



How Global Health Funding Works in Canada

A clear guide on where the money comes from and how it reaches communities around the world.



What Is Global Health Funding?

Who Provides It

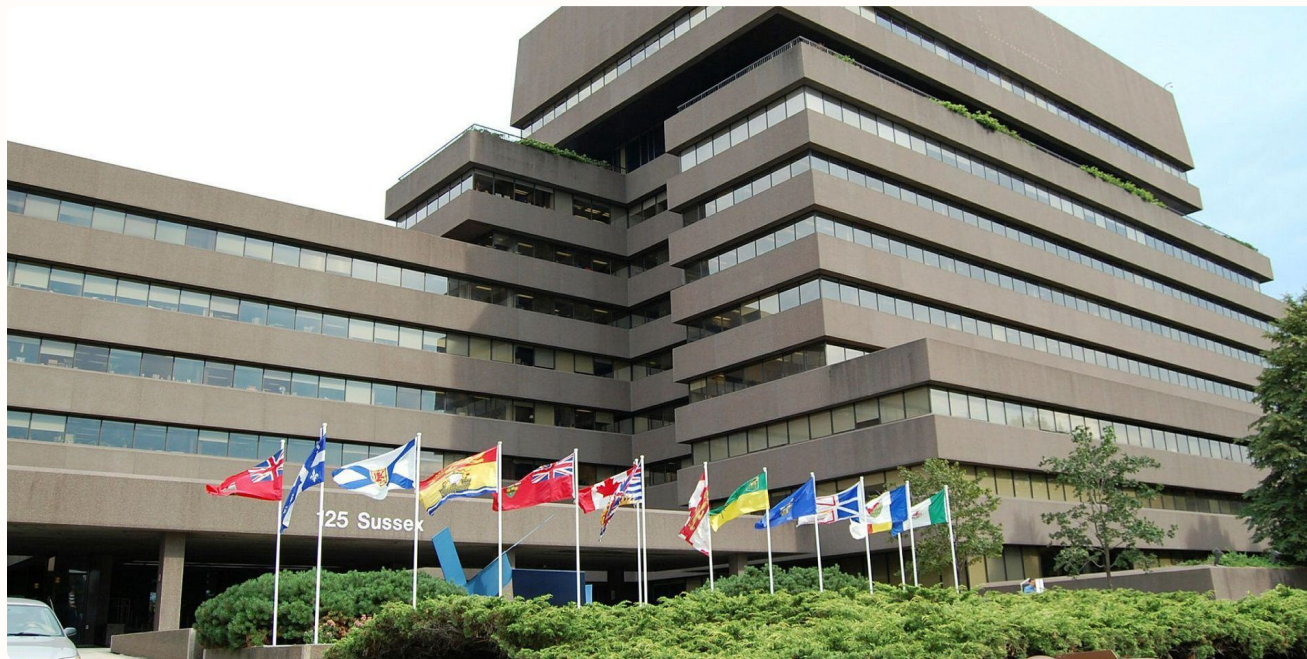
Governments, multilateral organizations, foundations, and philanthropies all contribute to the global health funding ecosystem.

What It Supports

Health workers, medicines, laboratories, community care, and entire health systems across countries and communities.

Who It Reaches

People and communities in countries that need health support — from routine immunization to emergency disease response.



CANADA'S ROLE

Global Affairs Canada

Global Affairs Canada (GAC) is the federal department that leads much of Canada's international assistance for global health. It sits at the intersection of three major responsibilities:

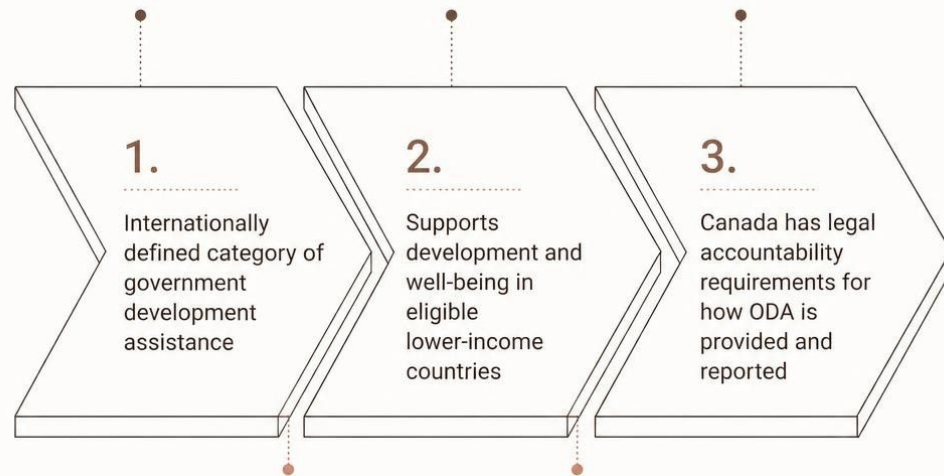
Global health funding flows through GAC as part of Canada's broader international assistance mandate.

1 International Development

2 Foreign Affairs

3 Trade

Official Development Assistance (ODA)



What Makes ODA Special?

ODA is not just any government spending — it is a formal, internationally recognized category with strict rules about what qualifies.

- Canada's ODA must meet legal accountability standards, ensuring funds genuinely support development and well-being in eligible countries.

Think of ODA as a quality standard: it signals that the assistance is purposeful, tracked, and reported transparently to both Canadians and the international community.



How Canada Delivers Funding



Bilateral

Canada supports countries, governments, and organizations **directly** — funding goes straight from Canada to a partner country or organization working on the ground.



Multilateral

Canada contributes through **international organizations and pooled funds** — money goes into a shared pot alongside contributions from other countries.



Global Health Initiatives

Partnerships that bring multiple funders together around major health priorities — combining resources for greater collective impact.

Examples of Global Health Initiatives



The Global Fund

Focuses on **HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria**, three of the world's most deadly infectious diseases. Canada is a long-standing contributor.



Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

Expands access to **immunization** in lower-income countries, protecting children from preventable diseases.



Global Financing Facility (GFF)

Supports **women's, children's, and adolescent health** — including reproductive health and nutrition.

Beyond their primary focus areas, GHIs often support **health-system strengthening** — building the infrastructure that makes health care work for everyone.

The Big Picture

Global Health Funding

All funders worldwide

Delivery Channels

Bilateral, Multilateral,
Global Initiatives



Canada's International Assistance

Managed by Global
Affairs Canada

Communities & Health Systems

Local recipients
worldwide

Global health funding is the broadest concept. Canada provides part of this through its international assistance — much of it managed by **Global Affairs Canada** and qualifying as **ODA**. From there, money flows bilaterally, through international organizations, or through **Global Health Initiatives** that pool resources around shared priorities.