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***The movement you
belong to, at work
in the world.***

An invitation to Canada's
credit unions, co-operatives
and co-operators to invest in
the people building their
own way out of poverty.





The Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada (CDF Canada) is a national non-profit and social impact partner advancing sustainable inclusive economies through the co-operative model. **Powered by the expertise of Canada's credit union and co-operative sector**, we work alongside communities in the Global South to strengthen co-operatives and credit unions through leadership development and capacity building, so they can design and lead their own solutions.

Rooted in shared co-operative values, we help build community-owned systems that reflect local priorities, knowledge, and leadership ensuring change is led from within, not delivered from the outside. **Through mentorship, partnership, and peer exchange**, we support the growth of strong locally driven institutions.

By investing in people and co-operatives, we help build stronger communities, more resilient local economies, and a more connected global co-operative ecosystem **where knowledge is shared, leadership is strengthened, and impact is sustained.**

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A letter to our fellow co-operators

You already know that this model works. You bank with it.

Every one of you reading this is a member of something. A credit union. A retail co-op. A housing co-op, a farm supply co-op. You know what it feels like to own a share of the institution that serves you.

What we do at CDF Canada is simple to describe: we help people in some of the hardest places in the world build the same thing. Not aid. Not a project that closes when the funding ends. A co-operative, owned and governed by its members and answerable to nobody else.

This is not a new idea for us. Canadian co-operators started this work in 1947, when the movement here still remembered what it was like to be shut out of the banking system. Seventy-nine years later, our partners are credit union federations in Malawi, fish traders' networks across Africa, dairy co-operatives run by Maasai women in Kenya, and garment co-operatives rebuilding lives in Ukraine.

We are coming to you now because the ground has shifted. Development funding is contracting sharply - donor fatigue, deep bilateral cuts, and the 2025 dismantling of USAID programming have pulled support out from under communities that had no say in the decision. When aid-built institutions lose their funding, they collapse. Member-owned institutions keep operating, because their members are still there.

That is the whole argument. When external support is unreliable, the most enduring solution you can fund is ownership.

This document is written for you: for boards deciding on a community investment, for CEOs looking for engagement opportunities their staff will be proud of, and for individual members who want their giving to go somewhere that shares their values.

We are asking you to invest in a movement you are already part of.

With co-operative regards,

Ben André
Executive Director

Ian McArthur
Chair, Board of Directors

The work, in numbers

What Canadian co-operators helped build in the last five years

- 638 co-operatives strengthened
- 44,762 farmers in Malawi linked to savings and credit co-operatives
- 140,000 women and men given job-training across five countries
- 75,000 people trained in leadership and co-operative governance
- 15,000 farming households trained in climate-smart techniques
- 5,318 young people in 135 school savings clubs in Malawi
- 2,220 women in Ukraine found new livelihoods through SEW
- 1,1719 women completed literacy training in northern Ghana
- 70% of participants reported improved access to financial services

And the results that outlast us...

In Uganda, co-operatives we supported raised production by 200% and household incomes by 460%. In Colombia, 35% of the women who came through our training now sit on co-operative boards, and 90% of partner organisations have women in leadership. In Ethiopia, 86% of farmers are using indigenous climate-smart practices; in Ghana, 90% are conserving soil and water.

None of those numbers depend on us still being there.



"With access to loans, I made decisions about my finances for the first time."

~ Member of Village Savings and Loans Association, northern Ghana

Why now

Aid is retreating. Ownership is not.

The problems have not changed. What has changed is who is left standing when the money stops.

Around 1.4 billion adults still have no bank account, and women are disproportionately among them. More than 70% of the world's extreme poor live in rural areas with limited access to markets and capital. Food insecurity touches more than 2.4 billion people. Climate volatility is compounding all of it.

Traditional aid was never meant to fix these things permanently. It responds to emergencies, and it responds to the political priorities of donor governments - priorities set far from the communities affected. When those priorities shift, as they did dramatically in 2025, the institutions built around that funding simply disappear.

A well-functioning co-operative does not disappear. It is owned by the people it serves. Its capital is their capital. Its board answers to them. When external funding ends, the institution is still there, still trading, still lending, still holding the community's savings.

That is why we do not fund services. We fund the institutions that deliver them - and then we get out of the way.

"When funding is withdrawn, aid-built institutions collapse. Member-owned institutions carry on - because the members are still there."

