



BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW



Cowater International is a global development consulting company. We are headquartered in Ottawa, Canada and have corporate hubs in Brussels, London (UK), Montreal and Nairobi. We combine multidisciplinary expertise, private sector execution and a continuous drive for innovative development solutions to solve some of the most complex challenges facing communities in different parts of the world. Over the past 36 years, Cowater International has successfully delivered a portfolio of over 2500 projects and assignments in more than 95 countries. We are a diverse and experienced team committed to building a better tomorrow for the people we serve.



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COVID-19 has taken a toll on all of us, but for too many the impact on livelihoods, incomes and opportunities has been devastating. Tens of millions of people in the developing world, especially women, people with disabilities and youth, have been and continue to be disproportionately affected by this crisis. The poor and the disadvantaged are the most vulnerable. They are experiencing the compounded effects of disrupted economic activity against the backdrop of accelerating climate emergencies.

As a global team we've come together to support the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. We are moving forward as a team with even greater determination to unlock the human potential of societies to craft a more sustainable, inclusive and resilient future. Working with international and local partners, governments and private sector champions, local civil society organizations and community leaders, we are striving to build back a better tomorrow for the people we put at the heart of our development solutions and expertise.

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DAVID BARON |
President & CEO





We believe

At Cowater International we believe in the transformative power of locally driven change. Since 1985, we have combined efficient execution with a deep knowledge of international development, supporting the empowerment of people and their communities to drive enduring inclusive growth. We know that positive change happens when it is inclusive, sustainable and locally owned.

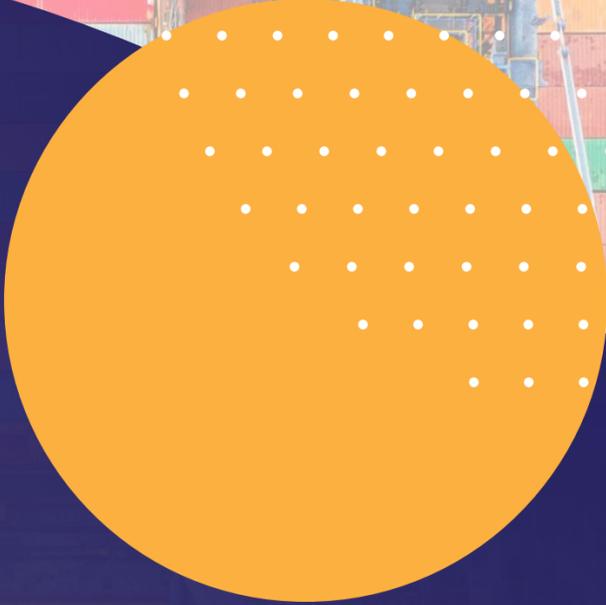




We create

We create and design projects that are tailored to the unique context of each client. Our solutions drive social and economic value by addressing the needs and challenges of governments, the private sector, communities and non-state actors. Through a participatory and client-centred approach, we create accountability and the alignment of our stakeholders.





We deliver

As a global player and the largest and most technically diversified international development company in Canada, we deliver positive results that generate lasting social, economic and environmental impacts. We possess internationally recognised and award-winning experience at the policy, program and project levels allowing us to deliver projects that are technically demanding on time and on budget, even in the most complex contexts. Our extensive monitoring and evaluation expertise across a wide range of sectors ensures the highest standards of accountability for our clients.





We thrive together



We all thrive when we work together to implement innovative solutions that contribute to the well-being and empowerment of people. Building a better tomorrow begins by working with our clients to make their development goals happen.



Our global experience



95+

countries



2500+

projects



1100+

staff



36+

years of experience





Our expertise



CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

- Climate finance
- Climate resilient development
- Environment and natural resources management
- Renewable energy



TRADE AND INVESTMENT

- Customs and trade facilitation
- Investment climate
- Trade policies and reforms



INCLUSIVE GROWTH

- Agricultural development
- Job creation
- Women's economic empowerment



LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Local economic development
- Local governance
- Service delivery
- Urban development
- Utility transformation





Our expertise



FACILITY MANAGEMENT, EXPERT DEPLOYMENT AND FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS

- Expert deployment
- Field support services
- Framework agreements
- Policy dialogue



HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

- Democratization processes
- Elections
- Justice and the rule of law



SOCIAL SERVICE DELIVERY

- Girls' education
- Health system reforms
- Maternal, newborn and child health programming
- Vocational training
- Water supply and sanitation



PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Domestic revenue mobilization
- Financial sector supervision
- Institutional accountability
- Public expenditure reviews
- Public sector audits





Our expertise



PEACE AND SECURITY

- Conflict prevention
- Peacebuilding initiatives
- Security sector reform



MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- Monitoring and evaluation
- Knowledge management
- Third-party monitoring



SUSTAINABLE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES

- Community development
- Environmental governance
- Transparency and accountability

