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### NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 9 November 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of **Canada**. The notification concerns actions taken within the framework of the Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least Developed and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries (**Table NF:1**) during the **Calendar Year 2019**.

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Note that with the entering into force of the Food Assistance Convention on 1 January 2013, Canada reports Food Assistance Operations relevant to the NFIDC decision based on a calendar year basis. Data from the IDRC are reported on a fiscal-year basis.

**Table NF:1**

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 16.2 OF THE AGREEMENT: MONITORING OF THE  
FOLLOW-UP TO THE DECISION ON MEASURES CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE  
NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THE REFORM PROGRAMME ON LEAST-DEVELOPED  
AND NET FOOD-IMPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:  
CANADA**

REPORTING PERIOD: CALENDAR YEAR 2019

**1 QUANTITY OF FOOD AID PROVIDED TO LEAST-DEVELOPED AND NET FOOD-IMPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

As a signatory to the 2013 Food Assistance Convention (FAC), Canada established a minimum annual food assistance level of CAD 250 million. Total food assistance reported under the FAC exceeded that target, providing a contribution of CAD 351 million. Approximately CAD 262 million went to LDCs and NFIDCs.

Food assistance incorporates a mix of tools, including provision of eligible products, cash, vouchers, nutritional interventions, and livelihood protection in emergency and early recovery situations. Consistent with FAC Requirements, all of Canada's food assistance is expressed in value terms.

**Table A - Canadian Food Assistance to LDCs and NFIDCs 2019<sup>1</sup>**

Country	Value Disbursed CAD	Food Assistance Partner(s)
<b>Africa LDCs</b>		
Burkina Faso	750,000	WFP
Burundi	123,212	ICRC
Central African Republic	3,843,060	ACF, ICRC and WFP
Chad	8,526,605	CARE Canada, ICRC, IRC and WFP
Democratic Republic of Congo	16,369,042	ICRC, NRC, PIN, Solidarité Internationale and WFP
Eritrea	9,058	ICRC
Ethiopia	12,781,128	CARE Canada, Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR), Concern, HelpAge, Save the Children, UNICEF and WFP
Malawi	375,000	WFP
Mali	1,065,324	ICRC and WFP
Mozambique	6,752,812	UNICEF and WFP
Niger	16,291,373	ACF, Development and Peace, ICRC and WFP
Rwanda	500,000	WFP
Senegal	13,777	ICRC
Somalia	12,553,420	ACF, CARE Canada, ICRC, UNICEF, WFP and World Vision
South Sudan	21,609,096	Concern, ICRC, UNICEF, WFP and World Vision
Sudan	7,851,948	CARE Canada, ICRC, UNICEF and WFP
Uganda	1,663,029	ICRC and WFP
<b>Total Africa LDCs</b>	<b>111,077,885</b>	
<b>Africa NFIDCs</b>		
Côte d'Ivoire	21,903	ICRC
Kenya	2,728,000	UNICEF and WFP
<b>Africa NFIDCs</b>	<b>2,749,903</b>	
<b>Total Africa LDCs and NFIDCs</b>	<b>113,827,788</b>	
<b>Americas LDCs</b>		
Haiti	8,054,453	UNICEF and WFP
<b>Total Americas LDCs</b>	<b>8,054,453</b>	

Country	Value Disbursed CAD	Food Assistance Partner(s)
<b>Americas NFIDCs</b>		
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of <sup>2</sup>	1,038,163	<i>Protected</i>
<b>Total Americas NFIDCs</b>	<b>1,038,163</b>	
<b>Total Americas LDCs and NFIDCs</b>	<b>9,092,616</b>	
<b>Asia and Pacific LDCs</b>		
Afghanistan	3,647,255	ICRC, MCC and WFP
Bangladesh	12,069,960	ACF, ICRC, UNICEF and WFP
Myanmar	1,846,094	HOPE, ICRC and WFP
<b>Total Asia and Pacific LDCs</b>	<b>17,563,308</b>	
<b>Asia and Pacific NFIDCs</b>		
Pakistan	615,320	ICRC, UNICEF and WFP
Sri Lanka	23,319	ICRC
<b>Total Asia and Pacific NFIDCs</b>	<b>638,639</b>	
<b>Total Asia and Pacific LDCs and NFIDCs</b>	<b>18,201,948</b>	
<b>Europe, Middle East and Maghreb LDCs</b>		
Mauritania	250,000	WFP
Yemen	20,661,433	ACF, ADRA, CARE Canada, ICRC, Save the Children, UNICEF and WFP
<b>Total Europe, Middle East and Maghreb LDCs</b>	<b>20,911,433</b>	
<b>Europe, Middle East and Maghreb NFIDCs</b>		
Jordan	7,821,478	ICRC, UNICEF and WFP
Tunisia	3,957	ICRC
<b>Total Europe, Middle East and Maghreb NFIDCs</b>	<b>7,825,435</b>	
<b>Total Europe, Middle East and Maghreb LDCs and NFIDCs</b>	<b>28,736,868</b>	
Global Support <sup>3</sup>	<b>91,747,892</b>	Canadian Foodgrain Bank, Nutrition International and WFP
<b>Total</b>	<b>261,607,111</b>	

