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GLOBAL
CHANGE**

Support That
Changes Lives

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Friends,

As Chair of the Board of CDF Canada, I want to share with you a vision—a vision of a world where communities thrive, where poverty is not a life sentence, and where every person has the opportunity to build a brighter future. This vision is not just a dream; it is a reality that we are working towards every day. But to achieve this, we need your help.

If you're new to CDF Canada or considering renewing your support, I want you to know that your involvement can make a profound difference. Here's why your support is crucial:



Making a Tangible Impact: Your donation isn't just a contribution; it's an investment in real, sustainable change. With your help, we can provide women in Kenya with the skills and resources to become successful entrepreneurs, helping them lift themselves and their families out of poverty.



Addressing Urgent Global Challenges: The effects of climate change and conflict are devastating communities around the world. In Ghana, farmers are facing severe weather conditions that threaten their livelihoods. In Ukraine, families are struggling to rebuild their lives given the trauma of war. Your support can bring innovative solutions to these challenges, offering hope and stability where it's needed most.

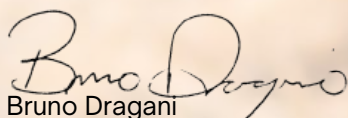


Fostering Cooperation and Global Solidarity: At CDF Canada, we believe in the power of working together. Through cooperative development, we connect communities with the resources and networks they need to thrive. Your donation helps to strengthen these bonds of cooperation, creating a ripple effect of positive change that extends far beyond individual communities.

Please consider making a donation today. By joining our community of supporters, you're not just giving money; you're giving people the tools to change their own lives. Together, we can build a future where everyone has the chance to thrive.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a lasting impact.

With gratitude,


Bruno Dragani

Chair of the Board
CDF Canada



EMPOWERING Women to Lead



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BEFORE JOINING THE
COOPERATIVE, I NEVER
THOUGHT I COULD HAVE
A VOICE. NOW, I'M NOT
ONLY HEARD, BUT I'M
LEADING CHANGE IN MY
COMMUNITY.

AMINA
COOPERATIVE LEADER
GHANA



Help more women like Amina transform their lives. Your donation can provide the tools and training they need to become leaders in their communities.

DONATE 

Amina's story is a testament to the power of community-led change. Through training and support from CDF Canada, she is helping other women gain financial independence and leadership skills. Her cooperative is now thriving, creating opportunities for future generations.

64

women in Kenya have been elected to local government councils

89

training events on gender empowerment have taken place in Malawi

30,000+

women in Ghana have received leadership and community engagement training

44%

of 4R-affiliated co-op leadership positions are now held by women.

237

have assumed roles as community leaders in Ghana



Amplify Your Brand

Sponsoring or donating increases your visibility as a supporter of international development in cooperative finance and agriculture, enhancing your brand and opening new market opportunities.



FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE One Farm at a Time

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OUR FARM USED TO
STRUGGLE, BUT WITH
THE BIODIGESTER,
WE NOW HAVE CLEAN
ENERGY AND
ORGANIC FERTILIZER.
WE NO LONGER RELY
ON COAL, AND WE’RE
PROTECTING OUR
LAND FOR OUR
CHILDREN.

JOSEPH
SMALLHOLDER FARMER
KENYA



DONATE 

Your support can provide more support to smallholder farmers like Joseph. Help protect the planet while empowering farmers to thrive.

Joseph's farm is flourishing thanks to support provided by CDF Canada. Not only has it helped to overcome drought conditions, the support provided also increased his family's income. These innovations are helping communities combat climate change while ensuring food security.

177

bicycles were distributed to co-op members in Kenya, providing sustainable solutions for farmers to bring their produce to market.

121,500+

smallholder farmers have been trained in advanced farming techniques.

11,000+

households have gained access to credit





Co-operatives Build a Better World

2025 UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CO-OPERATIVES

As part of the United Nations' implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, 2025 has been declared the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC2025), a year dedicated to celebrating and amplifying the role of cooperatives in addressing global challenges. Under the theme "Cooperatives Build a Better World," IYC2025 is not only a global celebration of the unique and enduring capacity of cooperatives to create a more just and sustainable world, but also a call to action.

Cooperatives are uniquely positioned to tackle some of the most critical challenges of our time, from poverty and inequality to climate change. Their member-owned, community-centered model fosters inclusive economic opportunities, promotes environmental stewardship, and ensures the equitable sharing of economic growth—key elements for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

At CDF Canada, we are proud to be a global partner in the cooperative movement, empowering co-ops to expand their impact worldwide. As we look toward IYC2025, we invite you—our donors, friends, and supporters—to join us in strengthening the cooperative legacy globally. Your donations enable us to partner with cooperatives in vulnerable communities to create sustainable solutions that promote economic resilience, gender equality, and environmental stewardship.

