



Rural Development Network

First Nations Data Collection

Agenda

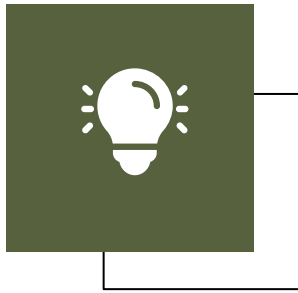
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Introductions

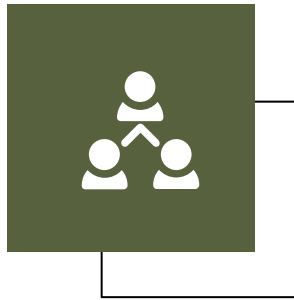
Who we are

RURAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

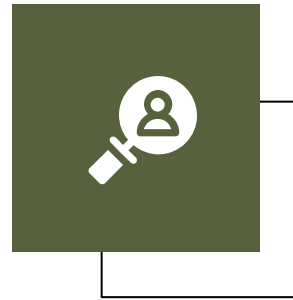
A strong sustainable network that **empowers rural communities** by facilitating and providing access to trusted **rural development expertise, information & services**



Innovative
tools &
resources



Expertise &
capacity



Advocacy to
amplify the
rural voice



Help with
accessing
funding

First Nations Data Collection Team

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- Project Coordinator

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- Project Coordinator

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- Anishinaabe kwe from Manitoulin Island

Indigenous Advisory Board

- Comprised of Indigenous Peoples from across Canada

What are we doing?

Intentions

Our intention is to **create a First Nations-led, informed, and adaptable data collection tool** that focuses on the area of houselessness within First Nations including those whose live off reserve.

- ❖ **Culturally sensitive** and **trauma-informed**
- ❖ Build **meaningful** and **reciprocal** relationships
- ❖ **Empower** First Nations communities to **advocate** for themselves

The outcome of this tool is to understand the scope of houselessness regarding First Nations communities.

Our Approach Guiding Principles



Humility



Partnership



**Ethical
Principles of
OCAP[®]**



Respect



Reciprocity

Why a First Nation-specific project?

Literature Review & Environmental Scan

First Nations communities, especially those on reserves, are **disadvantaged by Western and colonial methods of data collection.**

Enumeration methods are informed by the federal government's definition of homelessness, which does not fully capture the experiences of First Nations and other Indigenous Peoples.