Co-operatives are intersectional by design

- They open access to capital while keeping ownership local
- They put democratic governance and one-member-one-vote at the centre
- They embed environmental practice into how members earn a living
- They are local by nature, yet networked and scale globally

The United Nations designated 2025 the International Year of the Co-operative. The world is catching up to something Canadian co-operators have known since the grain pools.



Who we are, and how we work

A Canadian charity that builds co-operatives, not dependency.

CDF Canada is a registered Canadian charity and the international development arm of Canada's co-operative movement (outside of Quebec). Founded in 1947, we have worked in more than 35 countries, always through the same instrument: locally owned, democratically governed co-operatives and credit unions.

We are small enough to be nimble and established enough to steward substantial resources. Global Affairs Canada, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) have all funded multi-year, multi-million-dollar programming through us.

Your donation works alongside that funding - and goes where institutional money cannot: to the flexible, fast, essential costs that make projects work.

The Integrated Co-operative Model

Most development programs pick one thing - better seeds, or a savings group, or a market link. Our model, developed in-house and refined over decades in Ghana, Uganda and Malawi, insists on three at once:

- **Production:** Farmers and producers organise into co-operatives that raise yield and quality.
- **Aggregation and marketing:** Collective volume means real bargaining power and fairer prices.
- **Finance:** Credit unions and savings groups supply the capital to buy inputs and hold stock until prices are right.

Link all three and the economic loop closes. A farmer can finance her inputs, pool her harvest, and sell it at a price she helped negotiate. Break one and the benefits of the other two are captured by middlemen.

Three levels, at the same time

Policy: We work with governments and regulators on the laws that let co-operatives exist and protect members' rights.

Institutions: We build co-operatives into viable enterprises with real governance, real books and real capital.

Households: We build leadership, financial literacy and enterprise skill, with a deliberate focus on women and young people.

Each level reinforces the others. Good law is worthless without capable institutions; capable institutions are worthless if members cannot read a balance sheet.

Where your gift goes: food and farming

Twelve hours of work, done in forty-five minutes

Smallholder farmers grow most of the world's food and capture almost none of its value. Co-operatives change the arithmetic.

A farmer alone sells at the gate, to whoever shows up, at whatever price is offered. A farmer in a co-operative sells collectively, stores until prices rise, buys inputs at volume, and shares equipment no single household could afford.

We help producer co-operatives get organised, get equipped, and get connected to markets - while building climate resilience into how they farm, because the rains are no longer reliable anywhere we work.

ETHIOPIA - ABAYA DISTRICT - SHARA KEBELE

Enset in 45 minutes, not 12 hours

| "Processing a staple crop used to take all day. Now it takes less than an hour."

Enset - false banana - feeds millions of Ethiopians, and processing it by hand has always been women's work: brutal, slow, unpaid. A single semi-automatic processing machine cut that time by 75 - 80% for 859 women members of a savings and credit co-operative. The women's union owns the machine outright. They now sell processing as a paid service to as many as 5,000 people in surrounding communities. A subsistence burden became a revenue line on their books.

GHANA - KPANDAI, SALAGA AND BIMBILA

From half a bag of gari to four bags in a single day

| "Before, we processed half a bag by hand. Now? Four bags a day that are better quality."

Women in ten co-operatives across northern Ghana received gari processing machines. Daily cassava output multiplied eightfold. Better hygiene standards brought new customers and higher prices. Gruelling, low-yield manual labour became a business with the women firmly in control of it.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 15,000 farming households trained in climate-smart techniques
- 90% of Ghanaian farmers now practising soil and water conservation
- 86% of Ethiopian farmers using indigenous climate-smart techniques

MALAWI - EIGHT DISTRICTS - IAAM PROJECT

From half a bag of gari to four bags in a single day

Fish is Malawi's most important source of animal protein, and supply has been falling for years. Working with Community Agribusiness Partners and the Department of Fisheries, we assessed 43 hatchery operators and selected 16 to improve the supply of quality fingerlings, then established 40 demonstration sites where fishponds, crops and livestock are farmed as one integrated system.

In 2025 the project installed Malawi's first integrated inland cage culture systems at the Chaliwa, Kaonemo and Ibuluma dams, and trained 75 co-operative farmers to run them. Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources co-wrote the technical manuals and trained 56 district officers, so the expertise stays in the country when the project ends.

When fish, crops and livestock share water and land, a single disease outbreak can decimate all threat once. To reduce that risk the project and Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) developed a comprehensive biosecurity protocol, including water treatment standards, quarantine, outbreak response, daily record-keeping. Every lead farmer and extension officer across all 40 sites was trained to implement it.



