

**ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STATUS UPDATE
REPORT TO THE EVALUATION, PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND REVIEW COMMITTEE - AS OF MARCH 31, 2012**

REGIONAL OPERATIONS SECTOR			
<i>Evaluation of the Comprehensive Community Based Planning Pilot Project in Saskatchewan</i>			
APPROVAL DATE: 06/20/2011			
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<p>1. Consider to institutionalize long-term national support for such planning in First Nation communities.</p>	<p>To the extent that institutionalization means a concept the Department supports and not a specific program to be established. The objective is to support communities in their use of planning to fully engage community members in charting a path forward. The objective is not to create a program necessarily or promote a defined model or approach. We do, agree that we should use all means possible to promote and support good planning practice in communities. The Community Development Framework (CDF) will elaborate on the Department's role in this regard.</p> <p>While the Capacity Development Partnerships Program (CDPP) will provide some support for community planning, greater and sustained financial support will be needed to realize significant change across all Aboriginal and northern communities.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p><u>National Initiatives</u></p> <p>The Sustainable Communities Directorate (SCD) developed a paper that reviewed AANDC current planning requirements and addressed how AANDC can develop an integrated approach to better support community planning. SCD also developed a document that scopes the Community Development Framework, and advocates for the consolidation of authorities as a way to reduce program planning requirements. Rather than create a program dedicated to planning, the CDF suggest that planning be addressed in the context of supporting capacity development. The department shares the responsibility for building planning capacity with many external parties who have an interest in Aboriginal community development. Part of our role as a department is to bring those potential partners together around community planning.</p> <p><u>Saskatchewan Region</u></p> <p>Saskatchewan Region encourages First Nations to engage their community members in establishing long-term visions and plans. Planning capacity initiatives are supported on a project-by-project basis. The Region continues to support the development of national models, including the Community Development Framework and the Capacity Development Partnership Program, by ensuring regional managers and staff are aware of these initiatives and have the opportunity to provide input.</p> <p>STATUS: On-Going UPDATE/RATIONALE: As of 31/03/2012:</p>

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			<p><u>Saskatchewan Region</u></p> <p>The Region will continue to support and provide advice toward the development of national initiatives which support community-based planning.</p> <p>AES: Progress satisfactory and moving in the right direction – Recommend to close</p>
<p>2. Review its approach to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. better integrate First Nations input on the design and approach used, to develop community-based plans; b. involve other levels of government; and c. integrate gender-based analysis. 	<p>In keeping with (1) above, the Department will not control the content or form of the planning process. However, we will attempt to support and respond to leadership at the community level. We concur that AANDC has a role to play in bringing other levels of government to the table. We do concur that we can offer tools or expertise to conduct gender-based or any other analysis on a community that has engaged in a community planning process.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>STATUS: On-Going</p> <p><u>National Initiatives</u></p> <p>The Sustainable Communities Directorate (SCD) is exploring the prospect of holding a multi-stakeholder community planning forum, by reaching out to the private sector, Aboriginal organizations, academia, and other stakeholders. Through interviews with these potential partners we will obtain information regarding common interests and begin planning the event.</p> <p><u>Saskatchewan Region</u></p> <p>The Saskatchewan Region does not prescribe an approach to Comprehensive Community Based planning. (In the past, however, the Region implemented Dalhousie University, Cities and Environment Unit's model with 11 communities through a multi-year pilot project.)</p> <p>The Region encourages First Nations to seek support from professionals/consultants who have experience working with First Nations and who are certified members of the Canadian Association of Professional Planners or its affiliated provincial associations.</p>

