

AGRICULTURE FOR CLEAN & INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

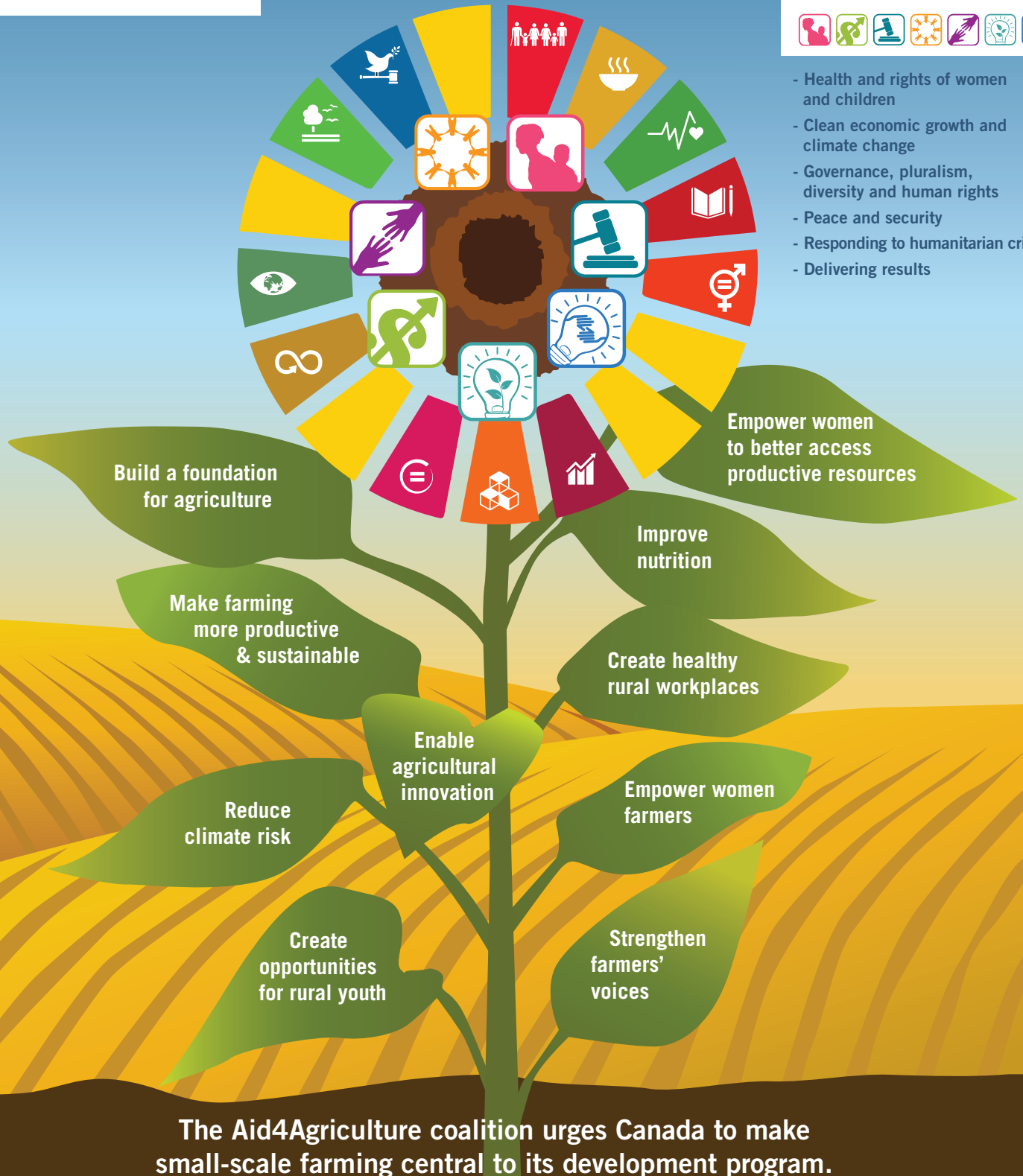
One sector, with 10 approaches, can help achieve 12 Sustainable Development Goals and enable Canada to meet its key development priorities: to *reduce poverty, empower women* and *fight climate change*.



CANADA'S DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES



- Health and rights of women and children
- Clean economic growth and climate change
- Governance, pluralism, diversity and human rights
- Peace and security
- Responding to humanitarian crises
- Delivering results



The Aid4Agriculture coalition urges Canada to make small-scale farming central to its development program.

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We recommend that Canada make a signature investment of \$2.5 billion over five years to support sustainable agriculture and climate change adaptation for small-scale farmers, especially women. This would be implemented through various channels (multilateral, bilateral, other development partners) with new funds for agriculture as part of a growing aid budget.

Through appropriate aid investments in sustainable agriculture, Canada can stimulate clean and inclusive economic growth and take immediate action on climate change. Economic growth from agricultural development is at least twice as effective at reducing poverty as growth from other sectors, and climate resilient agriculture helps farmers adapt today while reducing emissions for tomorrow. Indeed, clean and inclusive economic growth, as well as meaningful action on climate change, are not viable without a sustainable agricultural development strategy.

Women play a critical role in agriculture in developing countries, but are too often held back from reaching their full potential. **Equality for women in agriculture** would boost the economy, strengthen climate resilience, preserve and enhance ecosystems, increase yields, and improve food security and nutrition. It is time for a strong Canadian investment to recognize the important role of women as food producers and support them in ensuring their full economic and social inclusion.

A renewed investment by Canada in agriculture should focus on small-scale farmers, who are among **the world's poorest and most marginalized people**, and are especially vulnerable to climate change. Targeted initiatives with these farmers will have the greatest development impact.

Canada can support women as change-makers who transform their communities and countries. Canada can help address food security in a more uncertain climate. Canada can help build a more peaceful, prosperous and secure world that will reduce long-term reliance on humanitarian aid. Canada can support these goals through a signature investment in sustainable agriculture.

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