Where your gift goes: money and financial access

A bank said no. Fifty women said yes.

This is the part of our work that Canadian credit unions understand instantly, because it is their own origin story.

Roughly 1.4 billion adults are outside the formal financial system, most of them women, young people and rural workers. Not because they are bad credit risks but because they have no collateral, no documentation, and no branch within reach.

We build and strengthen the institutions that serve them anyway: village savings groups, savings and credit co-operatives, and the national federations that supervise and support them. Members set the rules. Members hold the capital. Members carry the risk together.

GHANA - KPANDAI, SALAGA AND BIMBILIA

Fifty savings boxes, 4,645 lives changed

| "With access to loans, I made decisions about my finances for the first time."

Village Savings and Loans Associations gave women credit that formal banks would not extend - no collateral required, no exclusion. It started with 50 boxes. The second phase grew to 100 boxes, reaching 4,645 members across three districts, 3,491 of them women.

We do not run loan funds. We build lenders.

A project-managed loan fund disappears the day the project closes. We work through Malawi's own apex body for savings and credit co-operatives, MUSCCO - the equivalent of a provincial central here - to strengthen what already exists.

MALAWI - MUSCCO PARTNERSHIP

1,123 people learned to save. Sixty-nine percent were women.

In a single year, 313 village savings groups were mapped with a new identification tool, with 101 quality checked. Six savings and credit co-operatives evaluated and selected for institutional support, while 1,123 participants received financial literacy training. To track impact, 30 farmers were enrolled in longitudinal tracking ensuring changes in income can be measured over time rather than simply asserted.

Separately, 44,762 Malawian farmers have been connected to three SACCOs offering financial products tailored to the farmers' cash-flow cycles, rather than to the needs of a conventional bank.

MALAWI - MACHINGA DISTRICT, AND THEN THE WHOLE COUNTRY

A rice co-operative's market stall helped launch a national policy

| "The president addressed the crowd. Our cooperative was on the stage."

Mikoko Rice Producers Co-operative showcased their products at Malawi's International Day of Co-operatives, in front the President and a crowd of more than 3,000 people. At that event, the government launched the National Co-operative Development Policy, a landmark step in reforming the country's co-operative legislation. This is what it looks like when a strong local co-operative reaches the top of the system: the members who were once excluded are helping write the rules.



MALAWI - 14 SCHOOLS

**135 youth savings clubs,
5,318 members**

Financial literacy is easier to build at fourteen than at forty. These clubs reach 2,611 girls and 2,707 boys, and are governed by the students themselves through elections, meeting minutes, and treasurer's reports.

In essence, they serve as an apprenticeship in co-operative leadership and management.

BY THE NUMBERS

+460% household income growth
in Ugandan co-operatives
supported by CDF Canada

**CAD \$600,000 in local capital
mobilized** through a central financing
facility in Amhara, Ethiopia

70% of project participants reporting
improved financial access

Where your gift goes: women, leadership and equality

Who grows the food, who holds the power?

In Malawi, women produce 80% of the food consumed at home, yet only 27% participate in economic decision making, compared with 70% of men.

Malawi ranks 173rd of 188 countries on the UN Gender Inequality Index. The pattern, with local variations, is repeated across much of our work: women do the labour, while men hold the land title, control the bank account and cast the deciding vote.

A co-operative is one of the few institutions that can reverse this by design rather than persuasion. Write "one-member-one-vote" into the bylaws, have women represented in leadership, and the balance of power in the room genuinely shifts, first the meeting room, and then, over time, in the household itself.

KENYA - WOMEN'S MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Evelyn Olunga, and the 111 women who came after her

Evelyn joined the Women's Mentorship Program (WMP) in 2019 as an accomplished co-operative professional who kept hitting the same ceiling: stereotyping, no path into executive roles, a lack of support from peers. Through program (WMP) she built confidence and joined a global network of women in the movement.

In 2022 she was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya USA Diaspora SACCO. She went on to co-found the Women in Co-op Society Kenya, which now mentors more than 110 women across Kenyan co-operative societies, and serves as a trainer of trainers. One placement, compounding.

MALAWI - ZOMBA, MACHINGA AND MULANJE

Reusable pads, co-operative income, and girls back in school

Twelve co-operatives produced 2,200 reusable sanitary pads. They sold 1,856 and donated 226 to 63 schoolgirls who could not afford them.

