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FACT SHEET #2

CIDA Priority Theme: Securing the Future of Children and Youth¹

CIDA's Aid Effectiveness Agenda:

The Government of Canada has committed to making Canada's international assistance more efficient, focused, and accountable. In view of this approach, CIDA has undertaken steps to make its work more effective, in line with international agreements and recognized best practices.

CIDA's aim is to help people living in poverty in developing countries. It does so by supporting initiatives that are sustainable, have impact, and bring results to those intended. CIDA is now increasing its efforts to achieve greater efficiency, accountability, and focus to maximize the benefits brought through the public funds of Canadians.

To achieve effectiveness in delivering its international aid, Canada is focusing its efforts geographically and thematically. CIDA has selected 3 priority themes to focus its efforts:

- Increasing food security;
- Securing the future of children and youth; and
- Stimulating sustainable economic growth.

Securing the future of children and youth

Today's generation of children and youth is the largest ever in history, with nearly half of the world's 6.9 billion people under the age of 25 and, of these more than 90 percent live in the developing world.

In many developing countries, children are 12 times more likely to die before they reach the age of five. Their deaths are often the result of poor water quality and inadequate sanitation, malnutrition or diseases that could otherwise be prevented. In many areas, a basic education is not even an option, with 67 million children—53 percent of them girls—having no access to school or other learning opportunities that can give them hope for a better future.

CIDA is focusing on increasing:

- Child survival, including maternal health;
- Access to quality education; and
- Safe and secure futures for children and youth.

Child survival, including maternal health—Strategy highlights

- Working to improve access to maternal healthcare in an effort to reduce maternal and newborn deaths
- Investing more in child-specific, integrated health interventions, which include immunization, nutritional supplements, and clean water
- Investing more in the prevention of diseases such as HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis and in water, and sanitation, all of which directly affect mothers and children
- Strengthening sustainable health systems that can provide quality health care to mothers and children

¹ See CIDA Website: <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/acdi-cida/acdi-cida.nsf/eng/FRA-1015151610-QLN>

- Helping train health care workers to address the needs of mothers and children under the age of five

Access to a quality education—Strategy highlights

- Improving access to basic education, particularly for girls
- Improving the quality of education and promoting learning achievement with a particular focus on teachers and teacher training, relevant curriculum, and teaching/learning materials
- Increasing access to learning opportunities for youth in and out of school

Safe and secure futures for children and youth—Strategy highlights

- Strengthening and implementing frameworks to better protect the human rights of children and youth, particularly girls, who are at increased risk of violence, exploitation and abuse
- Ensuring that schools are safe and free from violence and abuse and are child-friendly learning environments
- Helping youth-at-risk find alternatives to violence and crime and engage as positive and productive members of their societies

Relevance to CRCID Sectoral Priorities:

CIDA’s priority theme of “Securing the Future for Children and Youth” matches well with CRCID’s sectoral priorities. Each of the 3 priorities listed above include elements that match very closely with CRCID’s two (sectoral) priority foci:

1. Health Concerns (including water & sanitation management); and,
2. Literacy and Education.

All programs and related projects requesting funds from CRCID must qualify under one or both of these sectoral priorities. In addition to the CIDA examples provided on the previous page, other **Examples** of possible program/project in each sectoral priority potentially eligible for CRCID funding are provided below:

Health Concerns

- Polio eradication;
- Health education;
- Primary health care;
- Regional Health clinics and Health Fairs;
- Preventive health measures (e.g. vaccination programs);
- Prenatal and maternity care
- Infant health;
- HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Tuberculosis;
- Children at Risk (orphanage modelling);
- Technical training of health trainers;
- Specialist exchanges;
- Long distance (teleconferencing) health training; and
- Tele-medicine.

Water & Sanitation Management

- Water supply and sanitation – large systems;
- Water supply and sanitation – small systems
- Education and training in water supply; sanitation; and hygiene
- Examples of interventions:
 - Wells and pumps;
 - Toilets and septic tanks;
 - Sewage systems;
 - Rainwater harvesting;
 - Point of use water projects (e.g. solar disinfection – soldis)

Literacy and Education

- Education programs (e.g. Light House; Concentrated Language Encounter, etc.)
- Basic education (grade 1 - 12 or equivalent);
- Early childhood education;
- Adult literacy;
- Teacher training;
- School equipment & furniture