

DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE FROM GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA:

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Question 1: The total amount of Canadian international assistance allocated to the COVID-19 response in 2020 and 2021.

GAC provided a \$2.2M early humanitarian response in March 2020. Canada then announced, to date, a total of \$1.6B. GAC has reallocated close to \$240M this fiscal year. Of all this programming, \$365M is dedicated to humanitarian assistance.

Question 2: The proportion of the funding that is new funding.

Vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics (VTD): \$825M

Addressing immediate humanitarian and development needs due to COVID-19 impact: \$400M

Total: \$1,225M or 66.4% of the current total (Total: \$1,844M) Crisis pool money is not considered new funding as it's part of GAC reference level budget.

Question 3: The timelines and delivery mechanisms for the funding? Timelines will be mostly the current fiscal year (2020-21). New funding is expected to be disbursed in fiscal year 2020-21 to respond to immediate development and humanitarian needs as a result of COVID-19.

- 3A) How much of the funding has been provided to implementing partners to date?
- To date, we have spent \$317.5M (data as of December 15, 2020).
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- 3B) The proportion being allocated to multilateral agencies, Canada-based NGOs, and national or local NGOs in recipient countries?
- Based on the above Total: \$1,844M
- Multilateral agencies: 78.0% (\$1,437.4M – Multi core and non-core)
- Canada-based NGOs : 9.6% (\$177.3M)
- National or local NGOs: 9.4% (\$172.4M)
- 3C) The means by which implementing partners can apply for funding?
- All partners are able to submit unsolicited proposals through the GAC Partner portal. To ensure rapid response to the crisis, GAC also leveraged existing partnerships by accommodating requests for costed extensions and changes of scope with experienced organizations directly, with a view to top up or pivot funding to respond to COVID-19 where appropriate with implementing partners already delivering international assistance projects.
- Most notably GAC directly solicited proposals from Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator partners, as the leading actors delivering from this critical platform to galvanize unprecedented global co-operation towards the development, production, and distribution of safe and effective COVID-19 medical interventions (vaccines, tests, therapies). COVID-19 response in humanitarian settings has been integrated into the normal humanitarian programming cycle in response to annual humanitarian appeals. Canadian CSOs were able to apply for funding as part of this process.