

## Government of Canada Departments and Agencies Involved in Global Food Security

[Global Affairs Canada](#) is the lead federal department for international development, and for humanitarian, peace and security assistance.

Other departments and agencies also have roles to play in global food security. Here are some of the main ones:

[International Development and Research Centre \(IDRC\)](#) initiates and supports research into issues faced by developing countries, and into ways to apply and adapt scientific knowledge in support of the economic and social advancement of these regions. Several IDRC initiatives focus on creating sustainable, inclusive, climate-resistant food systems, such as [Cultivate Africa's Future](#), a 10-year \$35 million fund for eastern and southern Africa. They also have a [Canadian International Food Security Research Fund](#).

[Agriculture and AgriFood Canada \(AAFC\)](#) has a strong international presence because of the links between food security and agricultural systems (healthy soil, land and water management, plant genetic resources, sustainable practices). AAFC participates in United Nations Food Systems Summits (latest in 2021) convened to look at strategies and solutions in support of sustainable, more equitable food systems, including access to financing for women-led cooperatives and empowering local organizations.

[Health Canada's](#) international presence is primarily focused on food and drug safety, health products and technologies, food standards and regulatory measures, as well as nutrition initiatives (e.g. micronutrient supplements). Health Canada chairs an [Interdepartmental Steering Committee on Global Health](#), housed in the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR).

[Canadian Institutes of Health Research \(CIHR\)](#) include the [Institute for Population and Public Health](#), housed in Health Canada and reporting to the Interdepartmental Steering Committee on Global Health.

[Statistics Canada](#) is the coordinating body for Canada's progress report on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and often provides technical and skills assistance to other countries through the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations to help improve data quality.

[Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council \(SSHRC\)](#) supports the [Canada Research Chair in Global Food Security and Sustainability](#), Dr. Jennifer Clapp (Waterloo University). Dr. Clapp is the Vice Chair of the [UN High Level Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems](#) and also serves on the independent [International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems \(IPES-Food\)](#).