

# EIGHT REASONS TO SUPPORT THE HUMANITARIAN COALITION



## HUMANITARIAN COALITION MEMBER AGENCIES

- ▶ Action Against Hunger Canada
- ▶ Canadian Foodgrains Bank
- ▶ Canadian Lutheran World Relief
- ▶ CARE Canada
- ▶ Doctors of the World Canada
- ▶ Humanity & Inclusion Canada
- ▶ Islamic Relief Canada
- ▶ Oxfam Canada
- ▶ Oxfam-Québec
- ▶ Plan International Canada
- ▶ Save the Children Canada
- ▶ World Vision Canada



### 1 - 12 AGENCIES WITH ACTIVE OPERATIONAL PRESENCE IN 140 COUNTRIES

With the large geographic coverage of their development and humanitarian programs throughout the Global South (approximately 140 countries), the Humanitarian Coalition's 12 members – and their respective international alliances and local partners – are uniquely placed with the local capacity, community linkages and established credibility to respond quickly with gender-sensitive life-saving humanitarian assistance when this is needed.

### 2 - MUTUAL TRUST, TRANSPARENCY AND PROFESSIONALISM AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP

The Humanitarian Coalition Secretariat maintains a strong relationship with each of its member agencies, having built an intimate understanding of the agencies' capacities in humanitarian response and established a history of mutual trust, transparency and professionalism. The Humanitarian Coalition Program Committee, comprising senior program representatives from each Humanitarian Coalition member agency, meets monthly at minimum. The Committee's Co-Leads also connect regularly between scheduled meetings to reflect on current issues. It is this relationship and the frequency of interactions between the Secretariat and the member agency's representatives that enables effective decision-making. The Secretariat represents a neutral convener between the members to help guide decisions through a mix of meetings, internal communications, documentation and standardized operating procedures, workshops and events, and facilitation.

### 3 - UNPARALLELED CONNECTION TO 18 MILLION CANADIANS

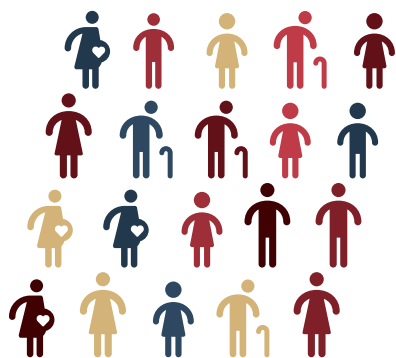
Humanitarian Coalition members work across the humanitarian, development and peacebuilding nexus, with combined annual operations exceeding \$1.1 billion. The Humanitarian Coalition reaches up to 18 million Canadians and Humanitarian Coalition members are supported by more than 2.5 million donors.

### 4 - PROVEN PARTNERSHIP RECORD WITH GOVERNMENT OF CANADA FOR EFFECTIVE AND TIMELY EMERGENCY RESPONSE

All Humanitarian Coalition member agencies have a proven partnership record with the Government of Canada for effective and timely emergency response. All members hold current approved institutional profiles with Global Affairs Canada. Though organizational structure differs within the membership, Humanitarian Coalition members maintain long-established humanitarian program management capacity in Canada and internationally. Each offers sizeable and reliable international humanitarian response networks and pooled global resources in support of disaster response capacity.

## 5 - DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM QUALITY STANDARDS

All Humanitarian Coalition members continue to demonstrate their commitment to meeting the highest program standards. This stems from their agreement to mutual accountability and evaluation against established sector standards. Humanitarian Coalition membership criteria require adherence to Core Humanitarian Standards and the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations in Disaster Relief. Furthermore, members must maintain active membership in Canada's Humanitarian Response Network and must demonstrate the broad scope of their emergency response capacity and significant geographical presence internationally. Humanitarian Coalition member agencies have also committed significant efforts, individually and collectively, to developing and implementing strong safeguarding practices and measures to ensure protection from sexual exploitation and abuse.



## 6 - PROVEN PUBLIC RECORD OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN MANAGEMENT OF FUNDING

The Humanitarian Coalition has a proven public record of accountability and transparency in the management of humanitarian program funding. Initially formed in 2005, members incorporated the Humanitarian Coalition as an independent legal entity in 2009. The Humanitarian Coalition has since managed large-scale appeals for numerous emergencies including: Haiti Earthquake (2010), Pakistan Floods (2010), Japan Earthquake (2011), East Africa Drought (2011), Sahel Drought (2012), Philippines Typhoon Haiyan (2013), Ebola Crisis (2014), Nepal Earthquake (2015), Syria Refugee Crisis (2015), Hurricane Matthew (2016), Hunger Crisis (2017), Rohingya Crisis (2017), Cyclone Idai (2019), Beirut port explosion and Lebanon Crisis (2020), India COVID Crisis (2021), Haiti Earthquake (2021), Ukraine Crisis (2022), Hunger Crisis (2022), Pakistan Floods (2022), Türkiye-Syria Earthquake (2023), East Africa Crisis (2023), and Gaza Humanitarian Emergency (2023). The Humanitarian Coalition has also successfully managed the Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund (CHAF) for a decade.

## 7 - ESTABLISHED OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR RAPID DECISION-MAKING AND COORDINATION

Unparalleled in Canada, the Humanitarian Coalition has negotiated and documented agreements between its members, allowing for rapid decision-making and coordination between agencies to improve the quality and quantity of humanitarian responses. In addition to the Humanitarian Coalition's own structure and governance, standard operating procedures are in place to engage member agencies in rapid information sharing, coordination, timely decision making, public engagement, emergency response, monitoring, evaluation and accountability. This includes a robust set of Program Guidelines, including a Collective Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Framework.

## 8 - STRONG COMMITMENT TO LOCALIZATION

In keeping with Canada's international commitments, the Humanitarian Coalition fully supports partnership models that contribute to capacity building, local ownership of project outcomes, and the empowerment of communities affected by disasters. Currently, at least 50% of Humanitarian Coalition-supported projects are delivered with or through local partners. Humanitarian Coalition member agencies work through their country offices and draw on support from established partnerships with local civil society organizations. While the Canadian branch of the agency provides management support and oversight, the relevant country branch implements the response directly and/or alongside other local partners.

Local partnerships are generally pre-established by members through existing programming. The formal processes for establishing these partnerships are unique to each agency and these relationships are maintained by their country offices in the particular context. Canadian Humanitarian Coalition members strengthen their response plans and implement their projects with input and support from their local partners. Support to local partners takes the form of direct funding, surge support, capacity-building training, and learning workshops.