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Last year more than ever before, CECI held out the promise of better days for populations in need, particularly in Nepal, where we helped tens of thousands of people recover from the earthquake that struck in April 2015.



CECI's swift response to support people of all ages in the wake of the disaster made it easier for them to return to the course of everyday life, especially by limiting the number of displacements of families and citizens.



CECI helps populations restart and grow their economic activities so they can proudly take part in rebuilding and reinvigorating their communities.



CECI not only offers temporary shelter, water, and emergency care, but a new future founded on sustainable development.





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# **GLOBAL ISSUES** AND **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOP-MENT**



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The UN Summit in September 2015 adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which set 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and laid out an operating framework for sustainable development actors like CECI. The goals recognize the universality and the interconnectedness of the world's most pressing issues, prompting us to tackle the underlying causes of inequality with innovation and creativity.

The SDGs reaffirm several of the principles that have guided our organization in defining our programs and our own goals: the value of volunteerism as a means to achieving long lasting development results, the effectiveness of working in partnership with diverse actors in development, including the private sector, and the importance of working to achieve specific objectives for creating jobs, improving incomes and building the employability of local populations.

In more than 20 countries spread out over three continents, CECI rallied 400 volunteer cooperants, 300 employees and 200 local and Canadian partners in pursuit of our activities in sustainable economic development, food and human security and equality between women and men. All the while, we have endeavoured to perfect our approaches by building on lessons learned and local knowledge and relying on innovation.

In the past year, we directly reached more than 1.2 million marginalized individuals, 52% of whom were women, through approximately 40 projects, a dozen of them in humanitarian assistance. The documented results of our projects are plain to see—they are the outcome of good practices developed through collaboration, specifically, using a new results measurement tool we have developed.

CECI recently wrapped up the second year of its 2014-2019 strategic plan, with the ambitious aim to create an international CECI that mobilizes key actors for change in both the South and the North.

Several important targets have been reached—we have created the first two advisory committees in countries belonging to the CECI family (Haiti and Nepal) and incorporated our new associate members.

In spite of damage to our office building in Montreal forcing our entire team to temporarily relocate for more than 13 months, we have continued pursuing all of our activities. Our efforts to further diversify funding for our programs and to extend the organization's reach to a wider public have remained constant. Our project portfolio has undergone rapid growth, our operational and financial management has remained strong, and we continue to maintain the highest quality standards in our governance.

CECI is a leader within an international network of partners fighting poverty and exclusion in the world. We draw the bulk of our strength from mobilizing actors for change in initiatives that are local, regional or international in scope, and from good practices that foster innovative solutions and creative leadership.

To do our part in reaching the goals set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, we are relying on our team of employees in Canada and in the field, a dedicated group of professionals who care deeply about the quality of our actions. We would like to offer them our sincere thanks for all the work they have done and congratulate their efforts. We would also like to express our gratitude to the Board of Directors, who have dedicated their time and effort to the good governance of the organization. Lastly, we would like to thank all our partners, volunteers, members and donors, without whom we would not be able to pursue our mission.

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# TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONAL AND EVER INNOVATIVE CECI

Since it was founded in 1958, CECI has become an incubator for international cooperation in Quebec and in Canada. CECI has always been an innovator and a groundbreaker. Our organization can be credited with laying the groundwork for international cooperation in Quebec, the mainstreaming of human rights in bilateral programs of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and the creation of flagship programs like Women's Rights and Citizenship in West Africa, Leave for Change and Uniterra, the largest international volunteer cooperation program in Canada.

The accomplishments CECI has made in our nearly 60-year history bear witness to what the organization has to offer to meet the challenges of the future. While implementing the

2014–2019 strategic plan, CECI intends on strengthening its position in the world of international cooperation.

CECI has therefore undertaken the ambitious creation of an international CECI that mobilizes key actors for change in both the South and the North. This vision stems from an analysis that aligns the organization's future prospects with a shift toward more equal relationships between our organization and national organizations. It supports CECI's potential to become an international organization that facilitates collaborative relationships between the South and the North. CECI is working toward this vision in pursuit of the development results it has targeted in each of its fields of expertise:



SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



FOOD SECURITY



HUMAN SECURITY



GENDER EQUALITY







reflect our relationships with civil society in the countries where we work and to better anchor CECI in Quebec/Canadian civil society.

- Further diversify CECI's sources of funding both abroad and at home and reduce our dependence on government funding.
- Increase CECI's visibility among donors and operational partners in Canada and in our countries of intervention through a strong and distinctive image.

chances for success by developing a collaborative approach with strategic partners, including:

- The World University Service of Canada (WUSC), through the Uniterra program and other development projects
- WUSC, SACO and the Fondation Paul Gérin-Lajoie (FPGL), through the Volunteer Cooperation Program in Haiti
- Alliance agricole internationale (AAI), SOCODEVI and UPA-DI, through food security initiatives.

Faced with development challenges, NGOs are well positioned to be the torchbearers of change by acting as intermediaries to ensure different types and levels of social action. NGOs can bridge geographical barriers locally and internationally, institutional gaps between civil society, government and the private sector, and philosophical differences by putting values into concrete action.

Strengthening democratic governance will always be intrinsic to the approaches that CECI employs.

Consulting with local actors also remains a core component of our interventions, as do the systematic mainstreaming of climate change and environmental protection.

Our vision of rebuilding relationships around reciprocity is shifting CECI's paradigm for engaging with partners to do the following:

- Foster the autonomy of CECI's country teams so they become selfreliant national entities responsible for developing their own country programming in tandem and in coordination with the head office.
- Transform CECI's governance structure and membership to

## A STRATEGIC AND COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

Over the years, CECI has served as a bridge and a guide for organizations in Quebec and the rest of Canada whose mission is to bolster cooperation and international development efforts. We have developed numerous partnerships with civil society organizations based in Quebec and the rest of Canada. We also work to forge strategic partnerships in the private sector, a full-fledged actor for development, while standing by our mission and our values.

Constantly on the lookout for complementarity, innovation and efficiency to achieve meaningful results, CECI has maximized its This is what CECI has endeavoured to do every day for the last 58 years!

Since CECI was created in 1958, we have promoted learning and exchange of knowledge and know-how. We provide resources, advice and training to our partners and to the communities we work with in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Haiti. Our efforts to promote values such as cooperation, equality and equity take their basis in local know-how and the creativity of many stakeholders in development.

By drawing strength from local assets, we have helped create an environment hospitable to innovation at the local, national and regional levels. This results in local, innovative and sustainable solutions that change the lives of millions of people!

