemic has been particularly dramatic for indigenous youth from the Bolivian Amazon. Many of those who had left their home communities in search of a better future had no choice but to return to settle there, because they were not able to find or keep a job. In these communities, some uncontrolled human activities (logging and burning of forests for agriculture, mining) are already significantly affecting the lives of indigenous people, whose voices have historically been silenced. In collaboration with Plataforma Boliviana Frente al Cambio Climático (PBCC), a network of organizations working for climate justice, CECI-Bolivia has set up a project enabling indigenous youth, especially young women, to get involved in the fight against climate change. We have enabled them to strengthen their advocacy capacities against the extractive activities that are devastating the Amazon, as well as strengthen their participation in existing community organizations and other decision-making bodies at the national and regional levels.

150

INDIGENOUS WOMEN SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCE ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN AS PROTECTORS OF THE AMAZON RAINFOREST

100

INDIGENOUS YOUNG WOMEN AND MEN HAVE CARRIED OUT ACTION PLANS TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

150

INDIGENOUS WOMEN IMPROVED THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

THIS INITIATIVE WAS CARRIED OUT AS PART OF CECI'S VOLUNTEER COOPERATION PROGRAM, WHICH IS FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA THROUGH GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA.

“ Young people have been forgotten for a long time. Now is the time for us to show that we're capable and responsible enough to take on challenges. Therefore, we are working to obtain our legal status which will allow us to claim our rights and be considered. ”

LUISA IVANA TABO,
CABINEÑA NATIVE,
PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMAZONIAN INDIGENOUS YOUTH OF THE PANDO DEPARTMENT



Photo PBCC

RESILIENCE OF COMMUNITIES TO FRAGILE CONTEXTS AND PROTRACTED CRISES



Photo CECI-Mali

Mali

Strengthen the resilience of vulnerable communities in the context of the prolonged crisis

In the regions of Mopti and Timbuktu, located in the north of the country, CECI-Mali continued to support food security and access to water for vulnerable people affected by the political, security and humanitarian crisis. This year, 3,750 participants received funds allowing them to carry out agricultural activities without having to go into debt. In addition, thanks to the works carried out on the main irrigation canals, all the farmers were able to supply their plots with water and their fuel consumption was reduced, saving precious resources. The rice farmers have thus reached ten months of nutritional self-sufficiency. Women farmers working in the market gardens were able to plant a variety of seeds to meet their nutritional needs. Previously, many village women had to work as housekeepers in large cities during the lean season to financially support their families, but thanks to the support received, this was not necessary this year.

9.6 km

OF IRRIGATION CANALS HAVE BEEN REHABILITATED

1,250

PEOPLE (INCLUDING 375 WOMEN AND 500 INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS) TOOK PART IN CARRYING OUT THIS WORK

2,030

PEOPLE (447 WOMEN AND 500 INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS) PARTICIPATED IN PREVENTION AND AWARENESS-RAISING ACTIVITIES AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

3,120

HOUSEHOLDS (INCLUDING 2,496 WOMEN AND 1,560 INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS) WERE TRAINED IN HYGIENE PRACTICES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DISEASE

THE RECOVERY RESILIENCE THROUGH FOOD SECURITY, WATER SANITATION, AND PROTECTION OF THE VULNERABLE PROJECT IS FUNDED BY USAID'S BUREAU FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

7,983

HOUSEHOLDS, 90% OF WHICH ARE HEADED BY WOMEN, RECEIVED FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MEET THEIR FOOD NEEDS

100

WOMEN FROM THESE HOUSEHOLDS INCREASED THEIR CAPACITY TO FIGHT AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE THROUGH TRAINING

120

WOMEN FROM THESE HOUSEHOLDS WERE SUPPORTED IN SETTING UP AN INFORMAL COMMUNITY BANK, A SAVING AND COLLECTIVE FINANCING TOOL

THE FOOD ASSISTANCE PROJECT FOR HOUSEHOLDS MOST AFFECTED BY FOOD INSECURITY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NORTH IS RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD FOOD PROGRAM.