The initiative generated MWK 2,150,000 (approx. CAD \$1,686) in revenue, and is now expanding into Malawi's Central Region, where four additional cooperatives will reach with 291 new direct beneficiaries.

"Girls were missing school because of their periods. Now they have pads they made themselves."

KENYA - KAJIADO COUNTY, SOUTH RIFT

From beading to sewing: expanding opportunity for 120 Maasai women

“We used to pay outside tailors to finish our products. Now we do everything ourselves”

Six sewing machines were provided to the Samuli Beaders Co-operative, eliminating the need and expense of outsourced tailoring for 120 women, who now complete every product in-house. They are passing skills to younger women, helping preserve both the craft tradition and income generation.



BY THE NUMBERS

35% of women trained in Columbia now sit on co-operative boards

90% of partner organizations in Columbia have women in leadership

1,710 women completed literacy training in northern Ghana

Changing norms, not just behaviour

Equipment alone does not transform a household. In Malawi our partner WOLREC, uses the SASA! Together methodology, developed by Raising Voices, to address the root causes of gender-based violence. The program began with a baseline assessment across all districts, followed by the training of 100 gender-balanced community activists, 62 chiefs, as well as police officers and health workers as institutional allies.

Where your gift goes: climate and environment

The people least responsible are adapting first.

Malawi loses 2.8% of its forest cover each year, the highest rate in southern Africa. With 97% of households relying on firewood or charcoal for cooking, few alternatives exist. The consequences are visible across the landscape: eroded watersheds, dried-up rivers, silted fishponds, and flooded fields.

You cannot restore a forest by fencing it off from the people who depend on it. Our forestry work combines watershed rehabilitation, forestry-linked livelihoods such as bamboo, beekeeping and fruit trees, and agroforestry on working farms. Communities choose their own species they want to grow, ensuring restoration efforts reflect local priorities and needs. Across 80 nurseries seedlings are being raised toward a target of 150,000 trees.

ETHIOPIA - ABAYA WOREDA

Lighting new paths for 112 women

| "I charge neighbours' phones for 20 to 40 birr a day. The lamp pays for itself."

Marginalised and widowed women in off-grid villages received solar devices that add up to four productive hours to every evening. They earn additional income by charging mobile phones, eliminate the cost of kerosene, and gain access to health information through radio broadcasts. Another 392 people benefit indirectly from the initiative.



KENYA - KAJAIDO COUNTY

3,200 women building resilience against drought

Two Maasai women's dairy co-operatives received hay harvesting equipment and drought-resistant seed, with 34 members trained in climate-smart agriculture. The result is a more resilient livelihood: fodder generates additional income, while dairy production gives them a buffer against increasingly unreliable rains.

KENYA - HOMABAY, MIGORI AND NAROK

The Buffalo Bicycles: A tool for prosperity

Reliable transportation remains a significant barrier to economic opportunity in many rural communities. The distribution of Buffalo Bicycles - designed to carry heavy loads and withstand challenging conditions - has helped women, youth, and marginalized communities access markets, services, and opportunities.

Phase One reached 97 farmers, among them 44 women, 21 widows and 3 people with disabilities. Phase Two added 57 women and 23 men through Homabay SACCO and trained four female mechanics to keep the fleet running locally. Zero fuel, zero emissions.



MALAWI - MACHINGA DISTRICT

40 goats, 40 families, and a fertilizer side business

| "We received two nanny goats each. the manure goes into our fields. Nothing is wasted.."

Forty members of the Tayamba co-operative, 27 women and 13 men, each received two nanny goats through a pass-on model, under which offspring are shared with other members over time. The manure replaces bought fertiliser, reducing input costs and raising crop yields.

Where your gift goes: when crisis hits

When everything else stops, co-operatives keep working.

After a natural disaster or an invasion, the co-operative is often the only functioning organisation in the district with a member list, a bank account and a governance structure. That makes it the fastest way to get help to the right people.

UKRAINE - DOMANIVSKA COMMUNITY

A veterans' co-operative, four greenhouses, 18 families

Oberih was founded to give returning veterans meaningful work. On 3.7 hectares with four greenhouses, it now provides a stable income to 18 families. A new heated nursery and irrigation system will increase cucumber and tomato yields by 40% and boost seedling production from 3,000 to 17,000 a year.

The co-op plans to donate seedlings to low-income households and families who have lost a breadwinner and has already created seasonal jobs for five displaced people from Kherson.

