

# On track for **JUSTICE**



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**Development  
and Peace**  
CARITAS CANADA

# Building a world of justice

Since 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada has been working hand in hand with communities in the Global South to promote **justice, peace and dignity**.

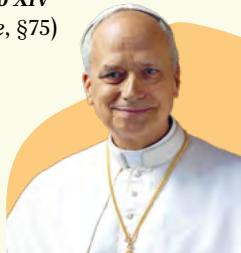
Guided by **Catholic Social Teaching**, we support women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. We seek to eliminate the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by running **Canada-wide awareness and fundraising campaigns** and through **partner-led projects** in 34 countries around the world.

## To achieve this, we rely on your support.

Your contributions create a **bridge of solidarity** between our mobilization in the Global North and our partners' transformative work in the Global South.

*"The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking. Where the world sees threats, she sees children; where walls are built, she builds bridges."*

— Pope Leo XIV  
(*Dilexi te, §75*)



## A word from the president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops\*

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Lent is a time of fasting, giving and anticipation. It is also a special time to remember God's presence in the poor, which encourages us to act with charity, generosity and justice. This Lent, the bishops of Canada continue our yearly tradition of inviting the faithful to be in solidarity with the poor by **giving generously to the Share Lent fundraising campaign of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada**, the official organization of the Catholic Church in Canada for international solidarity and development.

By giving generously to Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Solidarity Sunday collection on March 22, 2026**, Canadians can support communities, organizations, farmers, humanitarian workers and so many others who are making such a decisive and radical choice in some of the world's most challenging situations.

As we await Christ's Passion and resurrection, let us prepare our hearts by joining Development and Peace — Caritas Canada to share our fate and our resources with all those who work for justice and peace.

Fraternally in our Lord,



*+Pierre Goudreault*

**Pierre Goudreault**  
Bishop of  
Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière  
President of the Canadian  
Conference of Catholic Bishops

\*Excerpted from the CCCB president's message of support available at [devp.org/lent/resources](http://devp.org/lent/resources).

# How your dollar makes a difference

Breakdown for the 2024-2025 financial year



## IN CANADA

**Our members campaign to raise awareness about the causes of inequality and injustice and take action to bring about change.**

"I am committed to Development and Peace — Caritas Canada to concretely promote international solidarity and human dignity for all. Through advocacy, awareness-raising and fundraising, I am responding to an inner calling: to walk with the most vulnerable toward a reconciled, more just and deeply human world."

— Marjolaine Mondon, member of the national council, Quebec



## OVERSEAS

**Our partners carry out projects developed by and for the communities they serve in countries of the Global South.**



"Our longstanding partnership with Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is very important to us. It allows us to promote **economic alternatives** to mining and industrial agriculture, thereby strengthening local economies and agroecology."

"Your contributions help **change the reality of communities** here and make a difference for many other organizations around the world."

— Mikael Carvalho, Coordinator, *Justiça nos Trilhos*, Brazil

# Our presence *in the world*

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's projects touch millions of people around the world. Our work is based on five values: **dignity, participation, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor and integrity**.

**\$19.8 million**  
invested

**59**  
community development and humanitarian aid **projects**

Our work around the world  
from September 1, 2024,  
to August 31, 2025



## Our work focuses on:

- Citizen participation
- Ecological justice
- Justice for women
- Peace and reconciliation

Learn more at

[devp.org/annualreport](http://devp.org/annualreport).



### HAITI *Ecological justice*



Strengthening the climate resilience of populations and ecosystems through an inclusive approach that promotes gender equality and youth participation.



### SIERRA LEONE *Justice for women*

Helping women in rural areas become leaders and assert their territorial rights so that they can access land.

Honduras

Colombia

Ecuador

Peru

Bolivia

Paraguay

Sierra Leone

Sahel (Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger)

Brazil

Nigeria

### BOLIVIA *Citizen participation*



Supporting women in defending their rights through education, communication and the prevention of gender-based violence.

### 34 countries

in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe,  
Latin America and the Middle East

### 7 million people

reached by our overseas projects  
and programs

Poland

Ukraine

Tunisia

Türkiye

Lebanon

Syria

Morocco

Palestine

Jordan

Sudan

Yemen

Ethiopia

Somalia

Burundi

Madagascar

Democratic  
Republic of  
the Congo



### LEBANON *Humanitarian aid*

Providing assistance to people affected and displaced by Israeli bombings.

Myanmar (Burma)

Cambodia

Bangladesh

Philippines

Indonesia



### BANGLADESH *Peace and reconciliation*

Providing children and teens with informal preschool education, pre-vocational training, psychosocial support and peace education.

# BRAZIL *resist to exist*

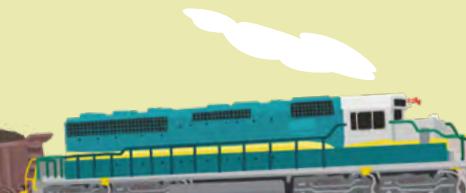
Our partner **Justiça nos Trilhos** (Justice on Rails, JnT) supports communities affected by the Carajás railway, which connects one of world's largest iron ore mines in the state of Pará to the port of São Luis in the state of Maranhão.



