

Shifting Frameworks

Manitoba Council for International Cooperation



THE MANITOBA COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (MCIC)

is a coalition of over 40 organizations involved in international development. An independent non-profit organization, MCIC is responsible for distributing Government of Manitoba funds designated for international development and emergency relief and rehabilitation. MCIC also works within Manitoba to build understanding and engagement on international issues.

OUR VISION:

Manitobans — Working Together as Global Citizens.

OUR MISSION:

The Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC) is a coalition of organizations involved in international development who are committed to:

Respect, empowerment and self-determination for all peoples;

Development that protects the world's environment; and

Global understanding, cooperation and social justice.

MCIC's mission as a coordinating structure is to promote public awareness of international issues, to foster member interaction, and to administer funds for international development.

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Message from

MCIC President and Executive Director

his is a pivotal year in the international development sector and for MCIC. Progress has been made on a number of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) but there is still much work to be done to make this a better world for all. MCIC signed a five-year funding agreement with Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada, which enables us to continue to engage Manitobans on important global issues, and how our local actions impact others around the world.

Last year our members raised an impressive \$31.2 million in Manitoba to support their international development and relief work. Thanks to the Government of Manitoba MCIC was able to distribute \$1,260,000 to 54 international development and relief projects in 29 countries which included special R&R funding for our members to respond to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

MCIC was pleased that Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada released its International Development and Humanitarian Assistance Civil Society Partnership Policy this year after receiving input from Canadians. MCIC, as part of the Inter-Council Network and Canadian Council for International Cooperation, made submissions and we appreciated that many of our suggestions were included in the policy.

We realize that in 2015 we can do better. and we will do better, to help support vital social justice issues globally; the Canadian public strongly agrees. A national poll, undertaken in February 2015 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and released by the Inter-Council Network and Engineers Without Borders, affirms what most of us in the international development community already believe - Canadians care about global poverty and they want our Government to be a leader in reducing it. 94% of Canadians say it is important to

improve health, education and economic opportunity for the world's poorest.

We have many new talented staff, very engaged Board Members as well as dedicated volunteers and community partners, who along with financial support from our members, and provincial and federal governments, allow us to support our members and do innovative programming. Our social media channels have doubled in the past year, and we have 3 newly designed e-newsletters, leading to more public engagement and a great platform to share our members' events and announcements. MCIC's Fair Trade Manitoba program continued to reach and exceed its goals, and this year became a part of a multi-sectoral group of community leaders working towards Winnipeg becoming designated as a Fair Trade City. Our Generating Momentum youth conferences theme this year was Justice in a Changing Climate, which engaged youth from across the province on the impact of climate change.

MCIC's membership grew this year with the additions of Make Music Matter, and War Child Canada; we look forward to working with these organizations.

2015 marks a year of shifting frameworks as we move from the MDGs to the Sustainable Development Goals, which are universal goals that include all countries and not just the Global South. Twenty years after it was adopted, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action on Women's Rights will be reviewed and governments will be called upon to recommit to its full implementation. World leaders will forge a universal, legally-binding climate deal in December. This is a crucial year for our global community. There is still much work to be done, we can do better and we must do better! We look forward to doing our part in the coming year.



Lyn Stienstra, President



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Connecting Manitobans to Global Issues

Every year, MCIC connects thousands of Manitobans across the province to global issues. Through training sessions, Generating Momentum conferences, the Global Justice Film Festival, school workshops, fair trade events and our presence at public events, MCIC connected with 15,971 Manitobans in 31 communities this year. Thousands more are reached by follow-up events organized by students who have attended our Generating Momentum conferences and school workshops. By sharing their knowledge and passion for global issues with their communities, these students perpetuate global citizenship by being leaders for positive change.

Birtle Erickson Onanole
Shoal Lake Strathclair Minnedosa*
Niverville Ste. Anne New Bothwell
Steinbach* Landmark Portage la Prairie*
Oakville Oakbank Selkirk Fisher Branch
Gimli Morris Stonewall Arborg
East Selkirk Brandon Winnipeg* Whitemouth
The Pas Warren Ericksdale West St. Paul
East St. Paul Teulon Ile-des-Chênes

TOWNS MARKED WITH A *
HOSTED GENERATING MOMENTUM CONFERENCES





This year, a multi-sectoral group of community leaders began to meet to work towards Winnipeg becoming designated as a Fair Trade City. There are currently twenty-one in Canada, including Toronto, **Edmonton and Vancouver** (Gimli and Brandon in Manitoba). A very successful launch of the Fair Trade Winnipeg initiative took place in October at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

For more information visit www.FairTradeWinnipeg.ca

Fair Trade Manitoba



'CIC's Fair Trade Manitoba (FTM) program continued to reach and exceed its goals during the 2014-15 fiscal year. Manitoba is well known across Canada for its activism on fair trade.

We held our annual Fair Trade Challenge from Valentine's Day onward for thirty days. Highlights included a display and coffee event at the Grace Café, attached to Winnipeg City Hall and Fair Trade Certified wine tastings in Winnipeg and Gimli, co-hosted by Manitoba Liquor Marts. All of these events attracted invited guests including Winnipeg and Gimli city and municipal councilors, community leaders, NGO representatives and fair trade activists. During the Challenge and throughout the year, MCIC/FTM has delivered numerous presentations and displays on fair trade.