Haiti

Engage communities to prioritize emergency food assistance

In 2019, rising prices, socio-economic turmoil and declining agricultural production led to increased food insecurity in Haiti. 42% of the population, or about 4.9 million people, needed emergency food assistance. In response to this situation, in the departments of the North, North-East and South, CECI-Haiti continued its urgent action to support food security for the most vulnerable families. To identify priority families, CECI has chosen to call on local citizen committees created by the communities themselves. They used consensual criteria, giving priority to single-parent families headed by mothers, including people with disabilities or children suffering from malnutrition. This innovative approach has also made it possible to increase the capacity of communities to better identify the most vulnerable people in situations of emergency. To further strengthen the resilience of participating women, CECI-Haiti encouraged them to use an informal community bank to facilitate conducting small income-generating activities. We also offered them training allowing them to acquire simple and practical management skills.



Photo Etienne Côté-Paluck/CECI-Haiti

“My business idea was a fast-food restaurant, but I didn’t have enough capital to make it happen. Thanks to this project, I was able to participate in training activities and submit my idea for evaluation. My business idea was selected, and I was able to access start-up capital to purchase my cart, which includes a cooktop, fryer, display case, and a gas cylinder. Now I can sell products like empanadas. I did very well. My life has changed 100%. I’m now independent.”

ERIKA CORTEZ SÁNCHEZ,
ENTREPRENEUR AND PROJECT PARTICIPANT

Colombia

Support entrepreneurship as a catalyst for displaced women

To reduce the economic and social vulnerability of Venezuelan migrant women and internally displaced Colombian women, CECI allocated seed money to support the development of small businesses run by displaced women in the region of Bogotá-Soacha. Technical support was also provided to them to help them consolidate their business plan and improve the profitability of their businesses. Additionally, marketing and networking opportunities have been provided to enable them to expand the reach of their activities, thereby promoting sustainable commercialization. To prevent and fight sexual exploitation and gender-based violence, the women entrepreneurs who benefited from the start-up capital, as well as members of their families and communities, participated in information and training sessions which offer tools to fight against these recurring scourges during international or national migration and resettlement. Emphasis was placed on the commitment of men and boys as essential allies in preventing this type of violence and promoting the care of survivors.



Photo **Fundación Mencolde**

31

YOUNG WOMEN RECEIVED START-UP CAPITAL TO DEVELOP A BUSINESS PROJECT

100

WOMEN WERE TRAINED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AS WELL AS IN THE USE OF COMMUNITY CONFLICT PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS

THIS PROJECT IS IMPLEMENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COLUMBIAN MENNONITE FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (MENCOLDES)

13,714

HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVED AWARENESS MESSAGES ABOUT PROTECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST COVID-19 AND THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING GIRLS AND TEENAGE GIRLS IN SCHOOL

1,175

GIRLS AND TEENAGE GIRLS RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL, INCLUDING WORKBOOKS FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

21

SCHOOLS WERE PROVIDED WITH PROTECTIVE MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT AGAINST COVID-19 AND STAFF WERE TRAINED IN PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR REOPENING

THE GIRLS' EDUCATION FOR A BETTER FUTURE IN THE AFRICAN GREAT LAKES REGION (EDUFAM) PROJECT IS IMPLEMENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PAUL GÉRIN-LAJOIE FOUNDATION AND RECEIVES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, THROUGH FROM GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA.

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda

Allowing girls to safely pursue education

Considering the repercussions that COVID-19 has had in these three countries, specific measures have been taken by CECI to reduce the high risks of violence and exploitation facing girls and teenage girls, while ensuring that they can continue their education and succeed. Thus, CECI has supported the dissemination of health messages issued by governments concerning COVID-19, especially those relating to the importance of protective measures and the continuing education of girls and teenage girls. The distribution of solar-powered radios and educational material has enabled several thousand girls and teenage girls to engage in distance learning. This year was also marked by the signing of “social contracts” to establish dispute resolution mechanisms in communities scarred by years of conflict. These documents address the obstacles that hinder girls’ education, the commitments made by key community actors (political and religious leaders, members of school management structures), to reduce or even eliminate these social and structural barriers.



