

Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC) 2023-2024

MCIC is a coalition of over 40 organizations involved in international development. Responsible for disturbing government financial funds designed for international development. 2024 is the 50th Anniversary of MCIC.

International Development Week 2024 was launched at the Mb Legislative Building in Feb. The province of Manitoba in 2023 contributed \$36.2 million to the international work of member organizations & partners. In 2024 the province of Manitoba contributed \$1.25 million which supported 52 projects in 34 countries.

Inspiring Action for Global Citizenship organized 182 events with approximately 7,000 participants. Also developed “Fast Fashion: The T-Shirt” board game. One can find more info on game@ MCIC site.

Janice Hamilton, Executive Director has worked for the past 36 years & has been leading MCIC for the last 24 years. There have been many changes over the years and MCIC has kept true to its commitment to the value of solidarity & cooperation in action.

The need remains for MCIC to work in unity with people & organizations in the Global South & engage Mb as global citizens. United Church of Canada received a \$10,200 matching grant for a project in the Philippines for the capacity of traditional farming communities in natural farming systems & climate change adaption. 3 villages of the Benguet province in the Cordillera region, worked together to empower Indigenous farmers on national farming systems & increasing technical capacity in sustainable agricultural practices.

St. Mary’s Road United Church of Canada received \$ 8,000 from the Community Solidarity funds for the project ‘Uniting through Peace: Tongogara Refugee Camp in Zimbabwe’. A story-based peacebuilding educational with community members to inspire creative, nonviolent peacemaking & activism.

There is so much more I could report on, I direct you MCIC site for additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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