# **AFRICA**

Moving Forward in the Face of Challenge



In 2015, Africa experienced strong economic growth reaching approximately 5%, but social and regional disparities also deepened. However, the continent is set to become a key player in acquiring, producing, and using knowledge to meet complex development challenges. The work to be done is immense, but local energy, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit hold great promise.

In 2015–2016, through support we provided to dozens of local partners, CECI continued to foster the creation of an environment hospitable to innovation in order to meet the urgent needs of sustainable agriculture. We also facilitated the creation of wealth through socially inclusive approaches while promoting rights and equity in West Africa and the Great Lakes region.



#### AGRICULTURE TAILORED TO SUSTAINABILITY

According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the prevalence of undernourishment in West Africa was cut by 60%, falling from 24% in 1992 to 9.6% in 2014. Nevertheless, in the fall of 2015, 8.1 million people were affected by food crises brought on by recurring drought. Availability and access to strategic products, cereals, and vegetables in this situation is crucial. With financial support from Global Affairs Canada (GAC), CECI implemented projects inspired from both local know-how and new knowledge and technology to promote agriculture that nourishes local populations while generating decent incomes for women and men farming in Senegal, Mali and Burkina Faso, without creating pollution.

In Senegal, the Bey Dundé project, "farming for sustenance", implemented through the International Agricultural Alliance (AAI), supported rice production in order to reduce dependency on imported rice. The initiative made significant contributions in the following areas:

- Overall production increased for 8,500 households.
- Production grew from 32,606 to 70,198 tons.
- The Fédération des producteurs agricoles (FPA) received support in providing marketing and group purchasing services for quality inputs to 11,000 producers for a 72% increase this year.

In Burkina Faso, the project supporting rice parboilers has strengthened the economic power of 5,000 women and bolstered the food security of 220,000 people. To reach this objective, we relied on the ancestral technique of parboiling rice, which was brought up to date to reduce post-harvest waste and to improve the nutritional quality of the rice.

#### This year:

 330 rice parboilers accessed credit, and their unions developed business plans and built their technical and managerial capacities.

In Mali, the Feera Diyara initiative developed through the AAI framework pursued its capacity building approach for cooperatives by focusing efforts on improving marketing of surplus cereals and produce. This year:

- Cereal marketing increased from 6,044 to 8,474 tons per annum.
- Membership grew from 27,552 to 28,552, with women's participation rising from 37% to 43%.

#### **ACCESS TO POWER AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

Most African countries have adopted progressive political and legal frameworks with regard to gender equality. These unquestionably positive changes are, however, slow to take shape.

With financial support from GAC, initiatives led by CECI in the Great Lakes region and in Mali in partnership with the organization of Lawyers Without Borders Canada, have supported local civil society organizations that offer holistic services in health, justice, and psychosociology.

Advocacy to improve the legal and political framework for women's rights and bringing an end to violence have been at the core of our actions. We have endeavoured to work with and alongside men to ensure genuine change in mentalities and behaviours. In so doing, CECI fosters dialogue and reconciliation of divided communities by training community leaders in rights and in gender equality. In 2015–2016:

 1,511 leaders and 1,020 community facilitators became resource persons in their communities in the Great Lakes and in Mali.

CECI is also pursuing efforts to strengthen Mali's decentralized health system and to improve maternal and neonatal health within the country, in partnership with our associate member the Université de Montréal's international health unit, the Unité de santé internationale (USI), and with financial support from GAC. At the close of this year, we observed that:

- Men's attitudes were considerably more favourable to a better position for women in decision-making bodies.
- Planning tools and the management of technical capacities for patient care had been strengthened substantially.

Finally, working closely with the ECOWAS Gender Development Centre, CECI provided technical support in the planning and adoption of a Supplementary Act on the Equality of Rights between Women and Men by ECOWAS member states.

# **ASIA**

# Emergency, Reconstruction and Development Continuum



In 2015–2016, Asia was once again the region hardest hit by natural disasters. This complex situation has pushed CECI to constantly innovate in order to pursue its mission while responding to emergencies.

On April 25, 2015, Nepal was rocked by 7.8-magnitude earthquake, forcing us to halt our volunteer program until November 2015. However, as CECI offices and teams were not directly affected, we were able to lend a hand to partners and to disaster-stricken communities, while pursuing our work in economic development through programs for social accountability and for the development of technical skills.

#### PARTNERSHIP AND SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

In Nepal, our project for social accountability has held crucial importance in a decade-long political transition that succeeded in bringing about the adoption of a new constitution in the fall of 2015. Today, the 30 local NGOs that took part in the initiative have united to mobilize a range of actors and citizens around a governance system based on transparency. In the end:

- 117,685 people benefitted directly from the program and 11 million indirectly.
- 10% more social security benefits were provided owing to the active role local institutions played.
- Complaint mechanisms were created within 120 village development committees to address complaints.
- The participation of disadvantaged groups, including women and Dalits, in local development grew by 20%.

#### **REBUILDING THE ECONOMY AND RESILIENCE**

In the Philippines, our partnership with CONCERN Inc. has seen so much improvement that CONCERN can now implement all the phases of an economic reconstruction project: decision making, development, planning, and implementation. This demonstrates our commitment to greater autonomy for our national teams and partners.

As communities were recovering from destruction wreaked by typhoons Haiyan and Hagupit in 2014, CECI and CONCERN undertook a three-and-a-half year economic reconstruction project that aims to raise awareness about gender equality and environmental issues among 5,500 families, representing 27,500 people, in the provinces of Leyte, Samar, and Eastern Samar. Ultimately:

- The introduction of new, climate-sensitive farming and fishing techniques will boost resilience to natural disasters.
- Technical and professional training will foster the employability of young women and men.
- Support will be provided to enable female business owners to diversify their incomes while increasing their resilience.
- Support to fund and to develop services will improve businesses' chances of success.

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# LATIN AMERICA

Emerging and Developing Economies





Innovation is an important part of addressing social problems such as poverty, inequality, and climate change. CECI's projects have brought creative, effective solutions to economic, social, and human security issues where market and state-sponsored interventions often fall short.

In 2015–2016, CECI focused on working with partners in Bolivia, Guatemala and Peru to steer social innovation toward models that are adapted to local situations and the specific needs of women and youth. Collaboration with businesses, academic institutions, social organizations and local and national authorities has proven crucial to facilitating sustainable, inclusive economic development.

#### INTERSECTORAL COLLABORATION IN BOLIVIA

With financial backing from GAC, CECI supports organic quinoa producers in the remote region of Los Lípez in the Potosi department, as well as dairy producers in the Viacha municipality of the La Paz department, which are located on Native Community Lands. These projects increase incomes and improve quality of life by sharing knowledge and technology to promote growth and sustainable management.

