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“For me, in a democracy everyone speaks.”

- Augusto Boal, author of the Theatre of the Oppressed

After a 36-day campaign, the 2025 federal election is over. After a tough fought campaign, Prime Minister Mark Carney has led the Liberal Party to fourth straight victory, securing a minority government.

The ask: We call on Canada's new government to have a strong role in tackling the most pressing global challenges by showing up and supporting the health, wellbeing, and dignity of people around the world. A better world starts with Canada.

In this campaign, Prime Minister Carney has repeatedly stated that his government would not cut international assistance spending, ensuring critical Canadian investments in fighting infectious diseases like tuberculosis, ensuring nutritious food, and providing quality education around the globe.

This commitment is a good first step toward maintaining Canada's long tradition of working alongside global partners to support and champion the health and wellbeing of the most marginalized. Canadian leadership has resulted in a world that is healthier and more prosperous than it was only 20 years ago.

the challenges ahead

But we know that global challenges are rising, and more and more countries are cutting support for international assistance, turning their backs on our world. The United States has dismantled the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and cut over 80% of its activities. The United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands, and Belgium have also slashed their international assistance budgets. These cuts put millions of lives at risk, threaten livelihoods, and jeopardize decades of progress toward the eradication of extreme poverty.

The United States is the largest funder of international assistance programming in the world, with USAID providing assistance to about 130 countries, including 42% of all global health funding worldwide. The rollback of funding has created an enormous vacuum with critical personnel, infrastructure, programming, and partnerships ending abruptly.

why Canada must step up *now*

Responding with business-as-usual is insufficient. We need bold action to meet these challenges. We need bold action to build a better world.

what's next for our new decision-makers

We know the facts about international assistance, about its impact told in lives saved and futures improved. We need to make sure that decision-makers – including our new Members of Parliament (MPs) in Ottawa – know the facts, too.

Over the next few days and weeks, a Cabinet will be formed, parliamentary secretaries appointed, and Parliament will get back to governing our country for the next few years.

As MPs and Ministers settle into the rhythm of a new Parliament, advocates like us must pick up the tempo. While our government was paused for this election, our world's pressing needs were not.

advocates must hit the ground running

Our volunteers have done a lot of great work through the election. They've talked to our candidates, asked questions at forums, and have told this next set of MPs that people in Canada care about international assistance before they were even elected. As a new Parliament kicks off, we must hit the ground running and continue to let our MPs know that we – the people they represent – care about building a better world.

Voting matters, but democracy is about far more than just ticking a box every few years. It's about everyday folks like us making our voices heard and holding our new government accountable for their promises and (in)actions. The dust from this election may be settling, but our work is just getting started: we must let our new government and our parliamentarians know that committed advocates across Canada care about building a better world.

The next few years in Canadian politics may be turbulent, affected by a global trade war, threats of annexation by the US President, and growing global chaos. Decision-makers will be focusing their time and attention on responding to economic and global crises. We must remind them that part of this response must include growing Canada's investments in our world to help secure futures and save lives by supporting the health, wellbeing, and dignity of people around the world.

We need to be loud. We need to be active. We need to tell our representatives in Ottawa that we care about international assistance, and that we want to see Canada building a better world, a world without poverty.

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latest campaign news

#FeedOurFuture:

Back in February, former Minister of International Development Ahmed Hussen announced \$360.6 million for Nutrition International (NI), a high-impact investment that will help put an end to the malnutrition crisis! With good nutrition, we know that children can better access education, and healthcare costs will decrease for both countries and individuals. Thank you to all our volunteers who have been advocating for investments in nutrition! This is a solid down payment on the \$750 million we need. We are still working hard to ensure that Canada provides the resources needed to fight the malnutrition crisis. The campaign isn't over, but will be less public for the next few months.

#WorldTBDay:

Results Canada volunteers took action to commemorate World Tuberculosis Day on March 24 and raise awareness for the world's deadliest infectious disease. A record-breaking 54 landmarks across Canada were lit up in red to spotlight TB. Groups of volunteers in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Calgary, and Victoria got together at illuminated landmarks to raise their voices for a TB-free world. Read our blog for more information.

story



"One of Champa's first thoughts when the cyclone hit was: Save the medicine."
[click here to read on.](#)

In northern Bangladesh, where annual floods disrupt lives and health services alike, community health workers Champa and Rekha are defying the odds to fight tuberculosis (TB). As members of a local BRAC health team supported by the Global Fund, they travel door to door – often wading through waist-deep water – to reach people with lifesaving TB screening, testing, and treatment.

Their story highlights the intersection of health, gender, and climate change, showing how resilient frontline workers are essential in protecting vulnerable communities from preventable diseases like TB. Even in the face of fear, stigma, and natural disasters, Champa and Rekha continue their tireless work, bringing hope, healing, and dignity to those most at risk. Read their story on The Global Fund's website.

key dates

May 1: Results Canada's Action Kick-Off
May 11: Mothers' Day
May 28: Menstrual Hygiene Day
May 28: World Hunger Day
[Check out our full key dates calendar](#)

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ACTIONS

get in touch with the Prime Minister

With the general election (finally) over, Prime Minister Carney will be returning to Ottawa with his caucus and new (soon to come) cabinet. They are eager to get back to the work of governing and representing the interests of their constituents (that's you!).

We must let Prime Minister Carney know that we care about Canada stepping up to build a better world. Introduce yourself and Results Canada, and highlight the advocacy that we do and why you care about a world free from extreme poverty.

Canadians expect our country to step up and fight global poverty. Together, we can build Canada's global leadership, fight deadly diseases, and build strong communities.

Send Prime Minister Carney a message through **this form** – don't forget to let us know you took action!

expert tip - EPIC model

If you need additional help with this action, don't hesitate to reach out to us at action@resultscanada.ca.

register for our Volunteer Retreat

Are you in need of some hope, motivation, and community in the midst of these chaotic times? We sure are! Things can seem dark right now but the Results Canada community is always a bright place.

So, we're thrilled to invite you to the Together We Lead! 2025 Volunteer Retreat in Ottawa on May 31st and June 1st!

We are excited to offer free admission for our volunteers and Fellows. For further information and registration details, visit the event page! Space is limited and spots are going fast, so register soon!

register by May 19th!

This event is in English and is open to any Results Canada volunteer or Fellow. Not a volunteer yet? Join us and make a global impact!

write a Letter to the Editor (LTE)

The election is over, and our new government is getting to work. Write a letter to the editor (LTE) and let them know that Canada must continue our legacy of global leadership, championing the health, education, and rights of people around the world. With increasing global uncertainty, it is more important than ever for Canada continue to lead and help build #ABetterWorld.

follow these step-by-step instructions to write an LTE

did you get published?

1. Do an internet search of your name and a key sentence from your LTE for a few weeks after you submit if the newspaper editor didn't notify you that they picked up your LTE.

2. If you got published, complete the “I got published in the media” form.
3. Keep submitting LTEs on future calls-to-action and you could become a publishing expert like Dena.