We have continued to work with institutions and businesses, assisting in developing policy and taking action on fair trade procurement; we're happy to say the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR) Boutique and ERA Bistro, now offers fair trade gifts and food/beverages. Evergreen School Division (Gimli, Riverton, Winnipeg Beach and Arborg) has passed a strong fair trade and local procurement document as part of their Board Policy for Sustainable Development. The City of Brandon, and its Fair Trade Committee Chair, Mireille Saurette, received national awards from Fairtrade Canada this year for becoming a Fair Trade Town. MCIC worked closely with Brandon's mayor and Fair Trade Committee in achieving this status.

The upcoming year of programming looks like an ambitious one for us. Winnipeg has won the bid to host the 4th National Fair

Trade Conference, from February 18-20, 2016. This will attract hundreds of people, nationally and abroad. Every effort will be made to involve Manitobans in this exciting event. Our FTM Coordinator Zack Gross continues on as Board President of the Canadian Fair Trade Network.

MCIC is happy to announce that we are in the early stages of organizing a Fair Trade Tour to Peru, which will take a select group of attendees on a ten day tour of Fair Trade Certified co-operatives producing coffee, bananas, sugar and more. Our thanks to the many groups and individuals who are participating in these efforts and making a difference!



"...it was very interactive, had lots of different activities and was always interesting."

- Middle Years Student, Winnipeg

"Perfect! Summed up the process of global warming to ensure understanding. It was so interactive! The kids will remember."

– Teacher, Portage

"I learned that people who already live in poverty are the most affected by climate change."

- Student, Winnipeg

Generating Momentum:

Justice in a Changing Climate



MCIC is honoured

to have received one of the Canadian Council for **International Co-operation** (CCIC) 2015 Civil Society **Innovation Award for our** Generating Momentum: Justice in a Changing Climate Conferences!

nce again, MCIC spent the year working with energetic and passionate youth across the province. Youth are a major focus of MCIC's public engagement work and our programs seek to raise awareness around global issues and create change through student action. We strive to empower young people to be active global citizens, take action in their communities, and do their part in making a positive difference in our world.

A major part of MCIC's youth engagement work is focused on our Generating Momentum conferences. This year we hosted four Generating Momentum conferences for middle years students, and one conference for high school students. Many of the students from the high school conference returned as volunteers to assist in running our middle years conferences in Steinbach and Winnipeg. Through our Generating Momentum



conferences, we were able to reach 249 youth in grades 5 through 12, in Winnipeg, Portage La Prairie, Steinbach, and Minnedosa; they included participation from 32 schools representing 12 divisions and 4 private schools.

This year's conference focused on how climate change is affecting people around the world and provided interactive activities that helped students learn about the negative effects of climate change, and what Manitobans can do to reduce their impact on the environment. Students learned leadership skills to assist them in taking action once they returned to their schools. Following the conference, these student activities were projected to reach more than 3.064 additional Manitobans.

Responsive Programming

CIC offers responsive programming for students, teachers, community groups, and institutions both inside and outside the formal education system. This year, MCIC was able to facilitate 68 workshops at 31 different schools in southern Manitoba. These workshops reached 2,223 students and included presentations on fair trade, child labour, global poverty, sustainability, access to water, and consumer culture. We also lent out our ethical fashion show twice, allowing for schools to create their own "do-it-yourself" event on fair trade and ethical consumerism.





Global Citizenship



his year MCIC was pleased to honour three graduating students with the Global Citizenship Award, and two students with honourable mentions. These students have done significant work to improve the world around them. They worked passionately on a number of issues, including sustainability, education, poverty, community development, and social justice.

MCIC also celebrated the work of three outstanding educators this year. These passionate individuals were nominated by their peers as people who inspire and support global citizenship in their students, colleagues, and communities. Awards were given to two middle school teachers who, together, lead their school's humanitarian club, and to one high school teacher who has done an exceptional job of promoting global justice. Congratulations to all of our award winners!

Top Left, L-R (Students):

Zaina Bird, Vincent Massey High School, Brandon Lisa Huang, Sisler High School, Winnipeg (Second to right) **Devon Liscum**, Westwood Collegiate, Winnipeg (Far right)

Student Honourable Mentions

Nicole Gomes, West Kildonan Collegiate, Winnipeg, (Not pictured) Svetlana Ponsin-Lacroix, Collège Jeanne-Sauvé, Winnipeg (Second to left)

Top Right, L-R (Educators):

Sheila Stark-Perreault and Deborah Flett, East Selkirk Middle School, East Selkirk Larry Paetkau, Collège Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau, Winnipeg (Middle)



re Are Making A Difference was the theme for International Development Week (IDW) 2015. MCIC produced five video profiles of Manitobans who are contributing their time and effort in the areas of international development and social justice issues to make a difference in our world.

The videos feature:

Dr. Maryanne Crockett and Dr. Lisa Avery of the Centre for Global Public Health, University of Manitoba, discussing the importance of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) for mothers, babies, families, and communities.

Janet Jamieson, Research Chair at Red River College discussing the Science of Early Child Development, an extraordinary international living textbook tool.

Garth Tohms, a Canadian Red Cross aid worker who was deployed as a technician to

work at the Red Cross Ebola Treatment Centre in Kenema, Sierra Leone.