- 1 Data for the purposes of this notification were gathered for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) as recognized by the United Nations and published by the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States ([https://www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/wp-content/uploads/sites/45/publication/ldc\\_list.pdf](https://www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/wp-content/uploads/sites/45/publication/ldc_list.pdf)) and the Development Assistance Committee of the OECD plus the Net Food Importing Developing Countries (NFIDCs outlined in G/AG/5/Rev.11 (available at: <http://docsonline.wto.org>).
- 2 Partners in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela remain undisclosed for protection reasons.
- 3 This value represents the unearmarked long-term institutional support provided to WFP, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and Nutrient International for activities including voucher transfers, cash transfers and provision of in-kind food assistance. It also includes support to the WFP's Immediate Response account. Regional and country specific recipient information is not available.

## 2 INDICATION OF THE PROPORTION IN FULLY GRANT FORM OR APPROPRIATE CONCESSIONAL TERMS

All Canadian food assistance is provided in fully grant form. In 2008, Canada fully untied its food assistance budget, opening up 100% of its food assistance budget to international procurement and supporting the purchase of food in developing countries.

## 3 TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER PARAGRAPH 3(III) OF THE DECISION

In 2019, Canada provided humanitarian assistance funding to 52 implementing partners to help meet the needs of communities affected by natural disasters, conflict and complex emergencies in over 54 countries. In addition to its support to shelter, WASH, education, protection and health initiatives, Canada supported humanitarian food and nutrition assistance through 23 implementing partners to benefit populations in 52 countries and regions. Throughout the year, the vast majority of food security crises to which Canada responded were caused by conflicts and forced displacement. Indeed, key responses to conflict areas include: the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

(CAD 16 M), Ethiopia (CAD 12 M), Myanmar and Bangladesh (CAD 13 M), Yemen (CAD 20.6 M), South Sudan (CAD 21.6 M), and the regional responses to the Lake Chad basin (CAD 33.3 M) and the Syria and Iraq crises (CAD 46.5 M) and Lebanon (CAD 12.7 M).

Canada has continued to promote gender responsive humanitarian action as part of its Feminist International Assistance Policy. As part of this work, in 2019 Canada partnered with WFP, UN Population Fund (UNFPA) and UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) to implement the project *Breaking Barriers to Girls' Education* in Niger and Chad. Canada has been a top supporter of WFP's school feeding program since 2003 and this project builds on the collaborative work being done in this area to further improve gender responsiveness. *Breaking Barriers to Girls' Education* not only provides nutritious and fortified school meals to children in emergency contexts, but also integrates school health packages that include education services about nutrition and health, as well as sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence.

Canada also contributed to narrowing the gap between humanitarian and development activities by helping to develop projects such as the Resilience Initiative, which represents an unprecedented effort to support and invest in the same vulnerable communities over a five-year period through integrated, context-specific, gender-transformative and nutrition-sensitive assistance interventions addressing both immediate food needs and the root causes of hunger. This pilot initiative is being implemented by WFP, FAO and IFAD and aims to develop best practices and methodologies for addressing food insecurity in protracted crises by increasing beneficiary resilience to shocks, crises and stresses.

Furthermore, Canada is a founding donor and has been a key partner of Nutrition International throughout the organization's 25-year history. As part of this important collaboration, in 2019 Canada helped support Nutrition International's efforts to scale up direct, evidence-based and cost-effective nutrition interventions for children under the age of five and mothers in over 70 countries worldwide, with a particular focus on sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. The investment also works toward national ownership and sustainability of these activities and services.

Recognizing that not all food security needs are short term, Canada also provided multi-year funding to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) of the World Bank to improve food security and to support household resilience to shocks. IBRD collaborated with the government of Ethiopia through the Productive Safety Net Program to deliver a complementary set of activities, which included cash for work, land rehabilitation and irrigation, livelihood support, and direct cash transfers for the most vulnerable.

