



# Government of Canada

## Key Highlights

### Between June 2021 and June 2022:

The [Federal Pathway](#) was published on June 3rd 2021. It contains the Federal Government's commitments to ending violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ peoples. Over 25 departments and agencies are actively implementing the Federal Pathway. This has been done through programs and funding, new or renewed policies, and passing of key legislation.

More specifically, new programs have been launched, such as those for [supports for families and survivors](#), [cultural spaces](#), [health and wellness](#), [languages](#), [shelters](#), [housing](#), [education](#) and [data](#).

The Federal Government has also created policies supporting community safety initiatives, justice and policing, the Comprehensive Violence Prevention Strategy, the National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking, and the Distinctions-Based Mental Health and Wellness Strategy.

In addition, legislation, such as the [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(UNDRIP\) Implementation Act](#), was passed and engagement and collaboration is underway to develop the UNDRIP Action Plan by June 2023.

Details on the Government of Canada's efforts can be found in the Federal Pathway Annual Progress Report ([link](#)).

## Progress/Successes

### Engagement Progress

The Federal Government engaged with Indigenous families, survivors, leadership, organizations and communities as well as with provinces and territories in the implementation of the Federal Pathway initiatives.

The Government of Canada has also continued to engage with partners on the Federal Pathway implementation work through established governance committees such as the National Family and Survivors Circle, Urban Committee, 2SLGBTQQIA+ Committee, Inuit-Crown Partnership Committee working group, and with Indigenous leadership and women's organizations and former Inquiry Commissioners.

### Implementation Progress

Historic investments were made through Budget 2021. As a result, in 2021-22, over 50 initiatives by over 25 federal departments and agencies moved forward and are now in various stages of implementation. These initiatives start to address the root causes of violence in the four key themes of Culture, Health and Wellness, Human Safety and Security, and Justice, and help to build organizational capacity and coordination. They align with priorities identified by Indigenous families, survivors, communities and partners, and start to address the Calls for Justice. It includes [community programming for child and family services](#), [health services](#), [family violence prevention](#), [shelters](#), [housing](#), [infrastructure](#), [cultural spaces](#), [policing](#), [education](#), [languages](#), and [supports for mental wellness and healing](#). Through a 2021-22 call for proposals, 20 Indigenous organizations across Canada and serving First Nations, Inuit and Métis, were funded to support families and survivors in their healing journeys. Supported projects include commemorative events, healing gatherings, counselling services, and expanded safe space access.



Policies have been developed and are being implemented such as the Distinctions-Based Mental Health and Wellness Strategy, the National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking, the [Anti-Racism Strategy](#), and the Comprehensive Violence Prevention Strategy, through which 38 new shelters and at least 50 new transitional (second stage) housing units across the country will be built. Also, in 2021 – 22, the Government of Canada worked on the development of policies such as the Indigenous Justice Strategy, the forthcoming National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, and Federal LGBTQ2 Action Plan, the Disaggregated Data Action Plan, and the UNDRIP Implementation Action Plan, all of which will contribute to ending violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.

Key legislation is being implemented, including the [Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis Children, Youth and Families](#) which seeks to ensure that Indigenous communities are supported in exercising their jurisdiction over child and family services. In support of the Act, capacity-building funding has been made available to support Indigenous groups, communities, peoples and Indigenous governing bodies for exercising jurisdiction over child and family services and supports. Through implementation of the *Indigenous Languages Act*, 410 projects from First Nation, Inuit, Métis organizations, and organizations serving urban populations have been funded in 2021-2022.

Budget 2022 builds on the investments of Budget 2021 and provides additional investments in the areas of education, housing, health, prevention, mental wellness, and climate leadership that will contribute to ending the violence. In addition, Budget 2022 provides investments for the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, the Federal LGBTQ2+ Action Plan and the Anti-Racism Plan, which respond to priorities identified by Indigenous partners.

## Next Steps/Priorities

The Government will accelerate the implementation of the Federal Government initiatives, legislation and programs and policies related to missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people. The Government will continue to identify, address and fill gaps brought forward by families, survivors, partners, and organizations. To support this, the government continues to provide funding for the work of the National Families and Survivors Circle and other Indigenous partners so they can engage on key priority areas.

Continuing its critical role in addressing the root causes of the violence towards MMIWG and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, the Government has committed to working with Indigenous families, survivors and partners, and provinces and territories to establish an oversight mechanism for the National Action Plan to monitor, report on progress, and to identify gaps and/or opportunities.

## Reports/Publications

### Federal Pathway

Federal Pathway Annual Progress Report (link forthcoming)

