



## BACKGROUND

### FIT Funding Announcement Intake 2:

FIT has selected nine (9) Canadian small and medium-sized organizations to receive funding in the program's second intake. Each SMO will receive up to \$250,000 to test their innovative solutions in partnership with local organizations over a 6-15 month period.

1. Canadian Organization: **CAUSE Canada** (Alberta)

Project Title: **Eradicating Child Marriage in Sierra Leone**

Testing Country: **Sierra Leone**

Testing period: **15 months**

Amount: **\$217,932**

CAUSE Canada will test an innovative approach to eradicate child marriage by educating men seeking child brides about the negative consequences of child marriage for them, their families and entire communities. The solution being tested includes training community leaders, empowering advocates, organizing community events against child marriage and collecting data on the number of prevented marriages vs. marriages that took place despite the intervention.

2. Canadian Organization: **Coady International Institute** (Nova Scotia)

Project Title: **Farmer-led Tools, Dashboard Development and the Future of Farming**

Testing Country: **India & Kenya**

Testing period: **15 months**

Amount: **\$236,000**

Coady International Institute at St. Francis Xavier University will test tools with women farmers to identify capacity building needs, such as accessing new technologies, credit, infrastructure, markets, financial and business planning/management etc. It will also test a farmer-led indicator dashboard and explore the opportunities and impacts of big data and future of farming at the smallholder farmer level in the Nyando Valley (Kenya) and in two districts of Gujarat State in India.

3. Canadian Organization: **Lessons Learned Simulations and Training** (Ontario)

Project Title: **Promoting Community-Based Tabletop Simulation Development**

Testing Country: **Jordan**

Testing period: **12 months**

Amount: **\$158,828**

Lessons Learned Simulations and Training will be testing workshops which train local humanitarian workers in Amman, Jordan in participatory, gender-aware simulation design. To test the effectiveness of these workshops, they will be followed by a period of coaching and mentoring

through the independent design of programmatically relevant simulations. Finally, the implementing team will support local organizations in the delivery of training simulations to their teams or beneficiaries.

4. Canadian Organization: **Lestari Sustainable Development Consultants** (Ontario)

Project Title: **Women's Empowerment, Agricultural Innovation, and Climate Change Adaptation**

Testing Country: **Indonesia**

Testing period: **15 months**

Amount: **\$250,000**

Lestari Sustainable Development Consultants will test the women-focused dissemination of newly developed drought-tolerant coffee varieties that will increase climatic resilience. The dissemination will use a gender responsive climate smart coffee farming methodology. The expected impacts of the proposed solution are improved gender equality, increased coffee productivity, more income and food security, and strengthened coffee climatic resilience. The testing will be conducted in the Indonesian coffee producing centres of Toraja and Enrekang districts, South Sulawesi Province.

5. Canadian Organization: **Make Music Matter** (Manitoba)

Project Title: **It Takes a Village to Heal**

Testing Country: **Democratic Republic of Congo**

Testing period: **15 months**

Amount: **\$224,660**

Make Music Matter, in partnership with the Panzi Hospital and Foundation will be testing the expansion of their innovative 'Healing in Harmony' music therapy program, which historically focused on helping women and girls survivors of sexual violence recover from their traumas and reintegrate back into the community. This project will now test the inclusion of men and boys within the existing program in order to provide the opportunity to address the trauma from violence and conflict that is pervasive in their lives, and develop nonviolent coping skills, discuss positive models of masculinity, understand gender equality, and learn tools to support and empower their family and community members.

6. Canadian Organization: **Mer et Monde** (Quebec)

Project Title: **Communauté d'apprentissage et incubateur de projets en égalité de genre au Nicaragua (Learning Community and Incubator for Gender Equality Projects in Nicaragua)**

Country: **Nicaragua**

Testing period: **15 months**

Amount: **\$248,975**

Mer et Monde will test the development of a local learning community and an incubator for gender equality projects in the department of Carazo in Nicaragua. Capacity building activities coupled with opportunities for practical application in micro-projects will facilitate the transition from theory to practice for the participants. The innovative aspect lies particularly in the methodology chosen

(experiential learning) and the collaborative work between six organizations in the Carazo region, for whom this will be a first opportunity to come together to learn, build and experiment under the theme of gender equality.

7. Canadian Organization: **My Oral Village** (Ontario)

Project Title: **Writing a Path out of Poverty: Testing a Cash Calculator with Extremely Poor Women in Northern Kenya**

Testing Country: Kenya

Testing period: 15 months

Amount: \$189,765

My Oral Village will conduct a field-test in Kenya of '4-Share,' a cash calculator for Android smartphones and tablets. 4-Share translates cash into place value notation, and provides record-keeping templates with no text, only numbers and easily drawn and recalled images to represent statement line items. The goal is to create a safe, motivating solution that allows innumerate women to acquire basic 'financial numeracy' and keep their own business records without the help of others.

8. Canadian Organization: **PeaceGeeks** (British Columbia)

Project Title: **Meshkat Community: Shining a Light on Gender Equality in Jordan**

Testing Country: **Jordan**

Testing period: **12 months**

Amount: **\$222,617**

PeaceGeeks will test a new method of peacebuilding in Jordan that centres around women and girls, to develop effective, inspiring and empathic narratives to catalyze a new conversation around norms that limit women's economic potential and agency in society. The core concept focuses on Jordanian women identifying and creating content but also includes engaging men and boys, who will be trained to see if they can better engage their male peers to rethink narratives that are limiting gender equality.

9. Canadian Organization: **Women's Global Health Innovations** (Ontario)

Project Title: **Women's Empowerment via Menstrual Hygiene and Livelihood Integration**

Testing Country: **Uganda**

Testing period: **15 months**

Amount: **\$250,000**

Women's Global Health Innovations, in partnership with Village Health Teams (VHTs) will test an innovative menstrual health solution where VHTs from 5 Villages will be trained to promote and earn income selling Bfree menstrual Cups. As opposed to traditional menstrual health products, the Bfree Cup is physically antibacterial, comfortable, easy to clean and reusable for up to 10 years. The core idea to test is whether VHTs can own and drive a solution that improves gender-related outcomes.