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- Kelley Lee, Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences and Co-author, Lancet Article, Canada's global health role: supporting equity and global citizenship as a middle power (Simon Fraser University)
- Caroline Leclerc, Assistant Deputy Minister, Partnerships for Development Innovation (Global Affairs Canada)
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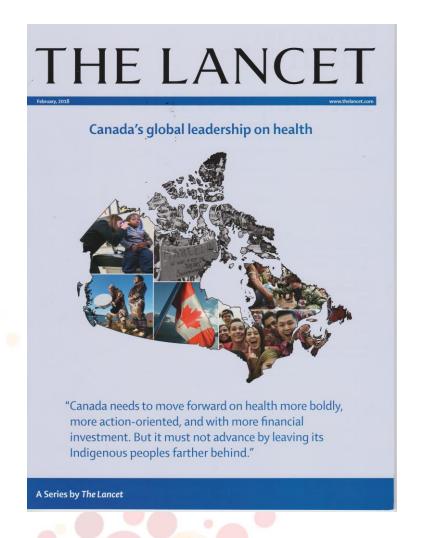


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Canada's history and emergence as middle power

- Canada's diversity and vast geography has made nation-building an ongoing challenge.
- We must acknowledge our history of colonization and unresolved relationship with our Indigenous peoples.
- Our traditional "middle power" status has made alliance building, multilateralism, leadership in non-security issue areas (e.g. health) and human rights central to traditional Canadian diplomacy.
- Our history has led Canadian initiatives and institutions to champion equity and inclusion in global health development.

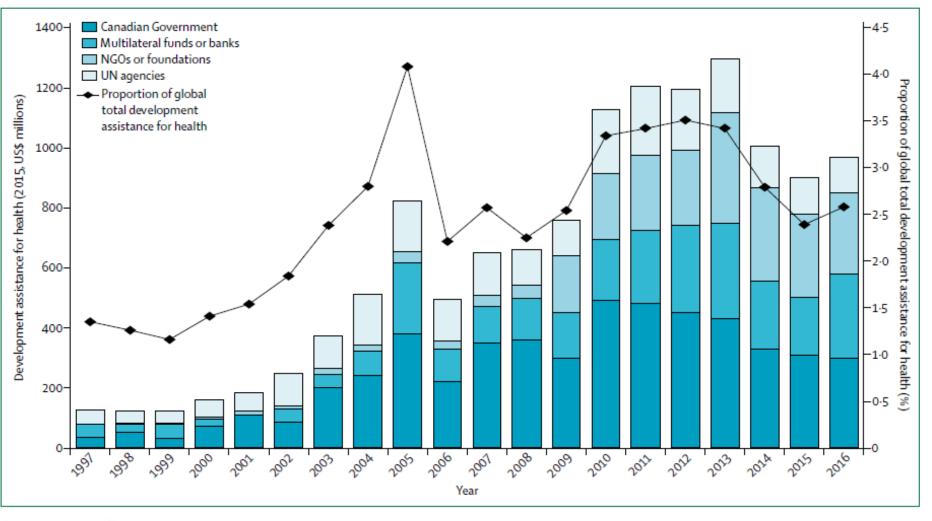


Health equity central to Canadian global health leadership

- Lalonde Report (1974) and WHO Alma Ata Declaration (1978)
- Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion (1986)
- IDRC and Commission on Health Research in Development (1990)
- CIHR/CIDA/IDRC/Health Canada Global Health Research Initiative (2001)
- WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health (2008)
- Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research Principles (2015)



Canadian developmen t assistance for health in Cdn \$m (1997-2016)



Source: Compiled from data Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. Financial global health visualisation. 2017.





Lessons

- Canada's demographic diversity and nation-building history is a strength and opportunity. Our capacity and credibility in global health depends on how well we achieve social cohesion at home.
- "True, meaningful and lasting reconciliation" with our Indigenous peoples is central to our global health credibility.
- We lose influence when we pursue a "Canada-first" agenda in foreign policy. Domestic and global health needs are inseparable.
- Canada's limited resources are spread thinly amid a fragmented institutional landscape. A Canadian global health strategy would enhance coordination and impact.
- Time to "walk the talk" and back up Canadian diplomatic niceties with concrete actions.





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