Together, we can make 2025 a landmark year, not just by celebrating the successes of cooperatives but by building on that momentum to create an even more resilient and equitable future. By supporting CDF Canada, you are directly contributing to transformative change in the lives of countless individuals through the power of cooperatives.

Leveraging Tax Benefits

Contributing offers financial benefits such as tax deductions, supporting your bottom line while making a meaningful impact.



BUILDING HOPE Amidst Conflict



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EVEN IN THE DARKEST
MOMENTS, THIS
COOPERATIVE GIVES US
HOPE. IT'S A PLACE
WHERE WE REBUILD,
TOGETHER.

SVITLANA
COOPERATIVE MEMBER
UKRAINE



Join us in supporting communities affected by war and conflict. Your donation helps rebuild lives and create lasting peace through cooperative development.



In the midst of conflict, cooperatives like Svitlana's are lifelines for communities. With the support of CDF Canada, they provide economic stability and a sense of belonging, helping people rebuild their lives and communities.

3,000+
women and IDPs have received training and support through SEW Ukraine.

11,000+
households have gained access to credit

1,100+
women have secured higher wages and benefits.

128
businesses have successfully adopted environmentally sustainable practices.



Enhance CSR Profile

Aligning with international development projects shows a strong commitment to cooperation and mutual support, enhancing your cooperative's CSR profile and earning respect from members, partners, and the community



Become A Monthly Donor

Monthly donors are essential to CDF Canada's mission, enabling us to expand our reach and undertake more transformative projects. Monthly giving empowers donors to make a lasting impact in a way that aligns with their financial means. ***Click here to learn more.***

A close-up photograph of a woman with dark skin and short, curly hair, looking down at a document she is holding. She is wearing a white top. In the background, there are shelves with books and a poster with a cartoon character. The overall scene suggests a community meeting or a financial literacy session.

A Path To FINANCIAL FREEDOM

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I CAN NOW SAVE FOR MY
CHILDREN'S EDUCATION.
THE COOPERATIVE HAS
CHANGED MY LIFE AND
MY FAMILY'S FUTURE.

MARTA
COOPERATIVE MEMBER
GHANA



Give families like Marta's the tools to secure their future. Your contribution supports financial literacy and economic empowerment in communities around the world.

DONATE 

Marta's life changed when she joined her local cooperative. Through CDF Canada's financial literacy programs, she learned how to manage her income and save for the future. Now, her children can attend school, and her family is financially secure.

89

training events on gender and women's empowerment have reached 3,800+ participants.

470+

partner co-ops received training in leadership, governance, financial management, and member literacy.

3,600+

individuals participated in financial literacy training to better use their credit union's financial products.



Making A Positive Impact

Supporting our international projects positions your organization as a leader in sustainable change, enhancing your brand and showcasing your commitment to global progress and cooperative values.

