Unfortunately, only a small fraction of global philanthropic and investment capital supports organizations or initiatives advancing women's rights. And when it does, funding is often disconnected from the goals of the organizations and communities it aims to support. The Equality Fund will disrupt traditional funding mechanisms by applying a feminist approach to global change. It's time to reimagine the philanthropic and investment sectors:

- To be more diverse, equitable, and inclusive;
- To address the needs and experiences of the communities they serve; and
- To support the long-term sustainability of grantee partners and leaders and organizations driving change.

Our goal is audacious: mobilize over $1 billion dollars for gender equality. To achieve this, we have designed an innovative model combining traditional philanthropy with gender lens investing and public sector funding. Building on the unprecedented $300 million CAD contribution of the Government of Canada to establish this new partnership, the Equality Fund has secured initial investments and philanthropic donations of $100 million CAD.

In the Equality Fund, all money will be put towards gender equality. In addition to providing financial resources, the Equality Fund will offer our diverse grantee partners opportunities for capacity-building so they can better innovate, evolve, and implement their programs and priorities. Through this framework, the Equality Fund will drive the cultural, economic, and political changes required to make global gender equality a reality.

We envision a world in which resources move boldly and sustainably to women's organizations and movements in Canada and around the world. It's time to break from traditional paradigms. It's time to fund a feminist future. Welcome to the Equality Fund.

JOIN US. We are building a new model for funding and sustaining women's rights and gender equality around the world.
HOW IT WORKS

1. GRANTMAKING
   The Equality Fund’s primary focus is supporting women’s rights organizations and feminist movements around the world. We will provide financial resources and strengthen organizations working from the grassroots to the global stage. We know that a feminist approach is essential to building peace, shifting power, and protecting the planet. To that end, we will ground our strategies in the priorities identified by organizations and movements leading change in their communities.

2. INVESTING
   Our investment strategy will leverage finance as a tool to scale and transform systems for gender equality. We will apply a holistic approach to gender-lens investing grounded in best practices, sound investment approaches, innovative ways of thinking, and a deep understanding of the many forces that perpetuate inequality across the globe. The Equality Fund will also support capacity building among investees by providing access to best-in-class resources, training, and guidance.

3. PHILANTHROPY + PUBLIC SECTOR CAPITAL
   Our ambitious fund mobilization strategy will assemble and sustain the world’s largest fund for women and girls. We will engage organizations, foundations, governments and philanthropists at every level to design and build a new shared vision for global gender equality. This is an opportunity for Canadian-led philanthropy to build a gender equality legacy for Canada and the world.

OUR COLLECTIVE

The Equality Fund collective is a dynamic partnership between leading actors in feminist organizing, global philanthropy and impact investing coming together to design and build the Equality Fund. Partners with shared values and priorities will each bring unique strengths, skills and resources to realize our shared vision for gender equality in Canada and around the world.

The Equality Fund is made possible in partnership with the Government of Canada.