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Statement by Minister of International Development for World NGO Day

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The Honourable Karina Gould, Minister of International Development, today issued the following statement:

“Today on World NGO Day, we are proud to showcase and celebrate the work of all non-governmental organizations that identify global problems and bring forward innovative solutions with compassion and determination.

“NGOs collaborate and engage with citizens and other civil society actors to build a world that is more peaceful, inclusive and sustainable for everyone, regardless of where they were born. They truly embody our country’s values through their development work.

“For instance, in Afghanistan, CARE Canada provided primary education to thousands of children to increase access to education through community-based classes.

“In East Africa, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank is working with farmers, particularly women, to integrate conservation agriculture in their farming practices.

“In sub-Saharan Africa and Central America, SeedChange is collaborating with small-scale farmers to develop new varieties of seeds that are locally adapted and resistant to drought, flooding, pests and diseases and provide nutritious food to local communities.

“Canadian NGOs also play a critical role in addressing gaps in health systems and in taking a rights-based approach to reach the poorest and most underserved. Amref Canada, for example, focuses on reaching vulnerable populations to increase the awareness of and access to quality maternal and reproductive health services.

“On this World NGO Day, we celebrate these organizations that stand up in the most challenging situations to end poverty and hunger, to achieve gender equality, to foster peace, to build real partnerships and to protect the planet for future generations.”

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