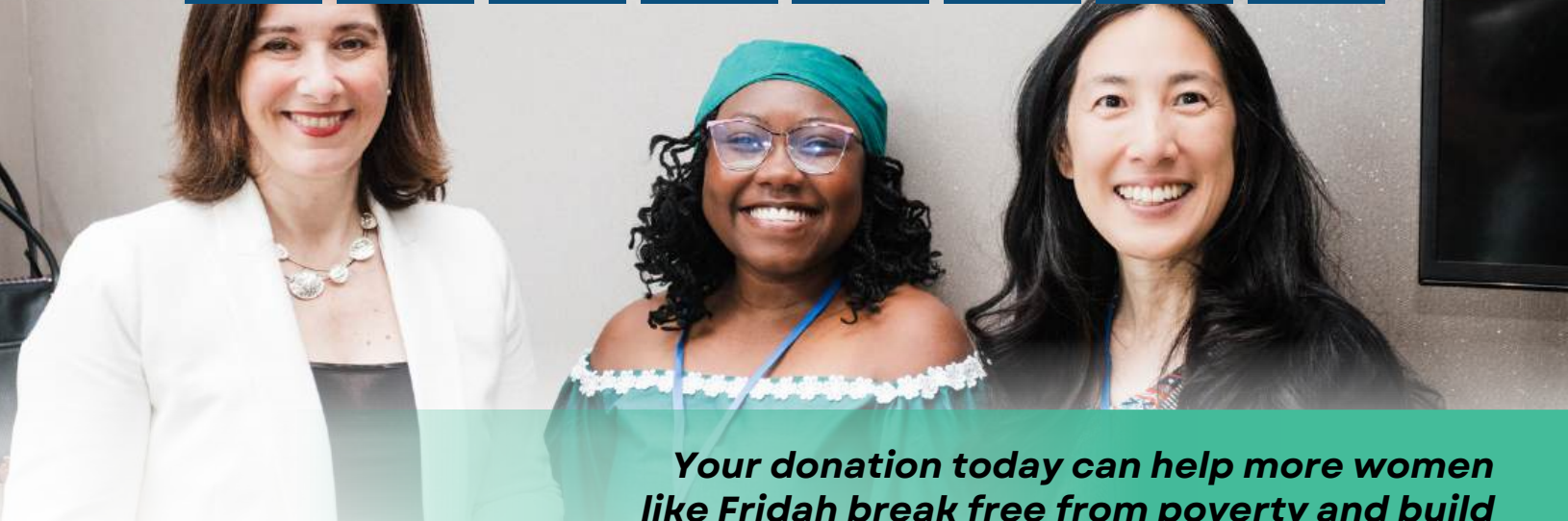
EMPOWERING WOMEN Through Mentorship



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I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW HOW THANKFUL I STILL AM FOR THE OPPORTUNITY I GOT TO PARTICIPATE IN CDF CANADA'S WOMEN'S MENTORSHIP PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM WAS MORE THAN EMPOWERMENT FOR ME - IT WAS HEALING, VALIDATING AND LIBERATING. I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE PROJECTS AND, AT A PERSONAL LEVEL, I AM LOOKING AT VOLUNTEERING AND WHAT CAUSES I CAN ENGAGE WITH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I AM ALSO GOING TO IMPROVE MY LIFE BY FINISHING MY MASTER'S DEGREE AS WELL AS BUILDING A HOME FOR ME AND MY CHILDREN.

FRIDAH
WMP PARTICIPANT
KENYA



DONATE 

Your donation today can help more women like Fridah break free from poverty and build a brighter future for themselves and their families. Please consider making a gift to support our Women’s Mentorship Program.

In Kenya, women like Fridah has long faced barriers to financial independence and gender equality. But with your support, CDF Canada’s Women’s Mentorship Program can be a game-changer. Through training, mentorship, and access to financial resources, women like Fridah and hundreds like her now have a voice in the credit union and have elevated their careers, contributing to their families and leading their communities.

280+

women credit union managers have benefited from WMP mentorship, advancing their careers and their global community impact.

200+

Canadian credit unions from across the country have participated as hosts, fostering a strong network of support and collaboration.

28

countries have participated by sending emerging women credit union leaders to Canada to take part in the Women’s Mentorship Program.





