



ADRA CONNECTIONS CANADA

How to organize an ADRA short-term service project in your conference



WHAT IS ADRA CONNECTIONS?

ADRA Connections is a short-term volunteer program that provides Seventh-day Adventists targeting our youth/young adults in Canada an opportunity to put faith into action. Participants will get to know ADRA's work firsthand by serving in areas where ADRA implements its projects. Participants may include non-Seventh-day Adventists who wish to get involved in a humanitarian project under the guidance of each conference.

ADRA Connections will also give youth a wider vision aimed at changing their worldview, while helping ADRA, local conferences and churches complete projects and make lasting impacts on communities.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ADRA Canada works with local conferences and churches to organize Connections trips within their territory. ADRA Canada will provide funding, training and other technical assistance while conferences are responsible for recruiting volunteers and implementing the projects in partnership with the local church.

READY TO GET STARTED OR HAVE A QUESTION? CONTACT US!

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CRITERIA FOR YOUR CONNECTIONS PROJECTS

Purpose: Projects should address an unmet need in an under-served community. As the humanitarian and development arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, ADRA Canada will support projects focused on alleviating poverty and meeting other emergency/development needs in Canada.

Target population: Under-served communities/people groups in Canada. This may include, but not limited to, Indigenous communities, youth, people with disabilities, newcomers, refugees, people experiencing homelessness and people affected by natural disasters. Please also refer to our Adventist Ministries of Compassion Canada (AMCC) guide for further project ideas and reference.

Areas of interest for ADRA: Indigenous communities, homelessness, food security, health, community development, eco-based projects, psycho-social health, and youth development.

Duration: 1 – 2 weeks

Partnerships: Project trips must have the support of the local church and conference. If the project is in an Indigenous community, the support of the local band/reserve council should be secured.

Cost-sharing: ADRA may provide funding for up to 100% of the project costs. The costs associated with the actual project which may include, but not limited to, building materials, on-site equipment and/or safety/protective items, program-based resources, services, etc.. Additional costs such as travel, lodging and food may come from conference subsidies, fundraising, and/or donations. These costs are not eligible for funding through ADRA and the project participants may opt to pay for these costs themselves through other sources. If donations are made to ADRA for a specific project, the donor may be eligible for a tax-deductible receipt.

Training: All volunteers must attend training and orientation on ADRA's mission and values, safety and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and will be conducted by ADRA's staff through the Canadian Program team.

Reporting: The local conference must provide a brief narrative and financial report to ADRA Canada following the project.

STEPS TO ORGANIZING AND IMPLEMENTING YOUR CONNECTIONS PROJECT

1. Determine purpose, target population, duration, schedule and cost of the project.
2. Contact ADRA (see below) for initial discussion.
3. Complete the application form below.
4. Upon approval, sign the project agreement.
5. Recruit volunteers
6. All volunteers must attend ADRA training related to ADRA's mission and values, safety, and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.
7. Implement the trip.
8. Submit narrative and financial report.

ADRA CONNECTIONS APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the application form below.
 If you have any questions, you may email: daniel.saugh@adra.ca or call +1.289.276.0494

Project title			
Location (Include municipality and province)		Dates	
Objectives			
Target population			
Brief description (including main activities)			
Estimated # of volunteers:		Will the volunteers be primarily young people? (Y/N)	
Where will volunteers be staying? Please provide full address (Hotel, inn, home, church etc.)			
Describe any potential security/safety concerns related to the trip:			
Additional information about the trip			
Primary trip contact		Email	
Affiliation		Telephone	
Sponsoring conference		Email	
Conference primary contact		Telephone	
Sponsoring church		Email	
Church primary contact		Telephone	
List any other partnering organizations:			

Budget

Provide a breakdown of estimated costs for the project.

Item	Amount (in \$)	Comments (if any)
Activity costs		
Food		
Travel		
Accommodations		
Other (list below)		
Total		
Estimated fee per volunteer:		