Canada's Emerging "Social Deficit"

Canada is one of the best countries in the world to live and raise a family.

Canada's **170,000 charities and nonprofits** create social value from healthcare to social services, education, international development and the environment. BUT, Imagine Canada predicts the **sector will need an additional \$25 billion over the next 10 years** to meet spiking demand for services. Otherwise, we face a crisis... a "Social Deficit".

What's "Social Deficit"?

When there are not enough services to meet increased need.

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What's driving this deficit?

- Increase in income inequality
- Rapidly aging population
- Transitional needs of immigrants and refugees
- Impacts of climate change

What if action is not taken?

- Quality of life diminished
- Poverty continues to increase
- Elderly not taken care of
- New Canadians struggle to adapt
- Environment continues to degrade

Why is the social good sector relevant?

It's an important engine of jobs and growth, accounting for 8.1% of GDP and a workforce topping 2 million, plus 13 million volunteers.

What can we do?

Governments can start making changes now to help turn the tide and ensure the Canada we want.

What does Canada need to fight the social deficit?

- Inclusive income growth benefitting more people
- Economic policy made with a social lens
- Reform of regulations governing charities
- A modernized service delivery relationship between government and charities
- More innovation and social enterprise



Strong Charities. Strong Communities.