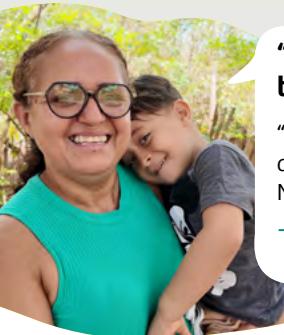
As they pass daily bearing ore from the open-pit mine in uncovered wagons, **immensely long trains** create several problems for communities along the line. These include noise; dust; contamination; vibrations strong enough to damage houses; and the risks and difficulties posed by having to cross the tracks that cut people off from neighbours and workplaces.



**Industrial agriculture**, too, has devastated rural areas. Forests were replaced by huge soybean monocultures stretching as far as the eye can see. Planes that spray pesticides on the fields fly over nearby communities carelessly spraying their homes, fruit trees and animals, to the detriment of their health and the environment.



**Eucalyptus monoculture** is also an issue in the region. Logging trucks damage the dirt roads, making it even more difficult for people to get around.



**"If we don't resist today in the fight to defend the land, tomorrow we will no longer exist."**

"We must take care of the land and preserve water sources and biodiversity, because our survival depends on it. Nature can do without us, but we cannot do without nature."

— Gabi, president, *Seeds of the Earth* women's association, Maranhão, Brazil

## On track for justice

After 20 years of struggle, a village is rebuilding itself far from the factories whose pollution plagued the lives of 1,300 people. The support of our partner **Justiça nos Trilhos** made this relocation possible for 312 families, including Flavia and her daughter Aylla.

"Back there, the air we breathed was really bad and it made us sick. We couldn't ride our bikes anymore because the streets were dangerous and full of potholes, and company trucks drove by too often. Here, I'm really happy! I can walk, ride my bike and go to the field to play soccer, my favorite sport!"

— Aylla, 12, Flavia's daughter



## Justiça nos Trilhos at a glance

**ESTABLISHED:** 2007, with the support of the Comboni Missionaries.

**MISSION:** To strengthen communities along the Carajás corridor by denouncing human rights and environmental violations by predatory corporations, especially those involved in mining and industrial agriculture; by holding public and private actors accountable; by preventing new violations; by defending communities' ways of life and autonomy on their territories; and by addressing the climate emergency.

"Piquiá de Baixo was a place where we felt good. I lived there for 30 years and never thought I would be displaced because of companies that make big promises but leave only devastation behind.

"It is said that Piquiá de Baixo is surrounded by steel dragons: on one side, the railroad tracks; on the other, the steel companies, the furnaces where steel is made behind my old house, and a cement factory that emits toxic dust. Only a wall separated my garden from all this pollution.

"My father started this fight, and I followed in his footsteps. Sometimes, I wanted to give up, but my family said, 'You must continue.' With the Comboni Missionaries, we learned that the struggle is difficult, but just as Jesus gave Himself up to save us, we persevered even when stones were thrown at us. Despite our suffering, the resettlement in Piquiá da Conquista is a great source of joy for us. It is a source of inspiration for other communities.

"With the support of *Justiça nos Trilhos*, our struggle has borne fruit. JnT informs and accompanies communities and is always there to encourage young people. Without them, I would not be who I am today. This struggle has given me a strength I never thought I had."

— Flavia, 31, community leader, Piquiá da Conquista

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To put everyone

# On track for justice

 Please give generously: [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give)



→ Online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give)

→ During the *Share Lent* parish collection

→ By calling **1-888-234-8533**

→ By mailing a **cheque** (made out to Development and Peace) to:  
555 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, Montreal, Quebec H2Z 1B1



**Double your gift** by donating monthly

During Lent, anyone who becomes a **Share Year-Round** monthly donor (or increases the value of their monthly donation) will have their total annual contribution (or increase) matched dollar for dollar!

**Monthly donations**, which are recurring and predictable, reduce our administrative costs and allow us to plan for long-term transformative work. See details at [devp.org/shareyearround](http://devp.org/shareyearround).



"I like the idea that by giving, we are contributing to the wide range of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada projects. It gives us the foundation we need to build long-term partnerships, which is why I'm a **Share Year-Round** donor."

— Gabrielle Dupuis, *Share Year-Round* monthly donor and president of the national council, Ontario



**Leave a *Legacy of Hope***

Enjoy attractive tax benefits as you continue your commitment to Development and Peace — Caritas Canada even beyond your lifetime. To learn more about **bequests and planned giving**, please call **1-855-835-9999**.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!

**Join the movement:** [devp.org/joinus](http://devp.org/joinus)

Campaign as a member to raise funds and awareness and to amplify our calls for justice, peace and dignity for our sisters and brothers in the Global South.