In terms of geographical distribution of the food assistance for 2019, 41.2% of Canada's food assistance went to sub-Saharan Africa, almost 24% went to the Middle-East and Northern Africa (MENA), 5.5% went to Asia, 3.5% went to the Americas and 0.1% went to Europe. There was a slight decrease to the share for Sub-Saharan Africa over 2018 (when the allocation was close to 60%) and back to 2015 and 2016 levels (at 58%). With a significant portion of multi-year food assistance funding, the MENA region slightly decreased (30% in 2018), which still represents a significant increase from 2016 (19.6%). Asia's share of Canadian food assistance diminished from the 11.7% average between 2015-2017. Funding to the Americas increased compared to 1.8% in 2018.<sup>4</sup>

## **THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE (IDRC)**

Part of Canada's foreign affairs and development efforts, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) invests in knowledge, innovation, and solutions to improve lives of people in the developing world. Bringing together the right partners around opportunities for impact, IDRC supports leaders for today and tomorrow and helps drive change for those who need it most.

In FY2018/2019 its total budget (including administrative costs) was CAD 146.3 million. In FY2018/2019, IDRC undertook disbursements in the agriculture sector (including agriculture, fishery and forestry) totalling CAD 4.509 million, which represented about 3.1% of its total allocation.

A review for FY2018/2019 of IDRC identified some 13 projects in agriculture and related sectors, in LDCs and NFIDCs with a value of CAD 2.07 million (about 46% of all disbursements in agriculture); See Table B.

**Table B - IDRC Bilateral Programming Disbursements (by Region and Country), for Agriculture and Related Sectors (including agriculture, fishery and forestry), to LDCs and NFIDCs, FY2018/2019**

Country	Value Disbursed CAD '000
<b>AFRICA</b>	
Benin	11
Burkina Faso	386
Ethiopia	-42
Mali	148
Niger	63
<b>Africa LDCs*</b>	<b>566</b>
Kenya	70
<b>Africa NFDICs</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Total Africa LDCs and NFDICs</b>	<b>636</b>
<b>MIDDLE EAST &amp; NORTH AFRICA</b>	
Morocco	250
Tunisia	232
<b>Middle East &amp; North Africa NFDICs</b>	<b>482</b>
<b>Total Middle East &amp; North Africa LDCs and NFDICs</b>	<b>482</b>
<b>AMERICAS</b>	
Bolivia, Plurinational State of	223
<b>Americas LDCs</b>	<b>223</b>
<b>Total Americas LDCs and NFDICs</b>	<b>223</b>
<b>ASIA</b>	
Cambodia	122
Lao People's Democratic Republic	122
Myanmar	469
Nepal	14
<b>Total Asia LDCs</b>	<b>727</b>
Sri Lanka	6
<b>Total Asia NFDICs</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total Asia LDCs and NFDICs</b>	<b>733</b>
<b>IDRC</b>	
<b>Total IDRC to LDCs*</b>	<b>1,516</b>
<b>Total IDRC to NFDICs*</b>	<b>558</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL IDRC TO LDCs/NFDICs*</b>	<b>2,074</b>

4 More information available in the consolidate Narrative report on Food Assistance by members of the Food Assistance Convention – 2019 (<https://www.foodassistanceconvention.org/en/reports.aspx> ).

\* Total project counts are "distinct" counts as one project may be active in more than one country.

#### **4 OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO ACTIONS TAKEN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DECISION**

Canada provided its food assistance in 2019 through 23 UN agencies and NGOs.<sup>5</sup> The WFP continued to receive the majority of Canada's food assistance funding, amounting to 63.3% of Canada's total food assistance allocations in 2019. Nutrition International and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank respectively received 8.5% and 7% of Canada's contribution. The remainder was provided to Micronutrient Initiative, the ICRC and other Canadian and international NGOs.

5 Action Against Hunger, The Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA) Canada, The Canadian Foodgrains, CARE Canada, The Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR), Concern Worldwide, Development and Peace, The Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO), World Food Program (WFP), HelpAge, HOPE, The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Rescue Committee (IRC), L'Oeuvre Léger, The Mennonite Central Committee Canada (MCCC), Micronutrient

Initiative, Norwegian Refugee Council, Oxfam-Quebec, Person In Need, Save the Children Canada, Solidarités International, The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and World Vision Canada.

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