Bill Pratt, Executive Director of iDE Canada, talking about health, safety, dignity and what it means to families to have access to clean, private places to go to the bathroom.

Darcy Ataman, CEO of Make Music Matter discussing how music is making a difference by helping address the most divisive issues facing countries deeply scarred by conflict.

In addition, four talented high school students from around Manitoba created a spoken word piece titled "When the Child is Healthy, the Mother is Happy" about one of today's leading topics in international development - Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH). Available to watch on YouTube, it was performed live at the public launch of IDW 2015 in Manitoba, at the Manitoba Legislative

Building on Tuesday, February 3 along with a Pecha Kucha, a dance performance inspired by agricultural development, and displays from member agencies.

A number of other events were organized by MCIC and its members to mark the week, including a Lunch and Learn session featuring two of MCIC member organizations: Osu Children's Library Fund and Canadian Women for Womenbin Afghanistan. Frequent updates on MCIC's Facebook and Twitter kept Manitobans up-to-date with all the IDW 2015 news and events, linking them to video profiles, the spoken word video, and offering viewers the chance to win Fair Trade chocolate for a year.

A fifteen-second advertisement played on a large LED screen in Winnipeg at Portage and Main every two minutes for the duration of IDW, reaching thousands of Manitobans daily.

Capacity **Building**

CIC continues to work to offer opportunities for our members to network and learn from each other, as well as formal capacity building.

In the past fiscal year, MCIC staff held eight public engagement workshops reaching 76 participants (26M / 50F). We've hosted two orientation sessions for potential applicants to our Community Solidarity Fund and have been pleased to consult one-onone with various groups to answer their questions and offer our advice. We held a very successful session on monitoring and evaluation that attracted a large audience. Our Lunch & Learn sessions were a great opportunity for staff, member organizations and interested members of the public to learn more about projects MCIC helps fund, and issues in international development.





Inter-Council Network

he Inter-Council Network (ICN) is a coalition of the eight Provincial and Regional Councils for International Cooperation, the newest addition being the Northern Council for Global Cooperation. The ICN, currently hosted by the British Columbia Council for International Cooperation, provides a national forum in which the Councils collaborate for improved effectiveness and identify common priorities for collective action.

During the summer, the ICN prepared a submission on Foreign Affairs Trade and Development Canada's Draft Civil Society Partnership Policy. The Councils were invited to a Roundtable with Minister Paradis to discuss the issue at the end of July. DFATD released its International Development and Humanitarian Assistance Civil Society Partnership Policy during International Development Week. We were very pleased to see many of our suggestions were included in the final policy. During our meeting with the Minister he asked us for suggestions on how to create an enabling environment to support small and medium CSOs. We have continued to discuss this issue and have submitted a proposal to address funding for these organizations.

ICN organized two webinars, the first on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and another on the Ebola crisis in West Africa.

The ICN worked with Engineers without Borders in releasing and disseminating a national public opinion poll, undertaken in February 2015 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, on Canadians Perspectives on International Development. The full report was released on April 20, 2015 and is available on www.mcic.ca in French and English.

Global Justice Film Festival



he 2014 Global Justice Film Festival (GJFF) was a big success, with over 400 people in attendance on November 7 and 8. It was the 12th year of the GJFF, held over a weekend at the University of Winnipeg, where we showed 24 films in 4 theatres and invited relevant speakers to lead discussions before or after each film.

MCIC works with a number of organizations and individuals who support a vision for a better world, using the festival to engage people through film and discussion about social justice issues.

For a full list of those involved, and more information on the upcoming 2015 Global Justice Film Festival, please visit GlobalJusticeFilmFestival.ca.

Manitoba Government **Matching Grant Program**

(MGMGP)

he MGMGP, established in 1975 by the Government of Manitoba, funds international development projects delivered by Manitoba organizations and their overseas partners. In difficult economic times and with uncertainty in funding from other sources, MCIC member organizations appreciate Manitoba's support of their work. This past fiscal year, MCIC distributed \$1,260,000 to 54 international development and relief projects in 29 countries.

As Manitobans, we realize with gratitude that our province is one of the few that contributes annual funds for this purpose. Successful applications are selected through a peer review process carried out by committees made up of representatives from MCIC member organizations and the international development community. MGMGP grants are distributed in four funding areas: Development Fund, Theme Fund, Community Solidarity Fund, and Relief and Rehabilitation Fund.

This year, MGMGP base funding continued to be \$1 million. The Government of Manitoba contributed an additional \$250,000 for Relief and Rehabilitation (R & R) in response to the Ebola crisis in West Africa. At a time when emergency assistance was sorely needed, the Government of Manitoba was quick to answer the call to action. Our regular R & R Fund of \$100,000 supported five other projects around the globe, providing access to clean

water and sanitation, food security and other post-disaster emergency initiatives.

Our largest funding window is the Development Fund where we supported our member organizations through their allocations, in 28 long-term development projects. Most Development Fund projects supported by MCIC are multi-year efforts. The Community Solidarity Fund is allocated up to \$50,000 and in 2014-15 supported ten projects submitted by Manitoba non-member groups at \$5,000 per project.

