

## **ACTION AGAINST HUNGER COMMENDS THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA FOR ITS NEW COMMITMENT OF \$2 BILLION FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE.**

**Toronto, ON- February 27, 2018:** Action Against Hunger (Action contre la Faim) commends the Government of Canada for its new commitment of \$2 billion over five years for international assistance.

The new funding, announced today as part of the federal budget, will help reduce poverty and ensure the people of the world's developing countries can live in more peaceful and prosperous communities. New measures for aid delivery, including the new Sovereign Loans Program, will also ensure Canada continues to be at the forefront of innovation in international assistance.

Danny Glenwright, Executive Director of Action Against Hunger, expressed appreciation for the government's increased contribution. "We welcome the Canadian government's commitment to inclusive development that emphasizes the rights of women and girls so they can participate fully in society," says Glenwright. "Research shows that the most important way to build lasting solutions to global challenges and achieve economic development is to make women equal partners in all areas."

Adding Glenwright, "Global Affairs Canada and Action Against Hunger Canada have a strong track record of working together successfully to address humanitarian emergencies around the world. We support the increase to Canada's international assistance envelope, which demonstrates the government's dedication to the global community and its commitment to reducing extreme poverty and vulnerability around the world."

As the convener of the "Gender Agenda," Action Against Hunger Canada is leading the Action Against Hunger international network of more than 8,000 staff in pushing for deeper organizational engagement with gender issues. This includes encouraging gender-based analysis and budgeting that consider the different roles, responsibilities, and experiences of men, women, boys and girls around the world and how these impact their vulnerability to hunger.

Thus, Action Against Hunger endorses the Government's pledge to build on its practical Feminist International Assistance Policy by providing funding and a costed framework for this progressive international assistance agenda.

"Going into the G7, this new funding underscores Canada's commitment to international development and humanitarian assistance," said Glenwright. "Canadian leadership on this file recognizes the crucial role of women in economic development, and it will also ensure more children around the world will see their next birthday."

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### **About Action Against Hunger**

Action Against Hunger is a global humanitarian organization that takes decisive action against the causes and effects of hunger.

We save the lives of severely malnourished children while helping communities become self-sufficient. Recognized as a world leader in the fight against malnutrition, Action Against Hunger has pursued its vision of a world without hunger for almost four decades, combating hunger in emergency situations of conflict, natural disaster, and chronic food insecurity. With more than 8,000 staff in more than 50 countries, our programs in nutrition, food security, livelihoods, water, sanitation, and hygiene, reach more than 14 million people each year.

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