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A new path for CPAR

The international development sphere is changing to favour organizations that are lean, effective and responsive, and CPAR is changing with it. Through our new mission and vision, we are focused on strengthening health systems capacity in sub-Saharan Africa. Our community-centred development approach sees us continuing to assess determinants of health for the most vulnerable populations in the countries where we do most of our work, namely Malawi, Ethiopia and Tanzania. And we will be developing a more widespread network of Canadian health professionals who can share their expertise.

New realities need new ways of doing business. Over the past few months, the CPAR board has had to make difficult decisions to reflect new priorities and directions. This is never easy, and we extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who has been part of CPAR's history to date.

Key restructuring and leadership changes are transforming CPAR into a more cost-effective organization – meet [Kathrina Loeffler](#), our new secretary and executive director and her team. We have moved our headquarters to Ottawa, Canada to improve our access to federal departments and agencies. And leadership changes and a more robust management model to support our programs in Africa are allowing us to put more money in the field where real change is happening.

As CPAR emerges into this new decade of growth, our board and staff are excited about the future and about working in partnership with local communities to bring about sustainable change to address their needs, in the places where they live. We also have some tremendous news in the pipeline (hint, a big new contract) that we can't announce quite yet. This will be public soon and we look forward to working with our stakeholders as it becomes a reality. Stay tuned!

To our many supporters, thank you for your ongoing commitment to the CPAR cause and for your understanding as we move forward. We know it may seem like a lot of change. Rest assured that what hasn't changed is our fundamental commitment to supporting, engaging and empowering local communities to improve the quality of life for all.

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