Photo **Maison Shalom International**

VOLUNTEER COOPERATION AS A DEVELOPMENT TOOL

CECI has 40 years of experience in managing volunteer cooperation programs. Based on the mutual strengthening of organizations and networks, CECI's volunteer programs pool expertise and know-how to act more efficiently against poverty, exclusion and inequalities. By sharing their skills and expertise, and working closely with local partners, CECI volunteers help strengthen the economic power of women and young women, as well as the adaptation of communities in the face of climate change.

In all of our programming

92 MANDATES

were carried out in 2020-2021, including

18 ACADEMIC MANDATES

(remotely), with

45 PARTNERS

in Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Nepal, Rwanda and Senegal.

These mandates were carried out by

80 VOLUNTEERS

including

53 WOMEN AND 27 MEN

46 INITIATIVES

were funded through the volunteer cooperation program's innovation funds, for a total amount of over \$436,000 CAD.



2020 saw the launch of CECI's new volunteer cooperation program, an ambitious seven-year program, carried out with the financial support of Global Affairs Canada, which aims to strengthen the role of women and young women as initiators and agents of change for sustainable and inclusive development. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced CECI to show great flexibility, in a context where health restrictions have limited the mobility of people, including volunteers. This multidimensional crisis has also strongly affected the poorest and most vulnerable people, especially women and girls, making support to our local partners even more essential. New operating methods were put in place: national, South-South and remote volunteering formulas were initiated, and we recruited people holding Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status who were already located in our countries of implementation, in order to fulfill the mandates deemed essential by our partners. CECI teams and their partners also quickly established virtual cooperation and training approaches to allow volunteers to be adequately prepared and equipped to carry out their mandates.



With the support of volunteers and innovation funds:

- In Benin, where women's rights are not widely acknowledged, religious and traditional leaders participated in the very first training session on positive masculinity, which is part of a series of actions aimed at influencing discriminatory social norms against women.
- In Haiti, a mobile application aimed at providing direct and rapid assistance to women and girl victims of violence was launched, providing one-stop access to information and psychological help.
- In Guatemala, training delivered from a virtual platform, provided theoretical and practical lessons to young leaders and agents of change to increase their positive impact on society and to encourage community leadership.
- In Bolivia, women entrepreneurs obtained the certification of Torotoro National Park as the first "secure organic" tourist destination in the country. This original idea has helped to strengthen their credibility as key players in this economic sector and to facilitate the reopening of the park to tourists.
- In Senegal, in a suburb of Dakar, women and young people were introduced to techniques for recovering and sorting reusable waste, as well as the development of public spaces with recovered and recycled objects. "Green" jobs have thus been created.
- In Burkina Faso, women's organizations working in the processing of agricultural products have been trained and encouraged to use biochar (charcoal from organic waste) in wastewater treatment.
- In Nepal, a new joint approach between partners was tested, making it possible to leverage and share a partner's expertise in environmental sustainability and resilience to climate change, with three other local partners, including women's organizations.

KEY GOALS FOR CECI'S 2020-2027 VOLUNTEER COOPERATION PROGRAM:

10 countries

BENIN, BURKINA FASO, IVORY COAST, SENEGAL, RWANDA, BOLIVIA, HAITI, GUATEMALA, MYANMAR AND NEPAL

2 million

PEOPLE IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH WILL SEE THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS IMPROVED, 75% OF THEM WOMEN AND YOUNG WOMEN, THANKS TO THE ACTIONS OF MORE THAN 100 LOCAL PARTNERS

1,300

VOLUNTEER MANDATES, IN VARIOUS SECTORS

2 million

CANADIANS MADE AWARE OF GLOBAL GENDER EQUALITY ISSUES

15,000

CANADIANS MOBILIZED IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

40

CANADIAN PARTNERS MOBILIZED IN THE CONTEXT OF AWARENESS-RAISING AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

17 ARTICLES

articles were published on the Volunteer Blog

5 VIRTUAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING EVENTS

were organized

1 GENERAL INTEREST SURVEY

was carried out among the general public in order to assess the interests of different target groups for various themes and activities regarding global citizenship education.