The management component is carried out jointly by a private business, producer associations and local authorities. This intersectoral partnership has made it possible to break with regular trade strategies to meet the social and environmental needs of producer communities and lay the groundwork for a better quality of life, within the confines of international market standards, resulting in higher profitability. The private business has committed to social responsibility. All parties recognize that this type of collaboration produces better results than if each party acted separately. Through this partnership:

- 366 quinoa producers, 125 of whom are women, have increased their incomes.
- 340 quinoa producers are now using new production techniques, with a 15% boost in productivity.
- An organic input factory has been opened and is meeting quality standards.
- A group of women has developed a processed product—grilled quinoa—for the international market and has sold 3.6 tonnes, valued at Can\$15,500.
- 672 new livestock and dairy production infrastructures have been set up.
- 8 milk collection centres have been built.

#### TRADE INNOVATION IN GUATEMALA

With funding from the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF) through the Inter-American Development Group (IDB), CECI is helping create conditions that will foster economic development that is inclusive of women and marginalized youth. In partnership with the Guatemala Cardamom Exporters Association, CECI is carrying out a community-led project to diversify and market agricultural products to grow the incomes of 15,000 Mayan producers by 15 to 20%.

CECI and the Sustainable Management Authority for the Lake Atitlan Basin and Surrounding Areas (AMSCLAE) are putting forth innovative green economy solutions by creating jobs in waste management and the sale of recycled material and organic solid-waste compost. To date:

- 240 cardamom producer organizations have been legally registered.
- 70 producers have worked directly with exporters and recorded total annual sales of Can\$30,000.
- 5,000 producers have adopted new farming technologies and practices.
- 1,300 hundredweight of cardamom have been sold directly to the exporter.
- The Centre for Cardamom Study and Research (CEIC) was created.
- An environmental awareness campaign carried out in three Mayan languages has reached over 1.5 million people and incited a behavioural shift toward solid waste sorting.
- In six months, four municipalities sold recycled materials amounting to Can\$10,000, which will be reinvested in improving the area's waste management system.

# **HAITI**

# Development Driven by Local Innovation



In the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake, Haitians showed incredible resilience and leveraged their remarkable creativity on an unprecedented scale. Today, the country's socioeconomic situation remains troubling due to a combination of structural issues, which have only been aggravated by the election crisis that has dragged on for more than a year. Yet, CECI has observed an array of initiatives that are capitalizing on locals' true entrepreneurial spirit and several Port-au-Prince neighbourhoods and island regions have undergone revitalization.

In 2015–2016, CECI's work in Haiti helped change the lives of 77,590 people, 48% of whom are women and 33% youth. Our work contributed to improving access to job markets, creating jobs, bolstering businesses and raising the incomes of 9,788 people, 41% of whom are women. The results are:

- Crop production and access to quality food have increased for 25,320 people, of whom 45% are women.
- 17,779 people, of whom 50% women, now enjoy greater safety.
- Access to decision-making processes was opened up and the status of 569 people, of whom 42% are women, was improved.
- 34,613 people, 52% of whom are women, benefitted from access to education, technical and professional training and community development.

#### YOUNG WOMEN AND NON-TRADITIONAL TRADES

This year, one of our major focuses was the professional and economic insertion of women into trades typically dominated by men. In partnership with the Haiti Red Cross Society and with financial backing from the American Red Cross, CECI is working to improve access to economic opportunities for residents of the working-class neighbourhood of Carrefour-Feuilles in Port-au-Prince. This three-year project aims to reach one million direct beneficiaries, targeting 75% women and people under age 35 in particular. CECI has developed partnerships with five professional training centres to train young women and men in a dozen different fields:

welding
 electromechanics
 auto mechanics
 reception
 refrigeration
 bars and restaurants
 median dozen different fields:
 painting
 oversight and quality control
 stewardship
 electrical wiring for buildings
 rustomer service
 inventory management.

Some 18 businesses contributed to the project, with the following results:

- 500 youth, 75% of whom are women, received training.
- 150 of these people completed an internship in a business and 58 have already found full-time employment.

"I completed an industrial mechanics and machining course, which led to an internship and then a contract with Expert Concept, where I now work as a technician in welding, mounting, assembly, disassembly and machining. The work environment is very pleasant and there's a sense of equality. There is no difference between the work I do and the work the men do. This makes me feel like the sky is the limit."

VALÉRIE ANTOINE, a young beneficiary of the job readiness program

### PROMOTING IMPROVED AND SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY

Through AAI and with financial backing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP), CECI is undertaking innovative technology and biosecurity projects. These initiatives fall within the Haitian government's efforts to improve agricultural revenue and food security for small-scale farmers in the Nord and Nord-Est departments. Results this year:

- 12,084 farmers, 5,087 of whom are women, received inputs and technical assistance to help them adopt more effective technologies.
- 40 micro-entrepreneurs received coaching in order to modernize and strengthen their businesses.

# UNITERRA VOLUNTEER COOPERATION PROGRAM



Uniterra is CECI's primary volunteer cooperation program and is jointly operated with World University Service of Canada (WUSC). The program entered into its third phase of five years in April 2015 and is both more ambitious, yet more focused. Its chief purpose is to sustainably develop competitive and inclusive economic activities. From 2015 to 2020, the program will have contributed to improving socioeconomic conditions for:



5.6 MILLION PEOPLE, OF WHOM 60% ARE WOMEN AND 50% ARE YOUTH Uniterra works with local actors to develop economic opportunities for women and youth to build an environment that they can influence and be a part of. The program is allied with economic actors in the public, private and non-profit sectors.



# 14 COUNTRIES OF INTERVENTION

BOLIVIA, BURKINA FASO, GHANA, GUATEMALA, HAITI, MALAWI, MALI, MONGOLIA, NEPAL, PERU, SENEGAL, SRI LANKA, TANZANIA, VIETNAM



3,000 VOLUNTEERS

(85% FROM CANADA,
15% FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH)



170 LOCAL PARTNERS

75 CANADIAN
PARTNER
ORGANIZATIONS



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**VOLUNTEER MOBILIZATION IN 2015–2016** 

339 volunteers deployed (194 women and 145 men) for a total of 43,423 person-days.

# VALÉRIE PAQUETTE



#### **QWB PROGRAM RECIPROCITY COMPONENT**

In Bolivia, an economic development organization, called Organización Economica Para el Desarrollo (OEPAIC), has teamed up with Quebec organization FEM International/ Ethik BGC, an associate member of CECI, through the Québec Without Borders (QWB) program to forge a very successful partnership. FEM International/Ethik BGC, which is based in Montreal, is helping women build their skills through entrepreneurship and the creation of socially responsible enterprises. This year, Bartolina Moya Pinto, a young Bolivian artisan and member of OEPAIC, carried out a one-month internship with the organization to fine-tune her product marketing and presentation skills. When she returned home, she shared her experience with her colleagues and began making changes at the COMART boutique, where her products are sold. Now she plans to create a museum showcasing the process of producing fabric for clothing.



