IDRC’s Strategy 2030 is a bold and ambitious agenda that affirms the Centre’s commitment to support more sustainable and inclusive societies in the developing world. We will do this by:

- investing in high-quality research and innovation,
- sharing knowledge to inform local and global action, and
- mobilizing global alliances for impact.

The effects of climate change and persistent inequalities, such as gender inequality, combined with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, call for urgent action. Our operations and vision will align for a more sustainable and inclusive world where we help to cultivate skills and expertise, promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, and reduce our environmental footprint.

As part of Canada’s foreign affairs and international development efforts, and with five regional offices and a global network of partners and researchers, we have the breadth and experience to respond to global challenges.
Our research priorities

Five areas of focus will shape IDRC’s work in developing countries over the next decade and contribute to achieving the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals:

**CLIMATE-RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS** — We fund research that helps build inclusive and sustainable food systems. Our work helps develop resilience among communities severely affected by climate change and address emerging health threats that arise from food systems.

**GLOBAL HEALTH** — We strengthen health systems and policies so they can deliver better maternal and child health, improved sexual and reproductive health and rights for women and girls, and more effective and equitable preparedness and responses to epidemics.

**EDUCATION AND SCIENCE** — We support research to ensure children and youth from vulnerable populations are in school and benefit from high-quality education. We also support women’s leadership in strong science systems that produce knowledge and innovation, and improve lives.

**DEMOCRATIC AND INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE** — We invest in research and innovation so that people can enjoy the benefits that democracy and inclusive governance bring to everyday life. Our work on democracy and how countries are governed supports tangible improvements for everyone, especially women and vulnerable groups that are denied their rightful place in civic life.

**SUSTAINABLE INCLUSIVE ECONOMIES** — We build the evidence base to support sustainable development that reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Our work enhances climate resiliency, fosters shared prosperity, and expands economic opportunities for women and youth.

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