Photo Andrej Ivanov / CECI-Senegal



In Canada, CECI has mobilized all its volunteers to raise awareness among the Canadian public of international development issues, through 100% virtual initiatives. Communication and awareness products were thus shared on the Web, on social networks and by mass media, in addition to virtual events being organized. This year, the combined efforts of teams, volunteers and partners have raised awareness on nearly 40 million occasions among Canadians regarding global issues related to gender equality, women's rights, environment and climate change!

Finally, let us highlight the contribution of our Canadian partners in achieving these results:

- Equitas, which contributes to strengthening our approach based on human rights and on diversity and inclusion within our programs;
- Ouranos (Consortium on regional climatology and adaptation to climate change), which contributes to the development of online training modules on the theme of women and resilience to climate change;
- The University of Ottawa, Université Laval and University of Waterloo, which offer their students the opportunity to carry out professional mandates through an enriching intercultural experience;
- UQAM, through the Institut des études internationales de Montréal (IEIM) and the Observatoire canadien sur les crises et l'action humanitaire (OCCA), which mobilizes Canadian researchers to better understand the specifics of aid delivery, in particular those of the international volunteering program;
- The Carrefour de solidarité internationale, the Centre international de solidarité du Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean and the Comité de solidarité de Trois-Rivières, which contribute to setting up public engagement activities in various regions of Quebec;
- Vues d'Afrique international film festival, which contributes to raising awareness, learning and mobilizing the public through cinema, documentary or fiction.



Photo CECI-Nepal

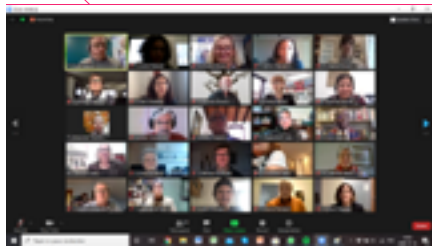
“My experience as a volunteer is above all a personal commitment and challenge. I want to contribute in my own way to the fight against poverty in my country of origin, especially among women. I believe this should also include sharing good practices from my professional career in Canada, my adopted country.”

YVES BADARA DIOP,
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT ADVISOR, SENEGAL

“Thanks to this project, I feel that I'm contributing, at my level, to the fight against climate change. I can use my professional skills to help two causes that are dear to me: the economic resilience of women and the fight against climate change. I feel in the right place!”

EMMANUELLE PARENT,
MONITORING, EVALUATION AND LEARNING ADVISOR,
BURKINA FASO

CECI'S ACTIONS IN CANADA



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

With a desire for change and renewal, the 62nd annual general meeting of CECI was held on November 12, 2020. More than 110 participants from all countries of action of CECI were able to come together to the very first virtual general meeting in our history. The event was an opportunity to salute the resilience of our team on three continents, which was able to adapt quickly to the difficult context of COVID-19. The general meeting also unanimously adopted the modifications made to the by-laws of CECI, which allow us to align the transformation of our organization with our vision of an international and more localized CECI. CECI's board of directors was also renewed, with five new members elected.

MEMBERSHIP OF CECI CORPORATION:
83 CORPORATION MEMBERS, INCLUDING 16 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS



FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUB DES AMBASSADRICES

The annual fundraising event of the Club des ambassadrices, in support of women in Benin, has turned into two completely new initiatives! A new partnership has been established with CozFabrik, a Montreal company born from the initiative of two young women, socially committed, passionate about beautiful, original, practical and eco-responsible objects. In the summer of 2020, bags and masks with African-inspired fabrics were put on sale and 50% of the proceeds were donated to CECI. Additionally, five photographers offered original photo shoots during the spring of 2021, the profits of which were donated to CECI. These two initiatives raised \$8,380 for the benefit of women rice producers and workers in Benin.