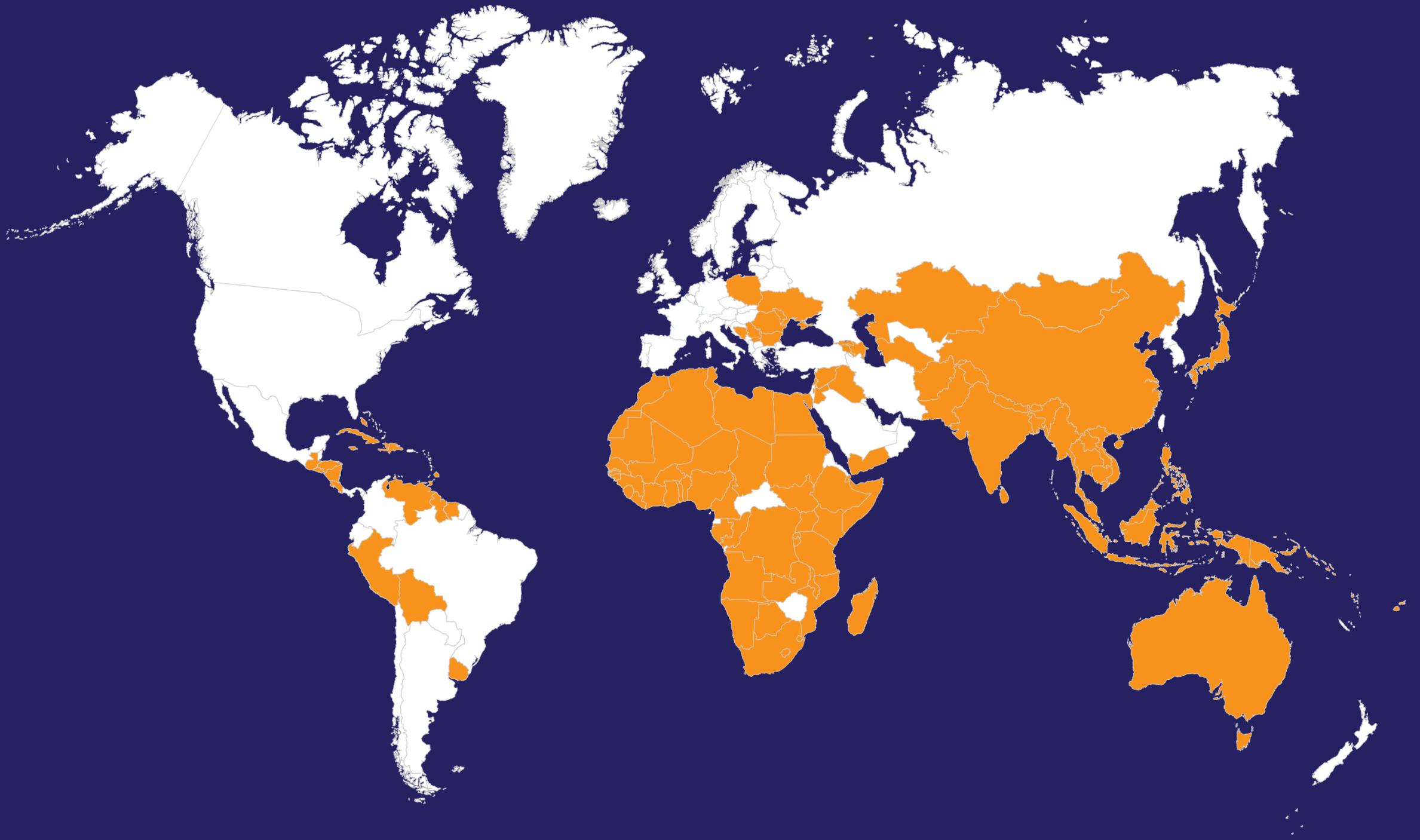


GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

- Development of social protection systems
- Disability and social inclusion
- Gender equality
- Tackling gender-based violence
- Women's political participation



Our projects





Our partners

We partner with governments, private sector entities, development organizations, local communities and civil society to design and deliver impactful projects, including in fragile and conflict-affected environments. This collaborative approach enables us to build strong relationships, gain a deep understanding of complex political and social dynamics and address local development needs. Our clients include a variety of bilateral donors, multilateral institutions, governments and the private sector.





Clients and Partners

AFD Agence Française de Développement

DFAT Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

EC European Commission

EIB European Investment Bank

Enabel Belgian Development Agency

ETF European Training Foundation

FCDO UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

GAC Global Affairs Canada

GATF Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development

IMF International Monetary Fund

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

UNHCR United Nations Refugee Agency

UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund

USAID United States Agency for International Development

WBG World Bank Group

WFP World Food Programme



Our commitment

Managing large-scale projects requires an ability to work across sectors and a commitment to integrate cross-cutting issues such as gender equality, environmental protection, good governance and human rights into project design and implementation. We are committed to bringing an adaptative and systemic outlook to solving complex development challenges and ensuring a “do no harm” approach. We uphold the principles of safeguarding and duty of care to the highest standards providing the necessary training and tools, and ensuring the safety and security of our staff, partners and beneficiaries in stable and conflict-affected environments.





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