Project Timeline

Phases 1-3

Project Phases

Phase 1: Knowledge Exchange

Fall 2022 – August
2023



Phase 2: Storytelling & Gathering

September –
November



Phase 3: Reports & Reflection

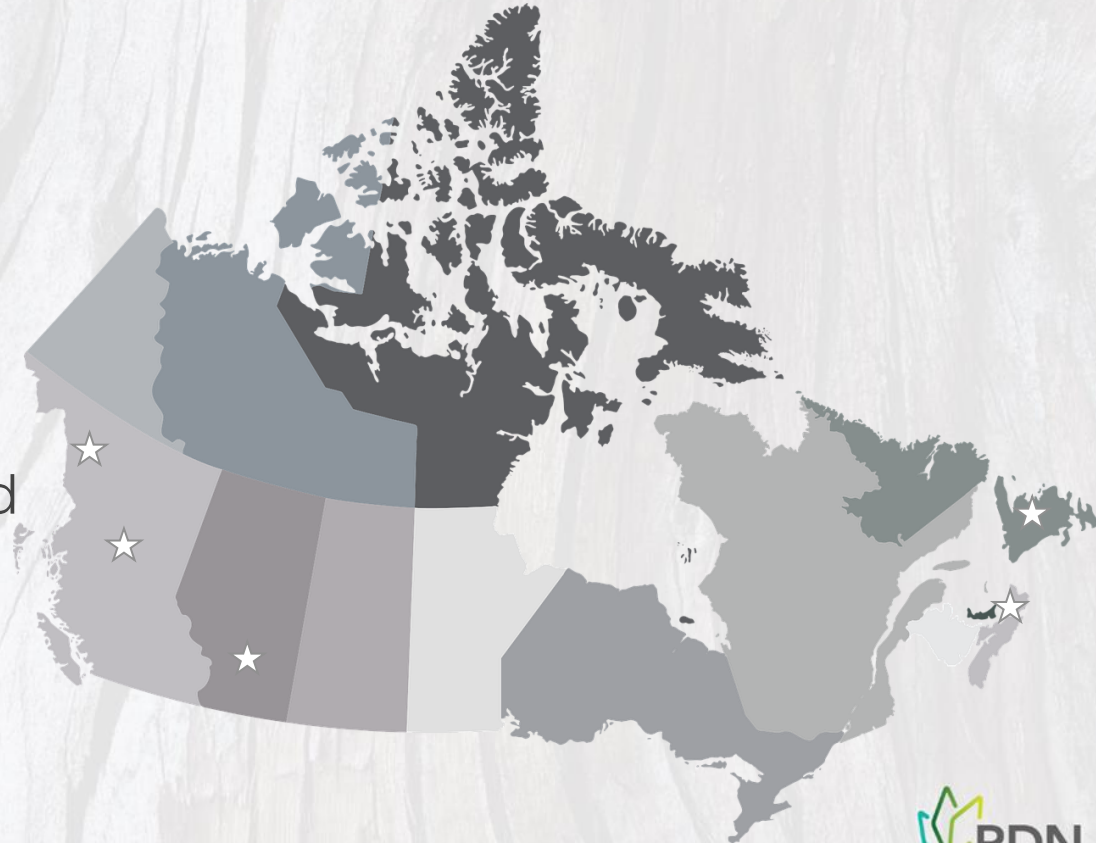
December –
February 2024

Collaboration Community Partnerships

Community Partners

Five partnering First Nations
across Canada:

- Two in British Columbia
- One in Alberta
- One in Nova Scotia
- One in Newfoundland and Labrador



THE WAY FORWARD

ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS REINFORCE NEED FOR MORE HOUSING SUPPORTS



Collaboration Our Data Indigenous



OUR DATA INDIGENOUS

DATA SOVEREIGNTY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

WHAT: Grounded in principles of OCAP and data sovereignty, this initiative developed a survey based app titled, "Our Data Indigenous" that can easily be adapted to meet the needs and priorities of any community.

WHY: The app was developed to address issues of access to data and help communities collect their own data that reflects local priorities that may relate to health, culture, environment or language.

WHO: This app was developed by Kitatipithitamak Mithwayawin (Cree for "sovereignty over our health") in collaboration with Indigenous partners, and an Advisory Council.



WHEN: The App launched in February 2021 and is now available to download for free on Google Play and the Apple Store.

WHERE: All Indigenous communities across Canada and around the world are welcome to join this initiative.

HOW: Users can develop surveys on the App Dashboard Online and distribute the surveys in a number of different ways.

DEVELOPED BY: KITATIPITHITAMAK MITHWAYAWIN



The Our Data Indigenous App is a one of a kind app to gather secure and independent data. In the name of data and research sovereignty, the app is versatile and adaptable to meet the needs of any community looking to collect their own data.



VERSATILE

The Our Data Indigenous App is adaptable to your needs.

Data can be collected on social information, land surveys, environmental monitoring, and much more!



ACCESSIBLE

The App is easy to use and can be downloaded on your personal device to access surveys wherever you are. It can even be used in areas with limited internet connectivity.



SECURE

All information gathered on the App is secure and can only be accessed with a unique login code. The App also uses participant codes to make survey participants responses anonymous.



RELEVANT

Collect survey data that is important to you and your community. Use the Our Data Indigenous App to better understand and respond to the needs and wellbeing of your community.

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Opportunities Created Indigenous Data Collection

Outcomes

- ❖ *Support Indigenous data sovereignty & governance*
- ❖ *Build the tool with suggestions for future goals, like using the data to secure additional funding.*
- ❖ *Establish usage and benefits of the tools for communities*
- ❖ *Intentional post-project relationship between Nations and RDN*



“The ability for Indigenous Peoples, communities and Nations to **participate, steward and control data that is created with or about themselves”**

- Indigenous Data Sovereignty (University of Toronto, 2023)

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