CECI'S CLUB DES AMBASSADRICES:
51 MEMBERS

→ CECI SHINES!

23,280,906

prints for the
#CECIforGenderEquality
campaign

30

mentions in the
Canadian media, for
a total reach of over
15 millions people

76,693

visitors of the
CECI.ca website

8,509

visitors of the
CECIforgenderequality.
ca website

24,613

visitors of the
volunteer-blog.ca
website



9th SPORTS AND CHARITY CHALLENGE

In summer 2020, CECI brought together **5 teams** and a total of **75 athletes**, proudly wearing our colours, on the virtual start line of our charity and sports challenge! In total, **over \$70,000** were raised for our projects in support of vulnerable populations, particularly affected during the pandemic, in Mali, Haiti, Nepal, Benin and the African Great Lakes region. We congratulate all runners for this great sporting and fundraising effort! It was quite a challenge, met with brilliance, enthusiasm and solidarity!



#CECIFORGENDEREQUALITY

The #CECIforGenderEquality, widely broadcast between January and March 2021 on television and on the Web, reached 2.3 million adults in Quebec, thanks to the messages carried by our ambassadors Anne-Marie Cadieux, Chantal Lamarre, Kim Nguyen and Stanley Péan. These messages were intended to raise awareness of gender inequalities among the general public and to promote the CECIforGenderEquality.ca website, allowing people to discover ways to get involved concretely and join a community of supportive people. In parallel with the dissemination of the campaign, a series of online discussions was organized in collaboration with the Vues d'Afrique international film festival. These discussions made it possible to go further in the exchange, brainstorming and invitation to commitment, on the following themes: "Fight against violence against women," "Commit to equality as volunteer," "Strengthening the economic power of women" and "Fostering the empowerment of women through education."

THE #CECIFORGENDEREQUALITY CAMPAIGN WAS PART OF THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES OF CECI'S VOLUNTEER COOPERATION PROGRAM, WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA THROUGH GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA.

→ FOLLOW CECI!



16,033
newsletter
followers



12,884
followers



15,367
followers



1,322
followers



4,782
followers



2,430
followers

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

REVENUES	2020	2021
Global Affairs Canada - Partnership	7,788,333	4,763,716
Global Affairs Canada - Bilateral and others	11,580,104	15,512,686
Other donors	13,601,650	13,360,644
Donations	774,592	551,854
	33,744,679	34,188,900
OTHER		
Contributed volunteer services	4,188,052	2,279,805
Other revenues	492,826	483,315
	38,425,557	36,952,020
EXPENSES		
Programs	30,582,776	31,134,455
Contributed volunteer services	4,188,052	2,279,805
Program development	468,076	266,368
Administration	2,379,470	2,449,193
Fundraising	377,837	318,851
Interest on long-term debt	58,962	88,632
Amortization of tangible capital assets	280,432	266,298
Amortization of intangible assets	67,935	93,540
	38,403,540	36,897,142
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	22,017	54,878