#### **INCLUSION OF WOMEN**

This year, Uniterra established a partnership in Haiti with a women's organization, called the Coordination des femmes de Beaumont (COFEBOM) to promote women's inclusion and improve their economic independence, particularly in rural areas. COFEBOM brings together 250 women involved in the production, processing and marketing of agricultural products. The organization does business with the Danielle Saint Lot Haiti Women's Foundation, which represents a dozen women-led small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) involved in the tourism and agriculture industries. Volunteers assigned to this partner are helping to develop a dynamic partnership that supports behaviour change, wealth creation, women's empowerment, environmental protection and public awareness.

#### **INCLUSION OF YOUTH**

Senegal has spearheaded several initiatives geared toward mobilizing communities and encouraging people to identify with agricultural entrepreneurship to support the Back-to-The-Land movement, which primarily targets youth. Following the example of the Conseil national de concertation et de coopération des ruraux (CNCR), an umbrella organization supporting farmers, the Cadre de concertation des producteurs d'arachide (CCPA), a peanut producer organization, created the first school to get young people involved in its activities. The CCPA aims to prepare the next generation to leverage their creativity to meet industry challenges. Volunteers are supporting these partners and providing guidance throughout the process of defining and implementing new strategies.



#### PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

In Burkina Faso, the mining group Alliance des fournisseurs burkinabé de biens et services miniers (ABSM) has partnered with Réseau 3S&E, a Canadian network of business professionals. In September 2015, ABSM welcomed an exploratory mission by two volunteers from Réseau 3S&E. The network offered to support ABSM by providing and managing the health, safety, environment and social responsibility components of their operations. CECI and WUSC have developed a tripartite pilot project with ABSM and 3S&E for Uniterra in 2016-2017.



# VOLUNTEER COOPERATION PROGRAM IN HAITI

#### **PCV-HAITI**



Since phase two of PCV-Haiti kicked off in 2010, 411 assignments have been fulfilled by 163 women and 248 men. In 2015–2016, 49 assignments were completed:

- 10 assignments in governance
- 6 assignments in technical and professional education and training
- 28 assignments in economic development
- 5 assignments of regional or sectoral coordination.



#### **OUTSTANDING RESULTS**

A forum to present the results of PCV-HAITI was held in Portau-Prince on May 7-8, 2015. Some of the most noteworthy results included:

- Governance: The revitalization of the Artibonite technical council, called the Conseil technique départemental de l'Artibonite (CTD-A).
- Basic education: The Gonaives school cooperatives experience.
- Economic development: The development and commercialization of new products by a Gonaïves association for designers and tailors, the Association des couturières et tailleurs des Gonaïves (ACOTAG).
- Technical and professional training: A council was established to hold consultations on technical and professional training in the Sud-Est department.



#### **IMPROVED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Since 2010, CECI Haiti has promoted sustainable development on the island by helping to position the Nord department as tourism hot-spot and help implement a joint management body, called the Destination Management Organization (DMO), comprising both public and private sector actors. Around twenty Canadian volunteers came together through DMO to support producer cooperatives and associations as they develop tourism products in the coffee, cacao, cassava, craft work and traditional dance industries, and that meet international alternative tourism standards. The Économusée Network, a Quebec organization and associate member of CECI, began seeking certification for three tourism products. Organization leaders have praised this new process and plan to integrate it into their service offering.

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#### A FAMILY HISTORY OF VOLUNTEERING

"In July 1976, I started my first volunteer cooperant assignment, which was twelve months long, with CECI in Haiti. From 1985 to 1987, my wife and I were volunteers for CECI in Haiti and brought our three children with us. Since then, I have worked with WUSC, UNICEF, UNDP, the PGL Foundation. Elections Canada, Canadem, the E.U., and other organizations in countries such as Gabon, Senegal, Chad, the DRC, Cameroon and Benin, and also in Haiti, where I have been many times. Today, our daughter Isabelle and her husband are preparing their trip to Senegal to work as volunteer cooperants and are taking their two children with them, 40 years after my first experience with CECI. I wish them a very successful mission. I know that they will represent the organization with honour and respect, and that their contribution to development activities will help advance CECI's objectives." BENOIT FOURNIER

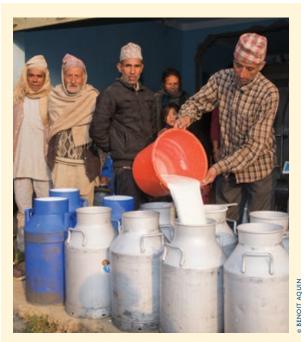
# GOOD PRACTICES SET US APART

Since the 1990s, we have seen a growing number of natural disasters linked to climate change. 2015 was no exception to this troubling trend. Over the years, CECI has developed an innovative approach to humanitarian assistance that applies sustainable development practices in crisis situations. Including victims and vulnerable people in the assessment of their own needs drives our actions, and we take great care to provide them with quality care and materials. Our approach is unique in that it includes local authorities in our emergency relief process so they can provide the best possible response in the event of another disaster. This approach has won increasing favour according to the most recent World Disasters Report, released by the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), which underscores the importance of working inclusively with local actors. Our documented results are plain to see and are a testament to the good practices we have developed jointly with our teams in the field. In 2015–2016, CECI worked in Senegal, Mali, Guinea, the Philippines and Nepal during times of drought, political and health crises and natural disasters.

# PROVIDE RELIEF, BUILD CAPACITIES AND BOLSTER RESILIENCE

#### Nepal

In the aftermath of the earthquake that rocked Nepal on April 25, 2015, we provided immediate relief to more than 4,000 families who were victims of the disaster in the districts of Lalitpur, Sindhupalchowk and Kavrepalanchowk, taking care to coordinate our efforts with the local authorities and our local partners. CECI and its local partners started by providing temporary shelter to families who had lost their homes. Our swift action helped prevent major displacement of the population.



#### AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

In the districts of Sindhupalchowk and Kavrepalanchowk, we worked with <u>28,335</u> people, or <u>5,212</u> households, distributing emergency relief items and rapidly securing access to toilets and potable water. Relief items included <u>5,057</u> tarps, <u>4,165</u> hygiene and health kits, <u>2,875</u> food packages, <u>2,875</u> kitchen utensils, <u>1,134</u> water filters and 659 solar lanterns.

Furthermore, to help communities affected by the disaster quickly restore their livelihoods, CECI distributed 3,843 packages of vegetable and fodder seeds along with 120 tons of urea for topdressing rice paddies.

