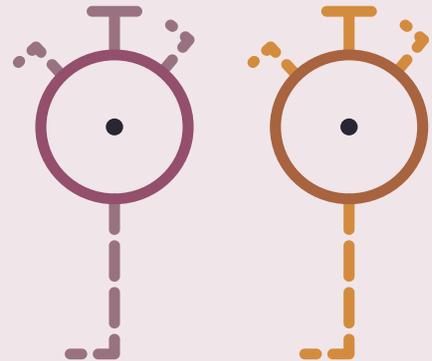




2SLGBTQIA+

The Government of Canada committed to working together with Indigenous, provincial and territorial partners on the development of the National Action Plan to make transformative change and to end systemic racism and violence against Indigenous women, girls, Two-Spirit and 2SLGBTQIA+ people. The vision was to increase visibility and focus attention on 2SLGBTQIA+ issues. An important outcome of the National Inquiry was to articulate needs and issues specific to 2SLGBTQIA+ people.

In the past year, support has come from Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) in making presentations, reviewing their plans and priorities and beginning a national 2SLGBTQIA+ Committee process to address ending violence affecting 2SLGBTQIA+ people. Initial work focussed on promoting supportive policies, programs, and resources which would establish infrastructure for 2SLGBTQIA+ groups at the local, regional, provincial, territorial and national levels. Support was also provided to the 2SLGBTQIA+ Committee to undertake further research identifying population demographics and needs and beginning to build a 2SLGBTQIA+ specific database. The Committee process facilitated several federal departments to make presentations on their proposed approaches to actively engage 2SLGBTQIA+ people. The Committee also worked with the Urban Sub-Working Group, given the population distribution of 2SLGBTQIA+ people, to address joint approaches. The National Committee also reached out to community grassroots organizations, regions, provinces, territories and nationally to attend a 2SLGBTQIA+ sponsored gathering to provide input into identifying further priorities.



Women and Gender Equity (WAGE) have heard the need to provide ongoing supports for local, regional, provincial and territorial and national 2SLGBTQIA+ specific groups. WAGE has begun to look at ensuring that 2SLGBTQIA+ people work in the LGBTQ Secretariat.

CIRNA is an active participant and has engaged the 2SLGBTQIA+ groups as well as facilitated direct federal department engagement as required.

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has identified 88 new shelters and transitional housing as priorities. Notional allocations for 2SLGBTQIA+ specific approaches have been identified.





In moving the implementation of the MMIWG 2SLGBTQQA+ NAP forward, we will need to continue to support capacity-building and infrastructure development in order to address the need for culturally relevant, safe and supportive 2SLGBTQQA+ facilities and programs throughout the country. We will need to expand the National Committee process to engage more community, regional, provincial, territorial and national realities. We will need to encourage other Indigenous national partners to do more than use the 2SLGBTQQA+ acronym and ensure that direct engagement and systems change occurs.

There are many priority areas identified in the NAP that have not been addressed. Amongst them, housing, justice, disability, health and mental health are priority areas for development. In light of the National Action Plan and the Prime Minister's apology to the 2SLGBTQQA+ community, it is important to ensure that federal, provincial and territorial processes begin to implement the matters raised in the National Action Plan. We note the provinces and territories are significantly behind and lacking positive progress with respect to the 2SLGBTQQA+ population.

