

Library of Parliament Request on Child Protection, Children and Youth Policy Marker

Question 1: The amount and percentage of Canada's international assistance devoted to: child protection; child health; child nutrition; and education:

Global Affairs Canada (GAC) tracking and reporting focuses on Children and Youth Issues writ large using a policy marker, and includes activities which aim to improve the lives and/or promote and protect the human rights of children and youth as well as to enable young people to build and utilise their human capital and become productive adults. As per international standards, policy markers are only applied to bilateral aid and therefore exclude core funding to multilateral organizations.

Global Affairs Canada bilateral international assistance targeting children and youth for fiscal year 2019/2020 (the most recent year for which data is available) totals \$1.4B, which includes \$659M (or 19% of the total bilateral international assistance programming) for programming wholly dedicated to children and youth and \$772M (or 22% of the total bilateral international assistance programming) for programming that has a component dedicated to children and youth issues.

- **Child Protection**

In 2019/20, as a subset of the overall international assistance targeting children and youth, GAC bilateral international assistance to support ending sexual and gender-based violence targeting children and youth totalled \$47 million, representing 1% of GAC international assistance.

- **Education**

In 2019/20, as a subset of the overall international assistance targeting children and youth, GAC international assistance for education totalled approximately \$411 million, representing just over 9% of GAC international assistance.

- **Child Health and Nutrition**

In 2019/20, as a subset of the overall international assistance targeting children and youth, GAC international assistance for child health and nutrition totalled approximately \$551M representing just over 12% of GAC international assistance. This includes \$276M (or 41 % of the total bilateral international assistance programming) for programming wholly dedicated to child health and nutrition and \$275M (or 41% of the total bilateral international assistance programming) for programming that has a component dedicated to child health and nutrition.

Question 2: the proportion of Canada's new spending for the global response to COVID-19 that targets children (including for the above issues):

Canada has announced \$1.6 billion in new funding for COVID-19 since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. \$226M of this new funding (FY2020-21) is dedicated to children and youth, mainly focused on health, including sexual and reproductive health, education, nutrition and sexual and gender-based violence programming. This includes \$112M for the global response to COVID-19 that is wholly dedicated to children and youth, representing 7% of GAC's overall COVID-19 response. In addition,

\$124M of GAC's new funding for the global response to COVID-19 has a component dedicated to children and youth, representing 8% of GAC's overall COVID-19 response.

In addition to the above amounts, \$4 million (FY2020-21) in humanitarian assistance has been allocated to UNICEF to support their COVID-19-related activities. UNICEF activities, funded by Canada and other donors, include working to reduce transmission and to mitigate the collateral impacts of the pandemic on children and vulnerable populations. UNICEF's response will also focus on risk communication and community engagement as well as infection prevention and control, in particular water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), while also ensuring continuous access to healthcare and nutrition, education, child protection and GBV services.

Question 3: amount of funding attached to the 'Together for Learning' campaign:

The Together for Learning Campaign builds on GAC's existing programming for refugee and internally displaced people, children and youth and contributes to the Government's commitment to invest 10% of ODA funding towards education. As part of this ongoing commitment, on March 3, 2021 Global Affairs Canada launched a call for proposals from Canadian organizations entitled "Education for Refugee and Displaced Children and Youth in Sub-Saharan Africa", valued at approximately \$40 million over 5 years. This call is part of the department's 'Together for Learning' campaign, which aims to promote quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for refugee, internally displaced and host community children and youth. This will be done through capacity building among local refugee- and internally displaced persons-led organisations, the provision of grants to local organizations to strengthen gender-responsive education programming for refugee and internally displaced children and youth, particularly girls and adolescent girls, and amplifying the voices of local refugee- and internally displaced persons-led organisations working in the education sector, including women-led organizations, through their collective action with key education stakeholders, governments and host communities.