#### **DAIRY COOPERATIVES**

In the district of Lalitpur, CECI used the funds raised to build  $\underline{65}$  water supply systems to benefit  $\underline{7,030}$  women and  $\underline{6,512}$  men. With financial support from the Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada (CDF), we supported a dairy cooperative of  $\underline{2,250}$  members by providing  $\underline{30}$  centrifuges, building  $\underline{30}$  livestock troughs, and providing training on construction techniques.

CECI also shared 40% of the cost for dairy producers who lost their cattle in the earthquake to purchase replacement livestock in order to quickly restore microbusiness activities. During the first phase of the emergency, we distributed 59 water maintenance and supply systems, urea for topdressing rice paddies to 2,400 households, hygiene kits and cereal storage bags to 2,800 households, seeds to 3,657 households and milk buckets and canisters to 1,077 households. We also rebuilt 300 stables and installed toilets for 1,829 households.

#### **Philippines**



After typhoons Haiyan and Hagupit in the Philippines, CECI and local partner CONCERN Inc. came to the aid of 15,000 people. We used a successful model that combined building temporary shelter with activities focused on risk reduction strategies and quickly restoring livelihoods. We were able to use the lessons learned during our operations supporting victims of the 2014 earthquake in Bohol to improve our approach by prioritizing women to ensure their safety and by employing local labour for reconstruction.

- 2,862 women received temporary shelter and livelihood support to ensure their economic and physical security;
- 18 carpenters from Tacloban, including one woman, were trained after typhoon Haiyan and 122 local carpenters were hired.

#### Senegal



In northern Senegal, we helped local populations face recurring drought by distributing food supplies to 17,900 people and seeds to 77,000, in addition to assisting 13,400 women in setting up 240 community vegetable gardens.

#### Mali



CECI's zone of intervention in Mali is difficult to access due to the challenging terrain and security concerns. Without the knowledge and expertise of our local partners we would not have been able to carry out our projects in these areas. In the 17 communes of the Diré and Goundam Circles, we are helping 54,000 people cope with multifaceted shocks through projects supporting agriculture and livestock rearing.

#### Guinea



In Guinea, our solidarity-based outreach campaign proved an excellent way to meet 507,809 people, of whom 253,060 are women and 46,682 youth, to share important information about the fight against the Ebola epidemic in the most remote regions.

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# COMMUNICATION, VISIBILITY AND MOBILISATION

In 2015–2016, CECI reinforced its distinctive image.

## ON The Web

84,334 unique visitors consulted CECI's website 48.189 unique visitors consulted the Uniterra program website 8,191 people received CECI's newsletter 5.943 people liked CECI's Facebook page 3.011 people liked Uniterra's Facebook page 1,914 people followed CECI's LinkedIn page

 $2,334 \quad \text{people followed CECI's} \\ \quad \text{Twitter page}$ 

4,115 unique visitors consulted the Volunteer Blog

12,544 unique visitors consulted the International Forum website

people subscribed to CECI's YouTube page



#### WWW.UNITERRA.CA NEW AND IMPROVED

In November 2015, we developed and launched a new website for the Uniterra program, jointly operated by WUSC and CECI. We also launched a new tool to promote the program and facilitate the recruitment of hundreds of volunteers!

#### **GROWING MEDIA PRESENCE**

In 2015 and 2016, CECI was mentioned 60 times in Quebec media:

— 27,270,465 people were reached.

In addition, the Uniterra program was mentioned 26 times in the media:

- 17,818,091 people were reached;
- A program representative was quoted in 15% of these instances.
- A volunteer cooperant from the program was quoted in 85% of these instances.

#### **VOLUNTEER BLOG**

The Volunteer Blog, at www.volunteer-blog.ca, is a means for sharing information, raising awareness and recruiting new volunteers. The platform was created in 2015 to give a voice to our volunteers, past and present,

and inspire other Canadians to get involved in international cooperation. It's been a hit! In 2015–2016, the Volunteer Blog had:

- 42 authors;
- 226 articles;
- 32.000 visits.

## ON APRIL 25, 2015, THE EARTH SHOOK IN NEPAL

Immediately following news of the earthquake in Nepal, CECI's team in Montreal mobilized to come to the aid of its colleagues in Kathmandou and coordinate emergency relief for the local populations, in addition to launching an appeal to the public to donate to relief efforts. Our volunteers also turned out to organize fundraising events in their communities in Nova Scotia, Ottawa, Sherbrooke and Montreal! Total funds raised:

\$661,451.



#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

CECI produced two promotional videos and shared them on social media to raise public awareness about the plight of the Nepalese people following the earthquake. The first video, simple and moving, was so well received that communications agencies named it one of the top ten campaigns in April 2015. It received:

 718 views on Facebook and 226 on YouTube.

The second video was produced with the participation of comedian Daniel Savoie, a.k.a., Patrice Lemieux. It was a success, with:

- Over 89.391 views:
- 197,376 Facebook users reached;
- 1,300 Facebook likes;
- 1,162 Facebook shares.

#### **DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHY**

Frédéric Séguin, documentary photographer for Shoot to Help, was already working with CECI-Nepal on May 12, 2015, when disaster struck. He was right alongside CECI's team when the ground trembled in the mountainous region of Sindhupalchowk, just a few kilometres from the epicentre. Through the lens of his camera, Séguin captured the incredible resilience of the Nepalese people. Upon returning to Montreal, he shared his work in an exhibition called *Eyes of Nepal* on August 27, 2015 at the Resto-Loft Fibo in Old Montreal.



#### **NEPAL DONATION STORY**

In fall 2015, CECI aired its second annual television spot on the gift of giving. This year's effort told the story of CECI volunteers who went to Nepal to assist in developing dairy cooperatives that bring together 305 women dairy farmers to produce quality milk for a community of 425,500 people.

# THE CAMPAIGN REACHED MORE THAN 2 MILLION PEOPLE ON TELEVISION AND SOCIAL MEDIA!



#### CECI AMBASSADOR, STANLEY PÉAN, AND TWO PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS VOLUNTEER

In February 2015, nearly a year after the earthquake, photographers Benoit Aquin and Kiran Ambwani travelled with CECI ambassador Stanley Péan to Nepal on a volunteer assignment through the Uniterra volunteer cooperation program, jointly operated by WUSC and CECI. Their assignment was to chronicle the experiences of the Nepalese people hardest hit by the earthquake.



# INTERNA-TIONAL FORUM



On January 22 and 23, 2016, more than 530 people from the South and the North gathered in Ottawa for the fifth annual International Forum hosted by WUSC and CECI. Topics tabled were centered on international development issues, specifically, the development of inclusive economies. Renowned writer and journalist, Nina Munk, and international correspondent for The Globe and Mail. Mark McKinnon. captivated the audience with their presentations, setting the stage for the great debates on the future of international development and on refugee integration.