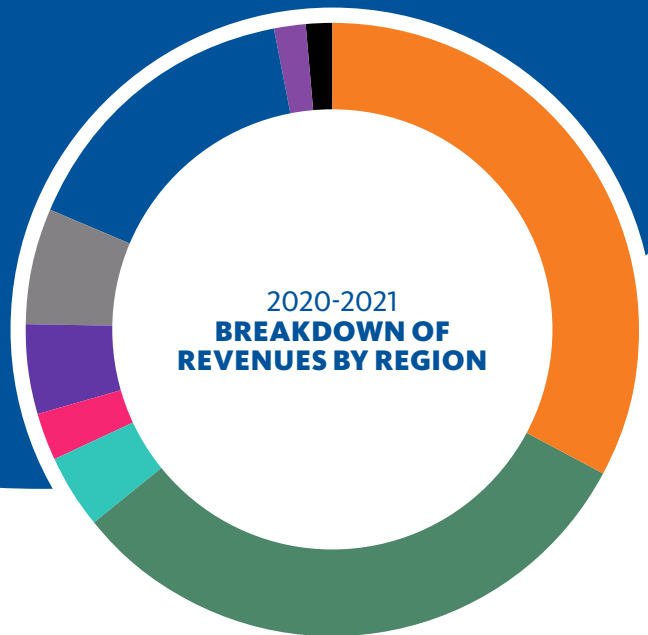
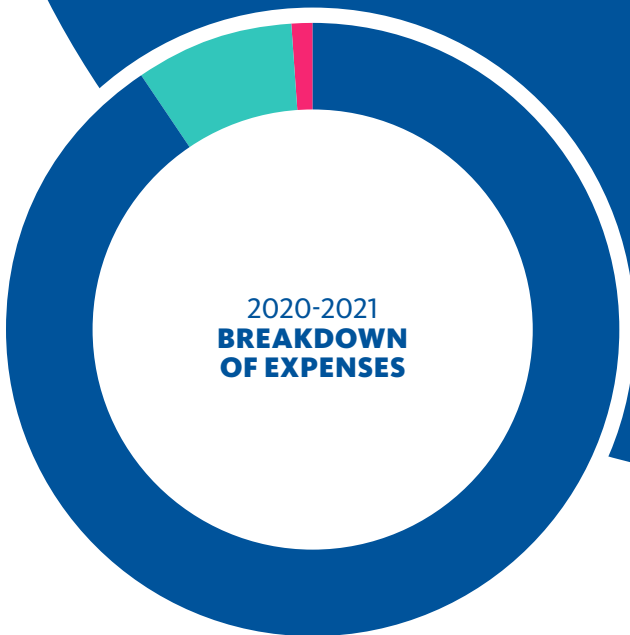
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	2020	2021
Current	14,184,383	14,081,097
Capital assets	6,253,802	6,114,400
Other assets	928,812	772,336
	21,366,997	20,967,833
LIABILITIES		
Current	12,432,470	11,315,739
Long-term	1,370,616	2,086,241
Net assets	7,563,911	7,565,853
	21,366,997	20,967,833

→ Thank you to the 1,527 donors and religious communities that supported us this year. Their generous contributions have enabled us to continue our mission to combat poverty, exclusion and inequalities!

CECI also wishes to express its gratitude to its Canadian and international financial partners:

- Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
- Compagnie des bauxites de Guinée (CBG)
- Embassy of Germany in Bolivia
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- Global Affairs Canada (GAC)
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
- Millenium Challenge Corporation
- Ministry of International Relations and La Francophonie (Quebec)
- Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development (Haiti)
- Ministry of Finance, Economic and Social Assistance Fund (Haiti)
- Ministry of Public Works and Transport (Haiti)
- Ministry of Environment and Fight Against Climate Change (Quebec)
- Roncalli International Foundation (RIF)
- The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI)
- United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (PBF)
- USAID (United States Agency for International Development) - Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster
- World Bank (WB)
- World Food Program (WFP)



Programs	90.5 %	34,770,828 \$
Administration	8.5 %	3,254,875 \$

Fundraising	1 %	377,837 \$
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Africa	32.8 %	12,129,315 \$
Haiti	31.4 %	11,614,481 \$
Asia	4.1 %	1,499,198 \$
Americas	2.5 %	905,832 \$
Humanitarian aid	4.7 %	1,747,425 \$

Volunteer contribution	6.2 %	2,279,805 \$
Volunteer Cooperation Program	15.5 %	5,722,619 \$
Fundraising	1.5 %	551,854 \$
Rental income and other	1.4 %	501,491 \$

Africa

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