UKRAINE - SEW PROJECT

2,200 women, one garment sector

Through job placement, vocational training and enterprise support, 2,200 women have secured new livelihoods within the garment industry, benefiting more than 5,700 family and community members. Displaced and local women work side by side, strengthening trust, resilience, and community ties as recovery continues.

MALAWI - CYCLONE FREDDY

Growing resilience after the storm

| "Almost every seed that was sown germinated."

Tropical Cyclone Freddy tore through southern Malawi in March 2023, taking whole harvests with it. Working with the Malawi Federation of Co-operatives and the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation, we distributed fertilizer, maize seed, and vegetable seed packs reaching 160 farmers, 110 women and 50 men, across 12 co-operatives to support recovery efforts.

Women, elderly members and people living with disabilities were prioritised. Co-operatives like Nalipiri Tea and Mikoko Rice ran distribution themselves. Cecilia,[TW1] who lost both her crops and her home, replanted, regained her income and began rebuilding. [TW1]Do we have a photo of Cecilia? We should use it here if we do.

For credit unions and co-operatives

A different kind of leadership development.

Canadian credit unions are dealing with consolidation, shifting member expectations and a workforce that wants to know what makes their employer different from a bank.

International co-operative engagement answers that question better than any brand campaign. Through our VOICE program and the Women's Mentorship Program, your people work alongside co-operators in Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, and Kenya, sharing expertise in governance, compliance, lending and member services, and coming home with a much sharper sense of what the co-operative difference actually means.

Boards tell us it sharpens their governance conversations. HR tells us it is one of the strongest retention tools they have. Members tell us it is the reason they stay.

NAIROBI - VOICE VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT

Knowledge travels both ways

Lisa joined CDF Canada as a volunteer Capacity Building and Training Advisor, placed with the African Confederation of Cooperative Savings and Credit Associations. She developed training manuals that will continue to strengthen African credit unions long after her placement ended.

Her expertise equipped cooperative leaders with practical tools to better serve their members, creating a ripple effect that reaches thousands of families and their communities. In the return, Lisa gained firsthand insights into how Kenya's SACCOs shape livelihoods and build community resilience.

This exchange of knowledge, experience, and perspective is at the heart of every CDF Canada partnership. It benefits everyone involved and strengthens cooperative movements around the world.



Four ways your organization can take part.

- Host a Women's Mentorship Program participant at your credit union
- Send a staff member on a VOICE volunteer mandate
- Match your employees' charitable contributions through a payroll giving program
- Make a corporate donation to support co-operative development and community-led economic growth
- Invest as a corporate partner in a named program

Every one of these opportunities can be reported against your community investment, ESG and member engagement commitments. More importantly unlike most ESG activity, they represent a direct expression of the seventh co-operative principle, concern for community.

Where your dollar goes

You are entitled to know, and to check.

Governance

CDF Canada is a registered Canadian charity governed by an independent Board of Directors drawn from the co-operative, credit union, international development and finance sectors. Democratic governance is not something we only recommend to others.

Financial Control

We manage multi-million-dollar portfolios for Global Affairs Canada, IFAD and NORAD. Meeting their procurement, reporting and audit standards means your donation sits inside the same control environment: anti-corruption policy, financial safeguards, and safeguarding procedures that protect participants, partners and staff.

Honest Measurement

Monitoring, evaluation and learning is built into every program cycle, and we publish what does not work alongside what does. In Malawi we enrolled 30 farmers in longitudinal tracking so income claims can be tested over years rather than asserted at a project close-out.

The power of designating your gift to “Where it is needed most”

Restricted funding cannot buy a replacement pump when a demonstration pond fails, cover a co-operative's registration fee, or move seed to a flooded district in the week it is needed. Undesignated gifts can. They are the most useful money we receive, because they allow us to act quickly when circumstances change, including responding to Cyclone Freddy in weeks rather than months.

If you prefer to direct your gift, you can designate it to food security, gender equality, climate action, finance and education, the Women's Mentorship Program, Ukraine recovery, or the Ian MacPherson Fund.

Who we work with

In Canada: Canadian Credit Union Association, Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada, Desjardins International Development, provincial centrals and federations, and credit unions across the country. Internationally: the International Co-operative Alliance, the ILO Co-op Unit, alongside national apex bodies including MUSCCO in Malawi and the Uganda Co-operative Alliance, as well as hundreds of local partners and coops.

What we promise you in return

We will tell you where it went. Our Impact and Annual Reports, show how your contributions supported specific projects, helping create measurable and lasting change.

We will tell you when it did not work. Development is difficult and some things fail. You will hear about those too.

