

# ACT Petition to the Government of Canada

**We, citizens of Canada, wish to draw the attention of the Government of Canada to our potential of becoming a global leader in aid effectiveness.**

In 2009, Canada spent \$4.73 billion in foreign aid. For our global efforts to be cost effective, efficient and sustainable in the current economic atmosphere, Canada needs to strengthen and reform the approach we take in delivering foreign aid.

**Therefore, we request that the Government of Canada ACT on aid effectiveness by making our aid more:**

**Accountable:** 1) Canada should lead the G8 in creating a standard for tracking and reporting on major international commitments. Such a standard should monitor progress through the lifecycle of all promises, publicizing this information along with interim progress reports to enable citizen groups and media to hold the government to account. 2) Canada should establish an expert, independent arms-length development evaluation agency to audit and understand the results from Canadian aid, and to report on these both to the Canadian public and to our development partner countries.

**Creative:** Establish an Innovation Fund worth \$200m per year to invest in new and riskier approaches to development. Decisions regarding the allocation of these funds should rest with a Board of development experts - a mix of Canadian Government officials and international experts.

**Transparent:** 1) Canada should join many of the world's leading donor organizations by signing on to the International Aid Transparency Initiative, a new initiative that aims to make information about aid spending easier to access, use and understand. 2) Canada should publish comprehensive, openly available data about all CIDA projects and programs - including the results of impact evaluations - on its website. This information should allow the user to track any project from the initial proposal through all the stages to project implementation.

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**Therefore, we request that the Government of Canada ACT on aid effectiveness by making our aid more Accountable, Creative and Transparent.**

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