- The official Forum hashtag (#wuscceciforum) was used
   931 times between January 18 and 26, 2016;
- 159 users participated in Forum discussions on Twitter;
- 265,137 people received tweets mentioning the Forum while underway;
- #wuscceciforum was one of the most used hashtags in Ottawa during the event!



# CECI GIVES ANOTHER RUN FOR THE MONEY

On April 27, 2015, for the fourth consecutive year, CECI rallied some 50 runners for the Scotia Bank Charity Challenge. Participants ran either 5 or 21 km to raise funds through donations from their families and friends.

#### A TOTAL OF \$52,555 WAS RAISED!

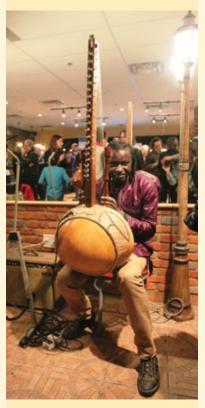
All of the funds raised went toward projects that change the lives of women: **BOLIVIA**: *Un aguayo*, a maternal and children's health program;

**BURKINA FASO:** a project supporting women rice parboilers; **HAITI:** a project to combat violence against women and girls;

**MALI:** the Armande Bégin Fund, supporting women in Mali;

**PHILIPPINES:** support for victims of the recent natural disasters.

# ARMANDE BÉGIN FUND



CECI created the Armande Bégin Fund at the request of the namesake's family, in particular, her husband Yves Pétillon, in memory of a great woman who dedicated her life to international cooperation in Africa and Latin America. Donations have helped strengthen CECI's commitment to the women of Mali, especially through the Uniterra volunteer cooperation program. As at March 31, 2016:

\$192,934 WERE COLLECTED.

OVER 900 DONORS MADE A CONTRIBUTION. © CEC

### **CLUB DES** AMBASSADRICES

Created in 2014, CECI's Club des ambassadrices supports women rice parboilers in Burkina Faso through mentoring, outreach and philanthropy. The project aims to increase women's economic power by promoting domestically grown rice and supporting women parboiler associations to transform them into profitable, professional, recognized businesses in the rice industry. This project receives funding from GAC; for every dollar raised, the Canadian government invests \$15.

#### AN OPEN LETTER

In fall 2015, in the midst of the federal election campaign, the ambassadors published an open letter entitled L'aide international? 0,005% d'attention médiatique durant la campagne! ("International Assistance? 0.005% Media Attention during the Campaign!") in the Devoir, Journal de Montréal and Journal de Québec newspapers, calling on party leaders to "formally commit to investing 0.7% of GDP to international assistance and to announce their strategy for reaching this objective."

#### VIDEOS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

In winter 2016, film makers and CECI ambassadors Kim Nguyen and Nathalie Pelletier produced four wonderful videos starring members of the Club des ambassadrices.

- The women rice parboilers project, explained by the ambassadors
- Solidarity with Burkina Faso
- CECI's approach, explained by the ambassadors
- CECI's Club des ambassadrices women helping other women

#### **FUNDRAISER EVENT**

On March 22, 2016, CECI's Club des ambassadrices put on their second cocktail event to raise funds in support of women's entrepreneurship in the world. Some 150 people attended the event held at the Darling Foundry and chaired by Ben Marc Diendéré, Senior Vice-President of Communications, Public Affairs and Brand Management at the Coop fédérée, and Michèle Audette, CECI ambassador. The evening was hosted by author and radio host Stanley Péan and actress Chantal Lamarre, both CECI ambassadors, and sponsored by the Aéroports de Montréal and Karibu. As at March 31, 2016, club members had raised:

— Over \$80.543

THE CLUB DES AMBASSADRICES NOW COUNTS 33 INFLUENTIAL QUEBEC WOMEN AMONG ITS MEMBERS:



Yasmine Abdelfadel chief of staff, Chambre des notaires du Québec Michèle Audette strategic advisor and lecturer Hélène Barbeau designer Christiane Beaulieu vice-president of public affairs and

communications. Aéroports de Montréal, CECI

**Chantal Bernatchez** engineer at Hydro-Québec, former CECI volunteer

Claudia Black executive director of CECI

Émilie Bordat entrepreneur, co-founder of Karibu and Altea communications

Michelle Bussières international relations advisor, member of CECI's board of directors

Anne-Marie Cadieux actress Cindy D'Auteuil

regional president -Lanaudière for the Réseau des femmes d'affaires du Québec Élisabeth Deschênes president of ZA brand architecture and brand leadership Amélie Dionne entrepreneur, owner of Événements VIP, events management & communications

Marie-Claude **Fournier** 

executive director and entrepreneur, Association de la construction du Québec, Laval/ Laurentians

Marie Grégoire former MP and commentator on RDI, former commentator on Radio Canada radio station, and **CECI** member Éloïse Harvey vice-president of corporate development, **Groupe CEGER** 

Geneviève Jacob human resources specialist and entrepreneur, former **CECI** volunteer **Yolande James** former minister and RDI commentator

**Chantal Lamarre** actress France-Isabelle Langlois director of communications and development for CECI **Dominique Lemieux** 

artist agent and producer at Dominique gestion artistique Inc. Magalie Lépine-**Blondeau** 

actress and host Rosemonde Mandeville

president and chief scientific advisor at Biophage pharma

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communications **Nathalie Pelletier** director

**Fannie Perron** executive director and senior partner at

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Véronick Raymond artist and broadcaster, CECI member

**Danielle Sauvage** cultural manager and corporate director, vice-chair of CECI's board of directors

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COOPERATIVE DEVEL OPMENT FOUNDATION OF CANADA

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- . MD FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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#### \$2,000 TO \$4,999

- . BÉGIN. Gisèle
- . LAMY, Étienne
- PÉLADEAU, Pierre Karl, député de Saint-Jérôme
- PETILLON, Yves
- RICHARD, Josette
- . THIBODEAU, Normand
- . VINCELETTE, Jean

#### \$1,000 TO \$1,999

- BARRETTE, Vincent
- BERGERON, Stéphane
- BOUCHARD, Monique
- BOUDISSA, Ismaël
- **BOURGAULT**, Luce
- BOURQUE, Danielle
- BROWN, Susan
- BUSSIÈRES, Michelle
- DALPÉ, Éloïse
- DUMOUCHEL, Suzanne
- GUIDICELLI, Carine
- . LAFRENIÈRE. François
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- . POULIOT, Colette
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- . ASSARAF, Isaac
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- . MARCHAND, Aline
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- . ZIMMERMANN, Robert Carl

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- . ANTONYK, Jerry Roman
- . BLACK, Claudia
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- . DESLONGCHAMPS, Mario
- . FEHMIU, Myriam
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Since CECI was founded in 1958, religious communities have provided unwavering support to our mission. This year, once again, their generosity and solidarity was deeply felt by the world's poorest populations. CECI joins these women, men and children in Africa, Asia, the Americas and the Caribbean in saying thank you! In 2015–2016, religious communities provided financial support to CECI to the tune of more than \$1,000,000 through various initiatives:

- ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN
- TRANSITION FUND
- **EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN NEPAL**
- JUSTICE / PREVENTION /
- **RECONCILIATION PROJECT IN MALI**
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#### THANK YOU TO ALL THE COMMUNITIES THAT SUPPORT US!