We will not sell or trade your information, and we will contact you as often or as little as you ask.

We will use your gift as you designated it. If a project closes or is fully funded, we will ask you before redirecting it.

Ways to give: individuals

Give once, give monthly, or give for good.

Become a monthly donor

Monthly donors provide some of our most valuable support. Their consistent contributions allow us to invest in cooperatives over the long term, helping build resilient institutions that require years, not months, to develop. A gift of \$25 a month contributes \$300 over the course of a year.

Make a single gift

Undesignated gifts are especially valuable because they provide the flexibility to respond where needs are the greatest. Donors may also choose to designate their gift to the areas of food security, gender equality, climate action and finance and education.

Give through payroll at work

If your credit union or co-op offers workplace giving, your donation comes off each pay and is often matched by your employer.

Give in someone's honour

Celebrate a retirement, milestone, or cherished memory with a tribute gift. We'll send a personalized card to the individual or family you designate, while keeping your donation amount confidential.

Donate stocks or securities

Giving appreciated securities directly eliminates the capital gains tax you would pay on a sale, and you receive a receipt for the full market value. For many donors this is the least expensive way to give a large gift.

Leave a gift in your will

A bequest costs nothing during your lifetime and can be a fixed amount or a share of your estate. For a lot of co-operators, it is the largest gift they will ever make to the movement.

Support the Ian MacPherson Fund

Named for the historian of the Canadian movement, this fund sends students of co-operative studies and emerging co-op and credit union leaders to learning events they could not otherwise attend.

Fundraise for us

Branch challenges, staff campaigns, AGM appeals, birthdays. We will supply the stories, photographs and materials.

Voices of Support

"For FCL, investing in CDF Canada is both a strategic choice and a meaningful extension of the organization's community-minded values. This partnership is more than a contribution, it is an investment in the continued evolution, resilience, and global reach of the co-operative movement."

Federated Cooperatives Limited

"Innovation Federal Credit Union sees our partnership with CDF Canada as a natural extension of its mission to build stronger, and more resilient communities. Supporting CDF is not simply about financial contributions – it is about collaborating to create meaningful, lasting change. From supporting food security programs in Saskatchewan to strengthening co-operatives in Kenya, Innovation's approach reflects a clear belief: lasting change is built, not bought." Innovation Federal Credit Union

"My journey as a monthly donor to CDF Canada began with a simple but powerful realization: lasting change rarely happens through one-time actions. It grows through steady commitment, shared purpose, and the belief that communities everywhere deserve the opportunity to build their own futures. Monthly giving is a reminder that generosity doesn't need to be grand to be impactful; it simply needs to be steady." Bruno Dragani, Monthly Donor

"When you donate, the gift you give isn't just economic independence. It is social and community independence. Cooperatives are not driven solely by profit; they reinvest in their communities. Their resilience has been proven time and again, ensuring essential services remain available and responsive to local needs." Jack & Julie Wilkinson, Donor

Ways to give: co-operatives and credit unions

Method	What it includes
Direct Corporate Donations	A direct corporate donation is a simple and impactful way to support CDF Canada's work in strengthening and growing the co-operative sector. Your contribution helps provide resources, education, and development opportunities that build stronger co-ops and more resilient communities.
Matching Gift Program	Amplify your impact through matching gift programs – doubling or even tripling donations made by employees. By matching staff contributions to CDF Canada, your organization can help expand support for co-operative development.
Corporate Sponsorships	Sponsorship of programs and initiatives help strengthen co-operative development and create lasting impact in communities around the world.
Workplace Fundraising Campaign	A workplace fundraising campaign provides a meaningful way to engage employees in supporting co-operative development. Through fundraising events and team initiatives, your organization can contribute to sustainable impact in communities that need it most.

Beyond giving, there are meaningful ways to advance our mission.

- Hosting a Women's Mentorship Program participant
- Supporting a staff member's participation in a VOICE volunteer mandate
- Lend technical expertise in lending, compliance, risk, or digital banking
- Matching your employees' payroll giving



Join a distinguished community of partners

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Closing & Contact

Co-operations has never needed a border to work.

Whether you're a credit union, a co-operative, a business, a foundation, or an individual donor, there is a place for you in this work.

Let's talk about the impact you want to have. We'll share what's working, where the opportunities are greatest, and how your support can help communities build lasting economic resilience.

Give now

Monthly giving, securities, tribute and legacy gifts all begin with a single investment in cooperative development.

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