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Nunavut Food Security Coalition Membership Information Sheet

Thank you for your interest in joining the Nunavut Food Security Coalition! Here is some information about the Coalition, its history, and its work.

What is the Nunavut Food Security Coalition?

The Nunavut Food Security Coalition¹ is a collaborative group of government departments, Inuit organizations, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector that is working together to improve food security in Nunavut. The Coalition understands that no single entity has the resources and capacity required to effectively address the complex issue of food security in Nunavut. Instead, organizations must work together through a common agenda so that efforts can be coordinated and sustained, leading to greater impact. The collective vision of the Coalition is that “All Nunavummiut will have access to an adequate supply of safe, culturally preferable, affordable, nutritious food, through a food system that promotes Inuit Society Values, self-reliance, and environmental sustainability.”

How did the Nunavut Food Security Coalition start?

The Nunavut Food Security Coalition was developed as a result of *The Makimaniq Plan*², the poverty reduction strategy for Nunavut. *The Makimaniq Plan* was created through a public engagement process that was co-led by the Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. Through this process, Nunavummiut identified that collaboration is needed to ensure community stakeholders and territorial organizations take responsibility for addressing poverty in Nunavut. Improving food security was identified as a priority area for reducing poverty. As such, *The Makimaniq Plan* called for the creation of a collaborative group – a Nunavut Food Security Coalition – to develop a long term, ongoing, inclusive, and sustainable approach to food security in Nunavut.

What does the Nunavut Food Security Coalition do?

Since releasing the *Nunavut Food Security Strategy and Action Plan 2014-16*³ in May 2014, the Coalition has implemented a number of actions that address six theme areas: Country Food, Store Bought Food, Local Food, Life Skills, Program and Community Initiative, and Policy and Legislation. Working groups have been convened in order to tackle complex issues that involve multiple stakeholders. Resources have been developed in order to better support community-led initiatives that improve food security. Research projects have been conducted to fill knowledge gaps so that the Coalition can make evidence-based and well-informed decisions. Positions on federal policies and programs have been written in an effort to enhance relevancy by providing a Nunavut context. These are just some examples of what the Coalition has achieved to-date.

¹ <http://www.nunavutfoodsecurity.ca/>

² <http://www.makiliqta.ca/en/makimaniq-plan>

³ <http://nunavutfoodsecurity.ca/soverview>

The Coalition meets monthly (by teleconference) and annually (in person) to update working group progress, present on research findings, deliberate relevant issues, foster meaningful relationships between member organizations, and discuss all sorts of matters related to food security..

How can my organization join the Coalition?

The Coalition has developed a Terms of Reference⁴ that details its mandate, roles and responsibilities, membership process, governance structure, decision-making process, and current membership.

Any Nunavut-based organization interested in joining the Coalition can request to do so by writing to the Nunavut Food Security Coalition Secretariat. The Secretariat will then bring the request to the next monthly Coalition meeting for the Coalition's consideration and decision. The Secretariat will communicate the decision via email to the interested organization following the meeting.

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⁴ <http://nunavutfoodsecurity.ca/resources>