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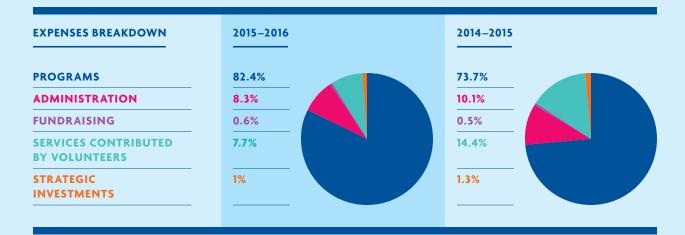
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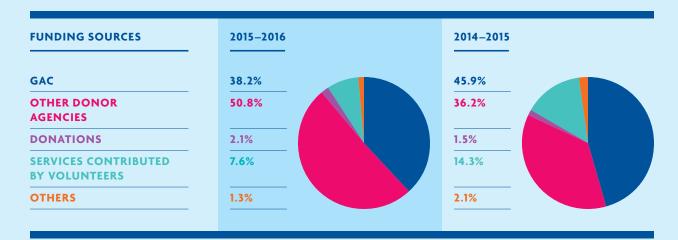
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# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2016	2016	2015
REVENUE		
Global Affairs Canada – Partnership	\$7,204,266	\$6,919,582
Global Affairs Canada – Bilateral and other	8,790,338	6,712,854
Other funding organizations	21,273,780	10,750,024
Donations	862,478	431,282
Donations in kind	9,753	_
Contributed services by volunteers	3,192,284	4,241,173
Other revenue	535,982	648,239
	41,868,881	29,703,154
EXPENSES		
Programs	34,222,976	21,692,357
Program development	393,468	423,700
Administration	2,814,566	2,249,721
Fundraising activities	248,252	146,820
Interest on long-term debt	76,450	87,478
Amortization of tangible assets	161,726	198,356
Amortization of intangible assets	13,030	13,391
Contributed services by volunteers	3,192,284	4,241,173
	41,122,752	29,052,996
Excess of revenue over expenses before the following	746,129	650,158
Strategic investments	(398,396)	(396,290)
Excess of revenue over expenses before gain on insurance claim	347,733	253,868
Gain on insurance claim	627,651	_
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$975,384	\$253,868



# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2016	INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS	RESTRICTED FOR ENDOWMENT PURPOSES	UNRESTRICTED	TOTAL
BALANCE, APRIL 1, 2014	\$1,794,080	\$648,207	\$3,126,953	\$5,569,240
Results of the year Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses before				
strategic investments	(208,571)(1)	_	858,729	650,158
Strategic investments		_	(396,290)	(396,290)
Acquisition of capital assets	124,663	_	(124,663)	
Reimbursement of long-term debt	194,672	_	(194,672)	_
Donation received and restricted for endowment purposes	_	90,720	` _	90,720
Exchange gain on net assets restricted		100 704		100 704
for endowment purposes	_	100,784	_	100,784
BALANCE, MARCH 31, 2015	\$1,904,844	\$839,711	\$3,270,057	\$6,014,612
Results of the year				
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over				
expenses before the following	(186,488)(2)	_	932,617	746,129
Gain on insurance claim	627,651	_	_	627,651
Strategic investments	_	_	(398,396)	(398,396)
Acquisition of capital assets	121,982	_	(121,982)	
Insurance proceeds	(1,397,024)	_	1,397,024	_
Reimbursement of long-term debt	203,267	_	(203,267)	_
Donation received and restricted for endowment purposes	_	53,000		53,000
Exchange loss on net assets restricted				
for endowment purposes	_	(9,997)	_	(9,997)
BALANCE, MARCH 31, 2016	\$1,274,232	\$882,714	\$4,876,053	\$7,032,999

<sup>(1)</sup> Including amortization of tangible and intangible assets of \$211,747, less amortization of deferred contributions related to capital assets of \$3,176. (2) Including amortization of tangible and intangible assets of \$174,756 and loss on disposal of tangible assets of \$12,658, less amortization of deferred contributions related to capital assets of \$926.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT MARCH 31, 2016	2016	2015
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS Cash Accounts receivable Advances to partners Prepaid expenses	\$16,985,637 2,058,168 495,448 568,752	\$9,129,468 2,633,043 534,355 159,845
	20,108,005	12,456,711
Cash in trust Term deposit in trust Loans and interest receivable Tangible assets Intangible assets	203,657 164,100 362,852 2,632,031	86,965 162,170 491,471 3,453,806 13,030
	\$23,470,645	\$16,664,153
LIABILITIES CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Government remittances Deferred insurance proceeds Deferred contributions Current portion of long-term debt	3,175,296 27,117 105,525 11,771,909 649,884	3,334,251 12,031 — 5,741,267 306,715
	15,729,731	9,394,264
Deferred contributions related to capital assets Long-term debt	85,210 622,705	86,136 1,169,141
	16,437,646	10,649,541
NET ASSETS Invested in capital assets Restricted for endowment purposes Unrestricted	1,274,232 882,714 4,876,053	1,904,844 839,711 3,270,057
	7,032,999	6,014,612
	\$23,470,645	\$16,664,153

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2016	2016	2015
OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Excess of revenue over expenses  Adjustments for:	\$975,384	\$253,868
Amortization of tangible and intangible assets Amortization of deferred contributions related to capital assets Loss on disposal of tangible assets Gain on insurance claim Foreign exchange loss (gain) on cash held in foreign currency	174,756 (926) 12,658 (627,651) 389,271	211,747 (3,176) — — (472,553)
	923,492	(10,114)
Insurance proceeds Changes in non-cash operating working capital items	1,502,549 6,091,648	(1,531,983)
	8,517,689	(1,542,097)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES  Donation received and restricted for endowment purposes  Reimbursement of long-term debt	53,000 (203,267)	90,720 (194,672)
	(150,267)	(103,952)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Acquisition of tangible and intangible assets	(121,982)	(124,663)
Foreign exchange (loss) gain on cash held in foreign currency	(389,271)	472,553
Increase (decrease) in cash Cash, beginning of year	7,856,169 9,129,468	(1,298,159) 10,427,627
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$16,985,637	\$9,129,468

# CECI MEMBERS AT THE HEART OF A CHANGING STRUCTURE

In 2015–2016, CECI's corporate body played an important role in implementing our organization's goal to restructure our governance and membership to better reflect our roots and ties to civil societies, both in Quebec/Canada and in the countries where we operate.

