



Remittances from Canada to Developing Countries Using World Bank Data

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Total Remittances from Canada are around \$24 billion per year to all countries. Some of those countries include the United States, UK etc. We thought it might be helpful to have a list of developing countries instead of all countries. There is debate about the term developing countries and the appropriateness of the term as well as which countries would be categorized as such. Others may take the data and use different countries. We found it interesting that the total of Canadian remittances to developing countries was about \$15.6 billion. To provide some perspective all international philanthropy by Canadian charities was less than CAN\$3 billion. The international philanthropy is heavily subsidized by our tax system and frequently discussed.

Here is a list of developing countries that received the largest amount of remittances from Canada. In the middle column it is the amount of remittances received by the developing country by Canada. The column on the right reflects total remittances received by that developing country from all countries including Canada. All numbers in article are in US millions unless indicated otherwise. Some countries don't track remittances or there may not be information with respect to flows from Canada.

Developing Country Receiving Remittances from Canada	Amount of Canadian Remittances Provided to Country	Total Remittances Received by Developing Country
China	3,910	60,246
India	3,463	69,350
Philippines	2,032	24,453
Lebanon	1,003	7,472
Vietnam	843	10,000
Pakistan	542	14,010
Nigeria	454	20,568
Sri Lanka	444	6,312
Jamaica	305	2,158

Developing Country Receiving Remittances from Canada	Amount of Canadian Remittances Provided to Country	Total Remittances Received by Developing Country
Egypt, Arab Rep.	297	20,515
Bangladesh	164	14,060
El Salvador	150	3,965
Haiti	131	1,625
Romania	131	3,669
Iran, Islamic Rep.	111	1,376
Mexico	111	23,219
Morocco	108	6,894
Guatemala	100	4,922
Colombia	95	4,110
Guyana	91	397
Kenya	87	1,228
Peru	69	2,808
Brazil	65	4,936
South Africa	64	1,115
Thailand	61	4,124
Algeria	59	1,843
Syrian Arab Republic	57	2,079
Jordan	53	3,643
Indonesia	49	7,207
Ecuador	37	2,682
Uganda	37	977
Honduras	31	2,971
Tunisia	30	2,198
Nepal	28	4,953
Ethiopia	26	524
Fiji	26	165
Sudan	26	1,126
Dominican Republic	25	3,505
Malaysia	21	1,272
Trinidad and Tobago	20	95
Mauritius	20	247
Cambodia	18	257
Paraguay	18	872
Moldova	18	1,770
Nicaragua	17	1,010

Developing Country Receiving Remittances from Canada	Amount of Canadian Remittances Provided to Country	Total Remittances Received by Developing Country
Costa Rica	14	522
Barbados	14	84
Argentina	13	573
Afghanistan	13	445
Iraq	12	381
Panama	11	472
Tanzania	10	75
Albania	9	1,035
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	9	36
Macedonia, FYR	9	393
Grenada	9	59
Macao SAR, China	9	121
Senegal	9	1,367
Bolivia	7	1,019
Kyrgyz Republic	6	2,024
Ghana	6	152
Rwanda	6	156
Lao PDR	6	117
Turkey	6	940
Armenia	5	1,449
Tajikistan	5	3,739
Belize	4	83
Azerbaijan	4	1,804
St. Kitts and Nevis	4	42
Liberia	4	372
Belarus	3	655
St. Lucia	3	31
Venezuela, RB	3	126
Malta	3	33
Togo	3	321
Oman	3	39
Uruguay	2	99
Seychelles	2	26
Georgia	2	1,061
Sierra Leone	2	79

Developing Country Receiving Remittances from Canada	Amount of Canadian Remittances Provided to Country	Total Remittances Received by Developing Country
Burundi	2	42
Yemen, Rep.	2	1,487
Djibouti	2	32
Cameroon	2	109
Côte d'Ivoire	2	325
Mongolia	2	288
Antigua and Barbuda	1	22
Zambia	1	46
Dominica	1	26
Mali	1	444
Guinea	1	75
Gambia, The	1	89
	15,694	

For more information on remittances you can review the data on the [World Bank website](#).

Here are some other notes on remittances from Canada:

[2010 Hudson Report Index of Global Philanthropy and Remittances - People in Canada remit 12.2 b](#)

[Remittances and the high cost of giving for the poor - consider this Avaaz petition](#)

[A better way to do remittances - from Vancity Credit Union in Vancouver](#)

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