Become A WMP Host

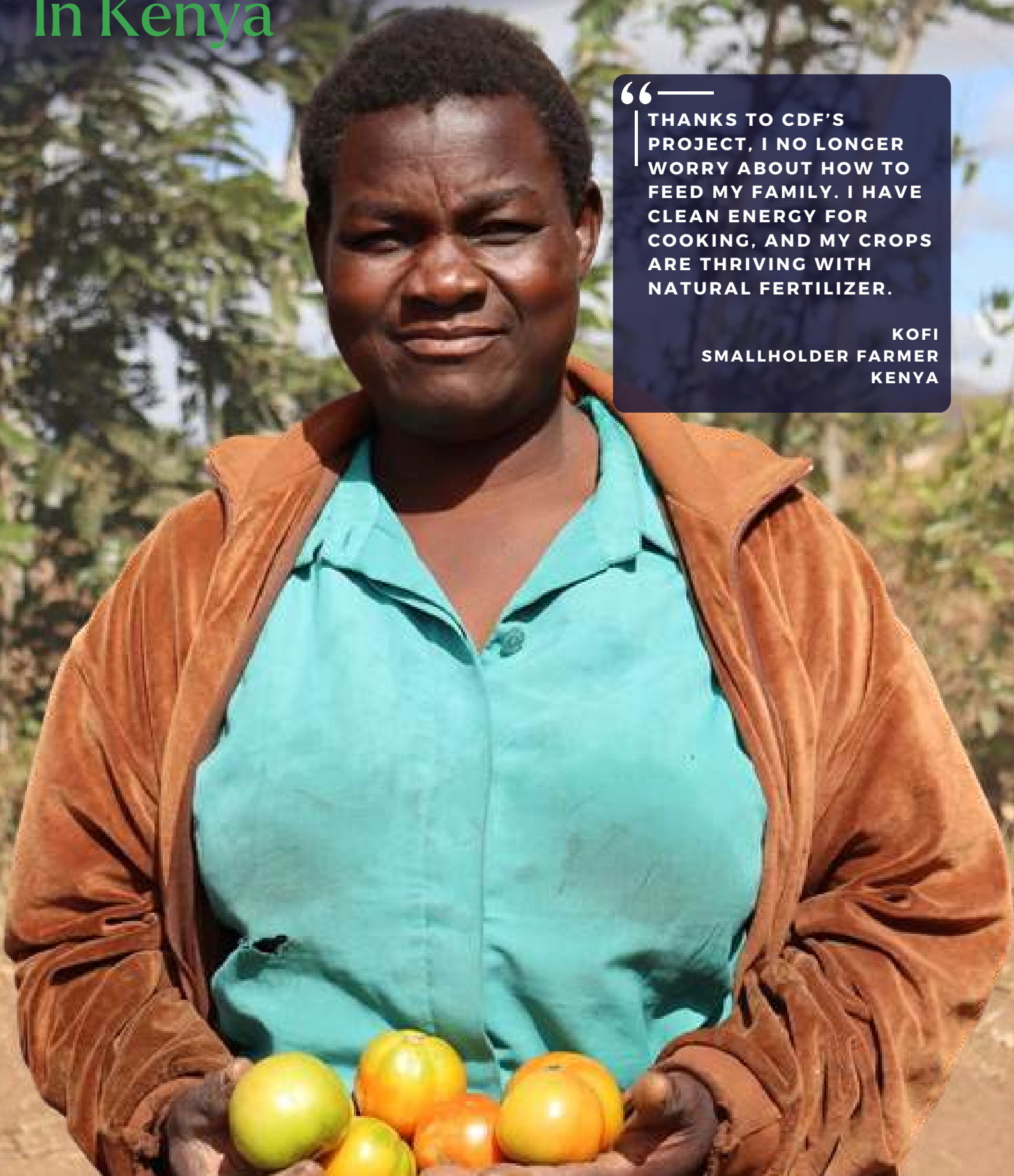
By hosting a participant from the Women's Mentorship Program, you'll join a global network of credit union professionals dedicated to advancing women's leadership and financial inclusion. Your support and hospitality will significantly shape their career trajectory and make a lasting impact on their lives. ***Click here to learn more.***

CLIMATE RESILIENCE

In Kenya

“ —
THANKS TO CDF'S
PROJECT, I NO LONGER
WORRY ABOUT HOW TO
FEED MY FAMILY. I HAVE
CLEAN ENERGY FOR
COOKING, AND MY CROPS
ARE THRIVING WITH
NATURAL FERTILIZER.

KOFI
SMALLHOLDER FARMER
KENYA





In Kenya, climate change has brought unpredictable weather patterns, threatening the livelihoods of countless farmers. CDF Canada's Climate Resilience Program has introduced innovative solutions like biodigesters, which convert organic waste into clean energy and non-chemical fertilizer. Farmers like Kofi are now able to sustain their crops, reduce deforestation, and improve their quality of life.

89%

women co-op members have reported improved resilience against climate-related agricultural changes.

66,992

individuals and farmers have received agricultural training on efficient fertilizer use to improve their yields and enhance agricultural resilience.

20,482

smallholder farmers have received agricultural assistance packages, including fertilizers, during times of climate disasters.

Your generosity makes it possible for farmers like Kofi to adapt to the changing climate and secure their future. A donation today will help expand our Climate Resilience Program to more communities in need.

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Engage & Inspire

Investing in global development boosts employee pride, morale, and commitment by strengthening their connection to your mission.