On October 31, 2015, CECI held its Annual General Meeting, a dynamic, energy-packed event attended by more than 100 people. We welcomed 13 new associate members to the corporation, in addition to representatives from two new advisory committees created in Haiti and Nepal to implement our 2014–2019 strategic plan targeting autonomy of our country teams. Haitian delegate Paul Duret and Nepalese delegate Rajendra Prasad Adhikari cast their first votes as representatives from countries where CECI operates.

This year, CECI's members were involved in outreach, fundraising and committee activities. We deeply appreciate their expertise, wisdom and the time they shared with us!



Members of the board of directors

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- . Chantier de l'économie sociale
- . Food Sovereignty Coalition
- . Collectif autonome des carrefours jeunesse emploi du Québec
- . Équiterre
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- . African Business Network (REPAF)

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# CECI'S PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

# VOLUNTEER COOPERATION PROGRAMS

Volunteer Cooperation Program in Support of Governance, Education and Economic Development in Haiti (Phase 2)

Uniterra volunteer cooperation program: Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Guatemala, Ghana, Haiti, Malawi, Mali, Mongolia, Nepal, Peru, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Vietnam

### DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

#### **AMERICAS**

#### Bolivia

Improving milk production in the 14 communities of the Viacha municipality in La Paz

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Children

Sustainable development of organic quinoa production in Los Lípez, as a local driver of development

#### Guatemala

Organization, diversification and commercialization of smallscale producers in Mayan communities in Guatemala

Rural Business Development Program in Guatemala

Strengthening the local solid waste management systems in the Lake Atitlan Basin

#### Haïti

Strengthening the resilience of communities and their livelihoods by supporting improved production and commercialization of crops resistant to climate change

Electoral observation mission in Haiti

Project to support the Magalie shelter to improve life for women and combat violence against women

Tourism Support Project in Haiti's Nord Department

Technical assistance in the design and management of construction projects

Participative Urban Development Project – 2

Project to rebuild disadvantaged neighbourhoods

Risk and Natural Disaster Management Project

Promoting the adoption of improved, sustainable agriculture technology

Enhancing community resilience to the hurricane season

Economic strengthening and improving livelihoods for young women and men in Carrefour Feuilles

#### **AFRICA**

#### **Burkina Faso**

Women Rice Parboilers Project

#### **African Great Lakes**

Project to Combat Violence against Girls and Women in the Great Lakes Region (Burundi, DRC, Rwanda)

#### Guinea

Support for the project extending operations of the Compagnie de bauxite de Guinée

Project to repair and build latrines and wells in Boké

Project to strengthen local government capacities, develop economic microprojects and prevent malaria in the rural commune of Kamsar – 3

#### Mali

Justice, prevention and reconciliation for women, minors and other people affected by the crisis

Project to improve the health of women and newborns in the Kayes area

Program for competition and diversification in agriculture

Project to support food security

Project to improve the decentralized health care system

#### Senegal

Project supporting the rice industry to improve food security

Promoting an additional law for equality between women and men in the 12 countries of West Africa

#### **ASIA**

#### Nepal

Australian Volunteers in Nepal Management Project

Study on the traceability of public expenses

Good governance and social responsibility project

Skill development project

#### Philippines

Sustainable economic growth for women and men affected by typhoon Haiyan

#### HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

#### **AFRICA**

#### Guinea

Response to the Ebola epidemic in west Guinea

Response to the Ebola epidemic in the Boké and Boffa prefectures

#### Mali

Support for building resilience and restoring food security for vulnerable people in the region of Tombouctou

#### Senegal

Strengthening resilience and restoring food security for vulnerable women and men in the northern regions of Matam and Podor

Emergency food assistance and strengthening the ability of vulnerable people to adapt in the department of Kanel in Matam

Project to improve the food and nutritional situation of impoverished households during the lean season in the department of Ranérou-Ferlo in Matam

Project to improve the food and nutritional situation of impoverished households during the lean season in the commune of Ouro Sidy in Matam

#### ASIA

#### Nepal

Emergency relief following the earthquake

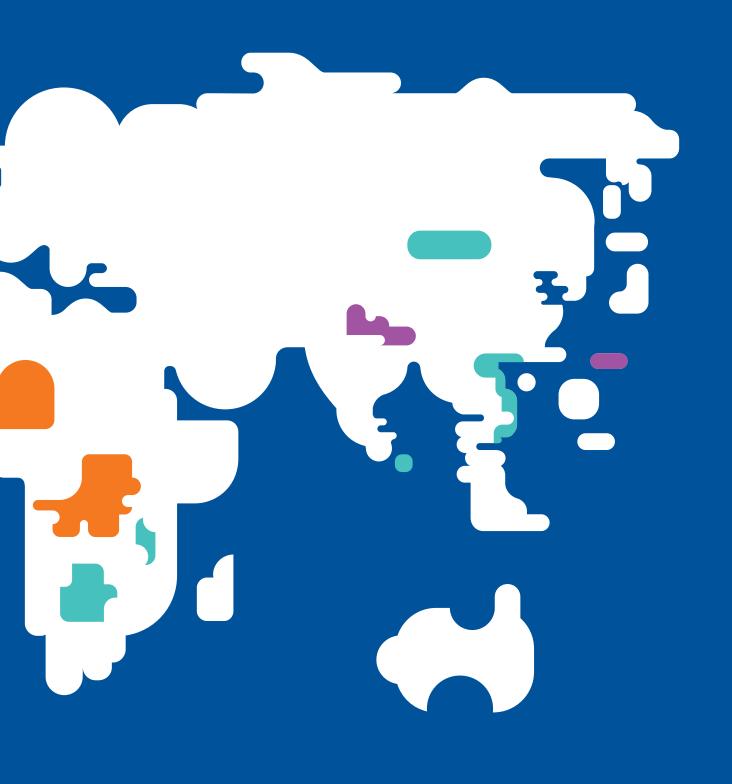
#### **Philippines**

Emergency assistance, shelter construction and restoration of livelihoods for the victims of Typhoon Hagupit in the Eastern Samar region









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