Our Theme Fund focused on Supporting the Most Marginalized in the Global South: People with Disabilities, the Elderly & Child-Headed Households, funding seven projects. The theme was recommended by our Overseas Projects Committee and approved by the MCIC Board of Directors. This year is the first of two fiscal years in which this theme will be applied. One of our member organizations returned \$10,000 from an incomplete project, which MCIC had funded in fiscal year 2013-14. The funds were redistributed into the Theme Fund.

MCIC is committed to working with our members and other local groups, to help meet their international development project's program goals. In the past fiscal year, MCIC Staff have held four orientations sessions for potential applicants to our Community Solidarity Fund and have been

pleased to consult one-on-one with various groups to answer their questions and offer our advice.

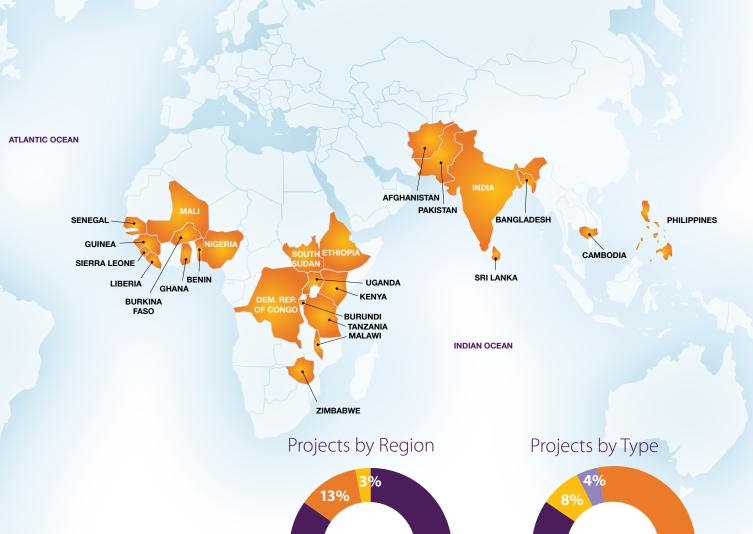
MCIC is grateful to the NGO community in Manitoba and its many dedicated and passionate staff and volunteers, who are working to support their organizations and partners overseas. A huge contribution of time and effort is made by our Overseas Projects, Relief & Rehabilitation, and Community Solidarity Fund Committees, in order to review, discuss and ultimately recommend to the Board the approval of project submissions, as well as revising our documents and process, to reflect updated thinking on development issues.



These are our Development Principles (based on the Istanbul Principles):

- rights and justice
- 2. Embody gender equality women and girls' rights
- 3. Focus on people's empowerment, democratic ownership and participation
- 4. Promote Environmental Sustainability
- 5. Practice transparency and accountability
- 6. Pursue equitable partnerships and solidarity
- 7. Create and share knowledge and commit to mutual
- sustainable change

Manitobans are generous! Last year our members raised over \$31 million to support international development and relief work.



DEVELOPMENT **FUND**

MCIC defines development as a long-term process promoting community involvement in designing strategies to correct and improve chronic and structural problems in all areas of individual and community life. The majority of the MGMGP funds are used for this purpose. MCIC supports development projects that include our Development Principles.

84% Africa: \$1,063,983 | 84% Asia: \$159,467 | 13% The Americas: Total: \$1,260,000 | 100%

Development Funds: \$755,284 | 60% **Relief and Rehabilitation Funds:** 28% \$350,000 |

60%

Theme Funds: Community Solidarity Funds: \$50,000 **Total:** \$1,260,000 | 100%

Africa

Canadian Multicultural **Disability Center**

Zimbabwe | \$7,651

Building a Clinic in the Chirasauta Community

The project seeks to lead to reduced infant mortality and morbidity rates through the construction of a clinic in Chirasauta, an impoverished rural area in Zimbabwe. The clinic will have five structures, including a maternity ward to cater to the medical needs of the community.

Canada Hunger Foundation

Ethiopia | \$7,633

Market-Led Improved Livelihoods in **Eastern Amhara Region**

The project seeks to utilize a market-led approach to improve the livelihoods and food security for 8,000 smallholder farmer households (40,000 beneficiaries) in Eastern Amhara Region. MCIC funding will go towards the training of forty government specialists and development agents, and over 100 Cooperative members on business skills, marketing and agricultural business management.

Osu Children's Library Fund Ghana | \$7,821

28%

New Toilet for the Kathy Knowles Community Library

The project seeks to install two new water efficient toilets and plumbing fixtures to serve the many children and adults who frequent the Kathy Knowles Community Library in Accra, Ghana. The projected outcome is a good, clean toilet for library patrons and staff.



Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief

Ethiopia | \$9,690

Women -Led Community Food Security in Dibate

The project seeks to strengthen year round food security and nutritional status of 378 farming households. It plans to establish 7 Farmer Field Schools for 150 farmers to provide skills development and technical support on conservation practices. MCIC funding will contribute toward establishing 1 community tree nursery site in which using conservation agriculture will lead to improved soil and land rehabilitation; and the production of 150,000 indigenous and multipurpose tree seedlings.

Engineers without Borders Malawi | \$8,000

Sustainable WASH Service Delivery

The project seeks to provide professional development to twelve to twenty District Water and Environmental Health Officers through a one year Fellowship program, leading to better water, sanitation and hygiene services in their communities. Fellows are expected to commit to 252 people hours over the year using local resources and community-led ideas for service delivery innovation.

Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada

Ghana | \$22,436

Food Security through Co-operatives in Northern Ghana

The project goal is to increase sustainable, gender equitable food security for over 42,000 small holder farmers in 8 districts of Northern Ghana. It hopes to build the capacity of the farmers as members of agricultural co-operatives and credit unions by providing technical assistance, entrepreneurship training and microfinance products available only for women.

Mennonite Central **Committee**

Democratic Republic of the Congo | \$120,000

Food and Agricultural Assistance in Sasha and Mubimbi IDP Camps

The project seeks to provide food, seeds, tools and agricultural training to 3,084 people (514) families) living in Shasha (218 households) and Mubimbi (296 households) IDP camps in DRC chosen due to their comparable high levels of need. MCIC funds will be used toward the procurement of food essentials and capital goods.

CODE

Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali & Tanzania | \$7,573

Reading CODE

The project seeks to provide professional development to 800 teachers and librarians in Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali and Tanzania through a literacy and education training program. It aims to enable the teachers to use childcentered learning methodologies to reach over 300,000 students.

Presbyterian World Service & Development

Malawi | \$11,877

Building Sustainable Livelihoods in Malawi

The program seeks to equip 740 households in Southern and Northern Malawi with opportunities to build sustainable livelihoods through Self Help and Volunteer Care groups. MCIC funding will go towards continued support for implementing program activities such as vocational skills, education, savings/ financial management, awareness of maternal and child health services and WASH in Blantyre and Ekwendeni Districts.

Save the Children

Burkina Faso | \$19,402

Save the Children Lead the Way-**Exclusive Breastfeeding in Burkina Faso**

The project aims to reduce morbidity and mortality rates of children by promoting infant nutrition and increasing the rate of exclusive breastfeeding through education, training and advocacy activities targeting 18,000 women. It seeks to create a supportive socio-cultural environment by including family members and community members in awareness building through malnutrition screenings and home visit demonstrations.

Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Ethiopia | \$46,903

Hetosa Food Security & Market Linkages

The program seeks to alleviate food insecurity and increase incomes for 1,026 households in eight sub-districts of Hetosa District, Ethiopia by strengthening agricultural extension services, promoting small-scale irrigation agronomy, linking small scale farmers to local micro-finance institutions and enhancing the value chain participation of small scale farmers. MCIC funding will go toward program implementation activities such as training, equipment, contracted labor and local personnel.

Emmanuel **International Canada**

Malawi | \$7,647

Machinga & Zomba Districts Water & Sanitation Project

The projects seeks to provide clean water and improved sanitation to 80,000 beneficiaries in 92 communities in rural Malawi by drilling 8 boreholes, digging 24 shallow wells, rehabilitating 60 water points, constructing 3,576 improved sanitation facilities, training 92 communities in hygiene and forming 92 water point committees.

Mennonite Economic **Development Associates**

Uganda | \$30,000

Financial Inclusion through **Community Partnerships**

The project aims to promote savings mobilization by targeting 15,915 group members of informal rural savings groups through mobile channels to accessing formal banks. MCIC funding will go toward activities that strengthen the uptake of the product such as delivering mobile financial education curriculum.

Canadian Humanitarian

Ethiopia | \$7,876

Kids Hope, Ethiopia

The project aims to contribute to improved literacy rates for over 345 children and young adults through education support centers and trades-skills training in Ethiopia.

iDE Canada

Ethiopia | \$22,201

Innovation for Rural Prosperity

The project seeks to contribute to improved livelihoods for 21,000 households by empowering 7,000 local farmers through sustainable value chains for dry season farming, training for local entrepreneurs and creation of market linkages.

PLAN Canada

Liberia | \$120,000

Scaling up Malaria Prevention Control Interventions - Liberia

The program seeks to provide national coverage for increased access to and use of malaria control and prevention interventions in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of Liberia. Activities using MCIC funding include training for community health workers and traditionally trained midwives and community based media outreach encouraging behavioral change.

World Relief Canada

Burundi | \$14,469

Shigikirana Savings for Life

The project seeks to contribute to improved livelihoods for a target of 23,400 community group members through pooled resources for micro loans and income-generating activities. This will be achieved through organizing and training 1,300 community based village groups to accumulate savings. MCIC funding will support operating costs for training.

World Vision Canada

Mali, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Ghana | \$120,000

The Systems Approach to **Improve and Sustain Food Security**

The program seeks to improve the food security status of people living in rural West African communities through encouraging the adoption of gender-equitable sustainable agricultural methods.

UNICEF Canada

Tanzania | \$38,088

Pneumonia Treatment Initiative

The Project aims to reduce the number of under-five childhood deaths in 6 Districts of Tanzania by targeting interventions for pneumonia. The project will supply community health care centers and major health centers with training and medical equipment for treating and diagnosing severe cases of pneumonia. Approximately 32,000 children are expected to benefit from the project each year.