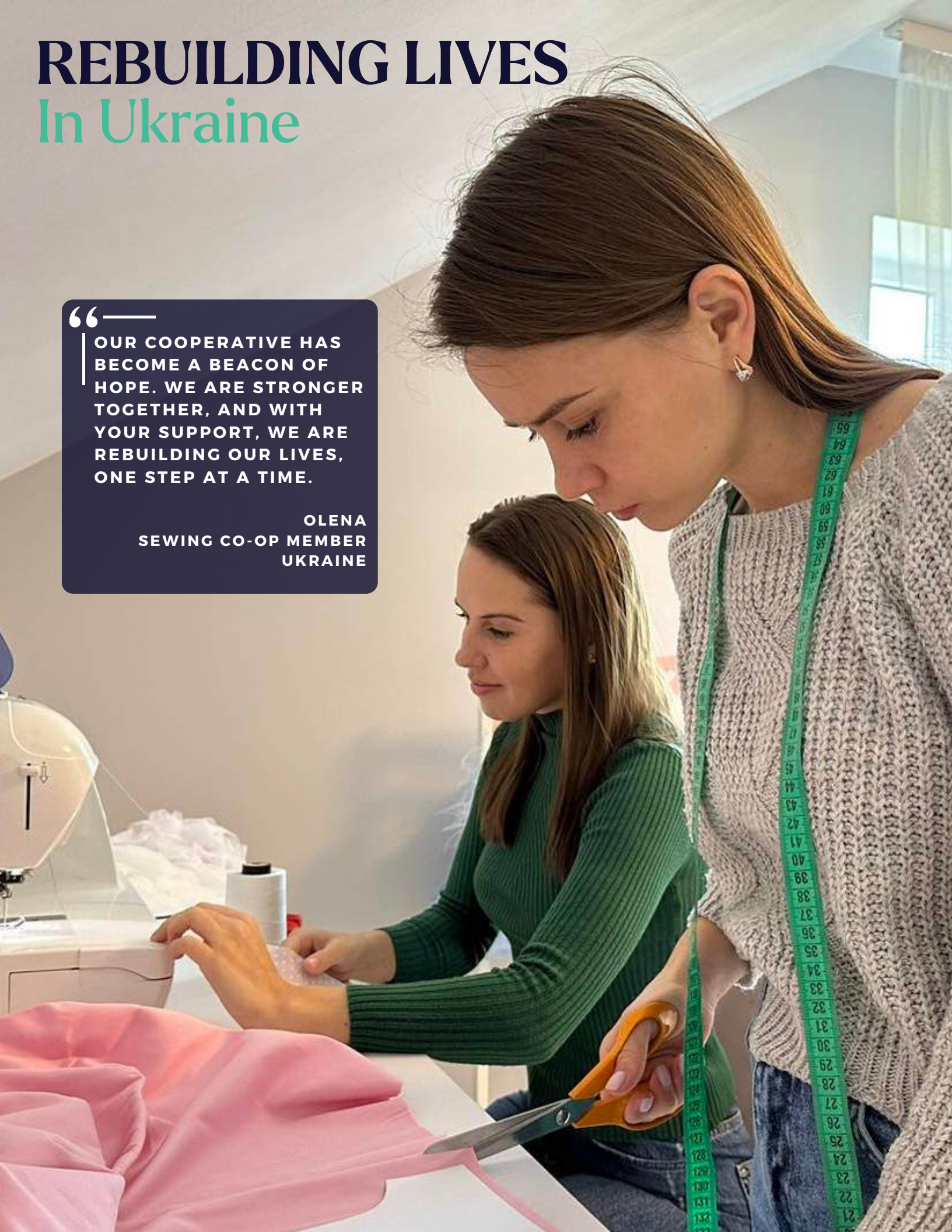
REBUILDING LIVES

In Ukraine

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OUR COOPERATIVE HAS
BECOME A BEACON OF
HOPE. WE ARE STRONGER
TOGETHER, AND WITH
YOUR SUPPORT, WE ARE
REBUILDING OUR LIVES,
ONE STEP AT A TIME.

OLENA
SEWING CO-OP MEMBER
UKRAINE



Unlock New Business Opportunities

Drive demand for your products, enter new markets, and contribute to regional growth and sustainability through new visibility in the co-operative sector.

In Ukraine, the ongoing conflict has displaced millions and devastated communities. CDF Canada has been on the ground, helping to rebuild lives through cooperative development, economic recovery, and psychosocial support. Families who lost everything are now finding hope and stability thanks to the resilience of cooperatives and the generosity of donors like you.

2,500+

women have been empowered to better support their families and contribute to the economic recovery of their communities through entrepreneurship and cooperative efforts.

\$500,000+

has been allocated to six new garment co-ops for modern equipment and training.

100+

IDPs have been employed by agricultural cooperatives, addressing issues of unemployment and food insecurity.

69

new garment sector businesses have been established.

50+

women have successfully started their own businesses in the garment sector.



Your donation can help us continue to support those affected by conflict around the world, ensuring they have the resources and community support needed to rebuild their lives. Please give today to make a lasting impact.

