

**Written Submission for the Pre-Budget Consultations
in Advance of the 2019 Budget**



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List of Recommendations

- **Recommendation 1:** That the government implement the Feminist International Assistance policy by focusing on small-scale female farmers
- **Recommendation 2:** That the government provide funding in the amount of \$100 million over five years to support women’s organizations and movements working on climate adaptation and resilience-building in developing countries.
- **Recommendation 3:** That the government deliver 100% of Canada’s international climate finance in the form of grants, through channels that reach the poorest and most vulnerable.

Body of Submission

- 1. Increase the International Assistance Envelope**
- 2. Deliver 100% of climate finance for the poorest countries as grants**

From 2010 to 2020 (from spending and estimates), over half of Canada’s international climate finance was in the form of loans, meaning that poor countries struggling to deal with the negative impacts of climate change are now burdened with additional debt. Most of the greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change originate in industrialized countries, yet the most severe impacts of climate change are borne by developing countries.

- 3. Commit \$100 million for women’s organizations working on climate adaptation**

The Feminist International Assistance Policy recognizes “*that women and girls are uniquely affected by the damaging effects of climate change*”. To achieve this, Canada should create a fund to support women’s organizations and movements working on climate change policies and investments, public involvement, and adaptation measures, with an initial investment of \$30 million in the 2019 budget, and commitment to a total of \$100 million over five years.

4. Focus aid on small-scale women farmers

To effectively reach the poorest and most vulnerable people, it is imperative to focus on the needs of women, and to invest in farmers and other food producers. Economic growth from agricultural development is at least twice as effective at reducing poverty as growth from other sectors. Investing in small-scale farming enables social and economic empowerment for women. Through their role as care-givers, it also paves the way to improved health and educational opportunities for children.