ASIA

ADRA Canada

Cambodia | \$7,510

Livelihoods for Life

The project seeks to train at-risk youth in communities of Kampong Thom Province on safe migration and anti-human trafficking through an awareness campaign. It aims to equip 1600 youth with decision making power and economic tools to alleviate their vulnerability to trafficking, as well as provide sustained income generation activities for vulnerable households through expanded vegetable farm business operations (forty-eight households), chicken farms (fifteen households) and fish farming (four households).

USC Canada

Bangladesh | \$22,704

Adolescent Livelihood Opportunities

The project seeks to support 9,977 (4,363 M/5,614 F) direct beneficiaries in income generation activities through ecological farming in Northern Bangladesh. It hopes to establish sixteen Adolescent Resource Centers serving fifty villages to facilitate seed bank management, technical assistance and intergenerational knowledge transfer.

HOPE International Development Agency

Philippines | \$12,604

Water Systems and Sustainable Agriculture for Indigenous Peoples Communities in Mindanao

The project seeks to promote the health and self-reliance of 250 families among 5 Indigenous Peoples communities in Mindanao, Philippines by providing sustainable clean water, with 150 of the most marginalized families benefiting from agricultural training leading to increased food security.

Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan

Afghanistan | \$6,679

Promoting Reading and Science Education in Kapisa, Afghanistan

The project seeks to provide eighteen schools in North-Eastern Afghanistan with the "School Library and Science Starter Kit". The main beneficiaries are secondary school teachers who will benefit from improved professional skills and teaching practices leading to a higher quality of instruction.

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

India | \$14,709

Facilitating Informed and Considered Refugee Return

The project seeks to assist a target of 65,593 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees living in refugee camps in Tamilnadu, India, in negotiating for favorable policies for refugee return and an informed and considered return to their homeland.

World Renew

Bangladesh | \$12,937

Improving Agriculture and Food Security in Kishoreganj District

The project seeks to improve food security among 1,500 marginal families in the Kishoreganj District of Bangladesh who possess less than half an acre of farmland, by teaching environmentally sound agricultural practices leading to increased crop yields.

CARIBBEAN

EMAS Canada

Haiti | \$23,485

El Shaddai Community Center

This is an educational construction project that seeks to contribute to the teaching of hurricane and earthquake resistant buildings and provides the local community with employment opportunities leading to an economic stimulus.

I ATIN AMFRICA

World University Services of Canada

Peru | \$17,324

Andean Regional Initiative

The project aims to improve the well-being of marginalized populations - particularly women and Indigenous peoples in the Huarmey Municipality of Peru by providing extensive training and capacity building to municipal authorities, civil society members and community leaders.

Inter Pares

Colombia | \$8,065

Enabling Local Ownership for Development

The project seeks to collaborate with Project Counselling Service (PCS) to strengthen its overall institutional effectiveness and its "Latinamericanization" process which advocates on behalf of the region's citizens, provides capacity building support to local counterparts and fosters mutual learning processes that enable knowledge sharing.

THEME FUND

The Theme Fund is intended to encourage MCIC member agencies to take a broader view of development projects by responding to current issues of international concern reflected in a bi-annual theme. The 2014-15 theme is Supporting the Most Marginalized in the Global South: People with Disabilities, the Elderly & Child-Headed Households.

Cuso International

Benin | \$20,000

St. Camille Tokan Care **Centre Women's Dormitory**

The Project seeks to build a full service care center including an out-patient clinic and 8 dormitories for a target of 2,400 people with mental disabilities.

HOPE International **Development Agency**

Sri Lanka | \$15,000

Sustainable Livelihoods for People with Disabilities - Sri Lanka

The project seeks to provide sustainable livelihoods and a dignified living for 34 people with disabilities (17 female/ 17 male) and their families in four communities of Nedunkerny, Sri Lanka. The project will provide agricultural training and capital for dairy farming.

World Renew Canada

Nigeria | \$18,000

Empowerment of People Living with Disabilities

The project seeks to improve the livelihoods of 180 polio survivors and other marginalized people with disabilities (60% Female / 40% Male) in north central Nigeria by providing mobile aids, enrollment support for school aged beneficiaries, vocational training, self help empowerment and advocacy for the rights of people living with disabilities.

Mennonite Central Committee

Zimbabwe | \$18,000

Nutrition, Education and Income Generation for Families with Disabled Children in Bulawayo

The project seeks to improve the well being of fifty children with disabilities by providing 590 family members with access to nutrition, education, livelihood development opportunities as well as start-up capital for income generating activities.

Save the Children Canada

Kenya | \$14,916

Supporting Orphaned & **Vulnerable Children**

The Project seeks to increase protection for over 26,000 orphaned and vulnerable children with an even gender split, from HIV/ AIDS. Project activities include psycho-social support for 1,100 children, income generation activities for 120 child-headed households, sensitization on HIV prevention and training of community members, caregivers, local NGOs and communities on child rights and child protection.

iDE Canada

Ghana | \$6,800

Improved Income for **Families with Disabilities**

The project seeks to lead to improved incomes for forty farmers with disabilities, including blindness by providing them with accessible capital to erect fencing around their community gardens/fields.

Marquis Project

Tanzania | \$12,000

Increasing Capacity for Young Parents through Community Economic Development

The project seeks to partner with local partner (TSAEE) to improve the economic situation of 180 single teenage and youth parents in 6 villages by increasing local capacity through micro enterprise training, identification of tangible goals and the dissemination of improved cook stove technology use.

COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY FUND

The goal of the Community Solidarity Fund is to make MGMGP funding available to Manitoba not-for-profit, community-based and charitable groups involved in development projects overseas. The fund is available to nonmembers and affiliate members of MCIC.

Manitoba Horticultural Association (MHA)

Tanzania | \$5,000

Improving Small Holder Farmer's Participation in the Tomato Value Chain

MHA is supporting the Tanzania Society of Agricultural Education and Extension to train fifty small holder farmers on improving agricultural practices and facilitating development activities for youth and women's groups.

University of Manitoba -The Alternative Village

Honduras | \$5,000

Students for Sustainability

This project is a partnership between the University of Manitoba, World Vision Honduras and a community outside of Gracias, Honduras to construct a dining area and kitchen in an elementary school using recyclable PET plastic roofing panels, rainwater harvesting and a filtration system developed through graduate level research at University of Manitoba.

Osamipe

Democratic Republic of the Congo | \$5,000

Construction of a Health Care Centre

This project seeks to contribute to providing improved access to basic health care services for 9,000 inhabitants of Nyalukungu village by constructing a maternity ward in Shabunda, DRC. MCIC funds will be used to procure building material.

The Lighthouse Church / **Score Against Poverty**

Zimbabwe | \$5,000

Food Security through Conservation Agriculture

This project aims to improve food security for fifteen villages in Mwenezi District of Zimbabwe through conservation agriculture.

University of Winnipeg -**Faculty of Education**

South Sudan | \$5,000

Peace-Building and **Counseling Skills in South Sudan**

The project aims to provide teacher training on peace-building and counselling skills in South Sudan. MCIC funding will enable partners from the University of Juba, UNICEF South Sudan and the University of Winnipeg in developing teacher training to better prepare teachers to meet the needs of children living in post-conflict situations.

Winnipeg Rotary Club Community Service Fund

South Sudan | \$5,000

Ziam-Ziam/ Panpoil Community **Fishing Project**

The project aims to provide food aid and a long term economic development opportunity to a conflict ravaged community of 3,000 people (637 households) in South Sudan. Hooks and nets will be provided to increase fishing for consumption and barter trade.

Bridges of Hope International Benin | \$5,000

Library Project for Elementary School

A library project that seeks to improve the literacy rate and computer skills for two hundred students in Ecole les Leaders in Allada, Republic of Benin.

St. Paul's College

India | \$5,000

Taking Teacher Training to the Villages

The project is a partnership with the Loreto Day School Sealdah to provide teacher training to a thousand teachers in remote villages of West Bengal, India that is specifically tailored to their surrounding environment.

All Nations International Development Agency

Ghana | \$5,000

Women's School of Esthetics

This project aims to contribute toward improved livelihoods and economic empowerment for up to 45 women in Koforidua, Ghana by providing practical training in marketable skills.

Accountable Development Works / Humankind International

Kenya | \$5,000

HumanKind Academy

The organization has constructed, equipped and staffed a school in the camp with 71 children currently enrolled. This project aims to increase access to early childhood education for 79 additional children in the Dadaab Refugee Camp.

RELIEF AND REHABILITATION FUND

The primary purpose of the Relief and Rehabilitation Fund is to bridge the gap between the effects of a disaster and the continuation of long-term development. Projects funded under this category are often part of larger international relief efforts. In these cases, MCIC seeks to direct funding to specific components that are part of a wider effort. This helps ensure direct impact and visibility of the support provided by Manitobans.

Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Ethiopia | \$30,000

Provision of Potable Water for South Sudanese Refugees in Tierkidi Refugee Camp

The project is a collaboration with Lutheran World Federation - Ethiopia to increase access to potable water for approximately 12,000 South Sudanese refugees (3,167 households) through the construction of 3 shaded water yards for two identified schools, and connecting them to the permanent water system in Tierkidi Refugee Camp.

HOPE International Development Agency

South Sudan | \$25,000

Emergency Food and Agricultural Support

This project aims to help 300 families access short-term food relief and the means to plant crops in the aftermath of widespread food insecurity caused by conflict and consecutive bad harvests.

HOPE International **Development Agency**

Pakistan | \$20,000

Agriculture Rehabilitation Support

This project seeks to contribute toward the rehabilitation of farmlands for 350 of the worst affected households (1,011 Male/ 1,056 Female / 464 Children) in the aftermath of flooding. It will provide land leveling support and seed distribution through the establishment of thirty Community Action Groups (CAGs).

HOPE International Development Agency

Pakistan | \$5,000

Emergency Food Support

The project will directly contribute toward improved food security for 150 families in the aftermath of widespread flooding in Pakistan. It will provide the families with WHO approved nutritional food rations for one month and establish four Village Flood Response Committees.

Emmanuel International Canada Philippines | \$20,000

Moving Forward after Typhoon Haiyan: **Improved Access to Clean Water**

The project is a rehabilitation intervention seeking to drill new sealed water wells and provide well maintenance, leading to access to clean water and reduction of water borne or related diseases. It will assist 1,000 families transitioning into new homes from evacuation centers.