DONATE



1 NO POVERTY



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS





Fundraise On Our Behalf

"Champion CDF Canada's mission by organizing fundraisers, hosting athletic challenges, or starting an employee giving program. We're here to help you create transformative change for cooperatives worldwide! ***Click here to learn more.***

PROVIDING AID

When Disaster Hits



“OUR SMALL FARM IS HOW WE MAKE MONEY AND FEED OUR FAMILY. WE LOST NEARLY EVERYTHING WHEN CYCLONE FREDDY HIT, AND I WASN'T SURE HOW WE WOULD MANAGE TO PLANT AGAIN. THANKS TO THE SUPPORT FROM CDF CANADA AND ITS PARTNERS, I RECEIVED SEEDS AND FERTILIZER THAT ALLOWED ME TO REPLANT MY CROPS. THIS HELP HAS GIVEN ME HOPE THAT WE CAN REBUILD AND PROVIDE FOR OUR FAMILIES AGAIN.

MIRIAM
CO-OP MEMBER
MALAWI

Strategic Partnerships

Engage with global cooperatives and financial institutions, building partnerships and driving innovation in the cooperative ecosystem.



Your donations enable us to respond swiftly when unprecedented disasters strike, delivering crucial support to the most vulnerable and ensuring they have what they need to recover and rebuild with dignity and resilience.

DONATE

CDF Canada's participation in the recovery efforts following Tropical Cyclone Freddy has been instrumental in supporting the resilience and food security of farmers in southern Malawi. Through collaboration with the Malawi Federation of Cooperatives (MAEFCO) and funding from the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC), CDF Canada provided essential supplies such as maize seeds, assorted vegetable seeds, and fertilizer to co-operative members in the hardest-hit areas. This support not only enabled farmers to replant and continue their agricultural activities but also prioritized the most vulnerable members, including women, the

elderly, and those with disabilities or chronic illnesses.

The impact of CDF Canada's involvement extends beyond immediate relief; it also bolsters long-term growth and resilience through its VOICE for Women and Girls Program, which aims to enhance the capacities of individual producers and primary co-operatives. By focusing on inclusive and sustainable practices, CDF Canada is helping these communities recover and build stronger, more resilient co-operatives capable of weathering future challenges.



SUPPORTING EMERGING LEADERS In Canada

The Ian MacPherson Legacy Fund

CDF Canada, in partnership with CMC and the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation, introduces the Ian MacPherson Legacy Fund to honor his contributions to co-operatives. This fund supports emerging leaders like Kacie G. Hopkins, a York University Ph.D. candidate researching community economies and feminist social enterprises. The fund helps recipients present their work at co-op events, fostering their professional growth and impact in the sector. By nurturing these future leaders, CDF Canada strengthens the Canadian co-operative movement's foundation and its future.



Your generosity helps empower emerging Canadian leaders, supporting their innovative contributions to drive positive change. Your support transforms lives, fosters collaboration, and builds a more resilient, inclusive co-operative sector.

DONATE



VOICE for Women & Girls



CDF Canada's VOICE program connects Canadian volunteers with impactful global development projects. Each year, our volunteers drive positive change by sharing expertise, enhancing their professional growth, and gaining global perspectives. Engaging both international and e-volunteers, the program supports local communities through capacity-building and opportunity creation. Last year, nearly 50 Canadian volunteers impacted co-operatives in Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, and Ethiopia, benefiting 500 partner co-operatives and over 15,000 individuals through training in leadership and governance. The VOICE program effectively combines global support with local leadership, empowering Canadian volunteers and driving meaningful change worldwide.

As part of our Annual Appeal campaign, we are excited to include a link to our **2024 Impact Report**, which highlights the tangible difference donations have made this year. The report showcases powerful stories, real-world data, and transformative outcomes from the communities we serve—demonstrating how every contribution directly supports sustainable development, poverty reduction, and community empowerment.

By sharing these successes, we hope to show you the profound impact of your generosity and inspire new donors to join us in creating lasting change. **Your support has made these achievements possible**, and we invite you to explore the full breadth of what we've accomplished together.

We invite you to take a look at our 2024 Impact Report here:





Donors,

As we look ahead to 2025, we remain committed to our mission of empowering communities and transforming lives. But we cannot do it without you.

Your gift—no matter the size—makes a profound difference. Together, we can build a world where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Please join us in making this vision a reality by donating today. Every dollar you give helps create lasting change for those who need it most.

Sincerely,

Benoît André
Executive Director | CDF Canada



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support of CDF Canada*



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