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			<p>In the Saskatchewan Region, Health Canada and AANDCs signed a protocol agreement, which commits the departments to sharing information and coordinating efforts with respect to First Nation community capacity development. This work is in the initial stages.</p> <p>The region has no current involvement in conducting gender-based analysis of First Nation community plans or planning processes.</p> <p>UPDATE/RATIONALE: As of 31/03/2012:</p> <p><u>Saskatchewan Region</u></p> <p>Within existing program authorities and guidelines, the Saskatchewan Region will continue to explore ways of supporting First Nations in designing and implementing their own long-term planning processes.</p> <p>AES: Progress satisfactory – Recommend to close</p>
<p>3. Consider means to increase capacity (inside and outside the Department) to support community-based planning.</p>	<p>The CDPP will provide some support for community planning and may be able to fund initiatives that increase planning capacity in communities, however, greater and sustained financial support will be needed to realize significant change across all Aboriginal and northern communities.</p> <p>The CDF will elaborate on the role Government needs to play to better support community-based planning and on any capacity or other impediments to that role being played.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>STATUS: On-Going</p> <p><u>National Initiatives</u></p> <p>The Department is increasingly orienting its programs to be more responsive to community plans. In 2011-2012, the Professional and Institutional Development program was refocused to fund activities identified in existing community plans, as well as to develop planning capacity in communities. The Department has also created a Community Capacity Plan template that can be used by any community to identify short and long-term capacity development priorities.</p>

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			<p>Progress continues on the Capacity Development Partnerships Program initiative, which is expected to focus on developing planning capacity for Aboriginal communities.</p> <p>Through the Community Development Framework (CDF), the department is exploring alternative ways to work with Aboriginal communities. The CDF advocates for a strategic and differentiated approach whereby resources are invested in ways that support the unique plans and priorities identified by communities. Since there will not be enough funding to address all the opportunities for investment, it is critical that the department develop a network of external partners.</p> <p><u>Saskatchewan Region</u></p> <p>Saskatchewan Region continues to work with the SCD toward the development of the CDF. The Region provides input into the CDF and participates on the national Reform Agenda Task Team which is contributing to the development of the CDF.</p> <p>Saskatchewan Region supported planning capacity development in 2011-12 through the Professional and Institutional Development (P&ID) Program: 25 communities funded for Strategic Plans, and three Comprehensive Community-Based Planning projects. In partnership with Yorkton Tribal Council, the region also hosted a First Nations Planning and Governance Symposium, bringing together First Nation leaders, planners, academics, consulting firms, and professional associations.</p> <p>UPDATE/RATIONALE:</p>

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			<p>As of 31/03/2012:</p> <p><u>Saskatchewan Region</u></p> <p>Saskatchewan Region continues to support First Nation planning capacity development through projects funded through P&ID. The Region recognizes that community planning is only one of many competing priorities for limited capacity funding, and that, increasingly, these resources will be targeted to First Nations' own capacity development plans and priorities.</p> <p>AES: Progress satisfactory – Recommend to close</p>
4. Commit to using community-based planning information to inform program and funding priorities.	The CDF will recommend that programs look to community-based planning information to inform program and funding priorities.	Ongoing	<p>STATUS: On-Going</p> <p><u>National Initiatives</u></p> <p>The emerging Community Development Framework recognizes that existing government program funding, when aligned with a community's own goals and priorities, can result in improved outcomes, better public services and more productive relationships with governments and other partners.</p> <p><u>Saskatchewan Region</u></p> <p>The Saskatchewan Region encourages communities to demonstrate how their proposed projects help meet the goals identified in their community plans.</p> <p>For example, proposals submitted under the P&ID program are accorded higher priority if the proponent can demonstrate a link to a community plan or</p>

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			<p>governance capacity development plan.</p> <p>In the National Child Benefit Reinvestment (NCBR) program, First Nations are encouraged to identify linkages between their proposed community projects and the goals identified in their community plans.</p> <p>UPDATE/RATIONALE: As of 31/03/2012:</p> <p><u>Saskatchewan Region</u></p> <p>The Saskatchewan Region will continue to encourage First Nations to design and implement projects which align with their community plans and other long-term plans (e.g. Strategic Plans, Long-term Capital Plans)</p> <p>AES: Progress satisfactory – Recommend to close</p>