IN RESPONSE TO THE EBOLA OUTBREAK IN WEST AFRICA

World Renew Canada

Liberia | \$67,500

Liberia Ebola Response

This project is in collaboration with faithbased medical facilities under Christian Health Association of Liberia (CHAL) to provide medicines and medical supplies against Ebola for affected and at-risk clients. The project aims to assist 75,000 residents from 45 CHAL member institutions / catchment communities.

UNICEF Canada

Supporting the Needs of Women and Children Affected by the Ebola Crisis in **West Africa**

Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea | \$70,000 The project seeks to support UNICEF's efforts to stop, treat and respond to the Ebola outbreak by providing medical and essential supplies and training, implementing social mobilization activities, ensuring access to essential services (including health, nutrition, water and sanitation) and reinforcing prevention and preparedness activities in atrisk West African countries.

World Relief Canada **Ebola Awareness and Sensitization**

Liberia | \$57,500

The project is a partnership with the Association of Evangelicals of Liberia (AEL). It seeks to raise awareness and distribute basic sanitation equipment to 15 Liberian communities in Zota District, Liberia at risk of contracting Ebola. The project is targeting 300 households as direct beneficiaries (144 male, 156 female-headed households) and 1,958 indirect beneficiaries (876 male, 1,082 female).

Save the Children Canada **Ebola Crisis Response Scale-Up**

Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea | \$55,000 The project aims to pool funds to save lives, alleviate suffering, mitigate impact and increase local capacity to respond effectively and quickly to the Ebola crisis. The project seeks to provide preventive care and treatment to an estimated 20% population reach, within a six month period.



CIC's online presence continues to grow, with over 50,000 users, browsing MCIC's three websites (www. mcic.ca, www.FairTradeManitoba.ca and www.GeneratingMomentum.ca) to find out international development related news, information, job opportunities and events in Manitoba. Our three e-newsletters are also regularly published on their respective websites and sent out to over 2,000 recipients. Our social media networks on Facebook and Twitter have grown significantly, engaging thousands of Manitobans with up to the minute news and spreading the word about our events and our members' events. Our YouTube Channel hosts a number of videos that MCIC has created, including our IDW 2015 video profiles and 2 spoken word pieces, which all together have attracted thousands of views.

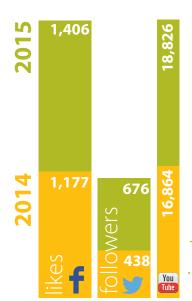
MCIC in the News

MCIC continues to garner excellent media coverage for our initiatives, with 37 news stories appearing in Manitoba newspapers, radio, television and online. All the major outlets reported on our work, including CBC, Winnipeg Free Press, Global TV and Shaw TV Winnipeg, as well as numerous rural outlets, including the Stonewall Tribune, Portage Daily Graphic and Steinbach Online, along with various student publications. Manitoba's French-language media outlets are increasingly informing Franco-Manitobans about MCIC's work, with CBC Radio-Canada producing three stories last year.

News Media

Print and TV Radio online stories stories stories Urban media stories Rural media stories (28)

Social Media



Financial Report

Independent Auditor's Report



To the Directors of Manitoba Council for International Cooperation Inc.

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Manitoba Council for International Cooperation Inc., which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2015 and the statements of operations and changes in net assets of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Manitoba Council for International Co-operation Inc. as at March 31, 2015 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Winnipeg, Manitoba June 9, 2015 RYAN MERNER C.G.A. PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

Manitoba Council for International Cooperation Inc.

Audited Financial Statements

Statement of Operations

For the year ended, March 31, 2015

Revenues

56,749
188,276
273,539
5,000
\$1,260,000

Expenses

Total Expenses	\$1,783,198
Operating Costs	66,648
Personnel	359,747
Programming	96,803
Matching Grant Program	\$1,260,000
Manitoba Government	

Net Income \$366

Statement of Financial Position As at March 31, 2015

Assets

Net Assets	\$148.302
Current Liabilities	\$81,977
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Total Assets	\$230,279
Current Assets	\$230,279

Total Liabilities

and Net Assets \$230,279



Zephania Matanga, Canadian Multicultural Disability Centre

ephania Matanga, the 2014 Paul LeJeune Volunteer Service award recipient, holds a doctorate in Human Development and Applied Psychology. Currently teaching at the University of Manitoba, he has firsthand experience and knowledge about the debilitating effects of disability on poverty in Zimbabwe and throughout Africa. As a Special Education Researcher, he has developed educational strategies that are

highly effective for persons with disabilities. Zephania served on the MCIC board for six years from 2007-2013 and he is on the board again this year. He served as Chair of the Nominations Committee in 2012-13 and 14-15 and on the Funding Diversification Taskforce in 2008-09. Over the years he has been involved in MCIC's Public Engagement Group and it is a pleasure to see him in attendance at most events that MCIC hosts.

This award was established in 2001 in Paul LeJeune's name to recognize a volunteer that has contributed greatly to MCIC. Paul LeJeune was a powerful advocate for people with disabilities in Canada and globally. He maintained a strong vision of what it means to live independently. He was a valued member of MCIC's Overseas Projects Committee from 1992 until his death in 1997. It was mainly due to Paul's insight that MCIC's development principles include a strong commitment to the inclusion of people with disabilities.

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Allyson Watts,

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Fair Trade Outreach and MGMGP Coordinator

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Program Coordinator

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Gail Thiesen,

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