

Ideas for Action, From the Makiliqta.ca Survey

Many people have contributed excellent ideas for action to reduce poverty [via our website](#). **You can too!** Here's one example of a response to our survey. We'll publish more in future newsletters.

The most important issues that must be addressed to reduce poverty in our communities are:

Job Creation Education Mobility

What actions should be taken to reduce poverty and support more Nunavummiut to meet their basic needs?

Increase outside investment into Nunavut economy, primarily mining investment.

Ensure attendance in school for all Nunavut youth.

Support travel for youth so that they are able to move to where the jobs are.

I will know that my community is healthy and that poverty has been reduced when I see...:

Homeownership increasing.

Voting increasing.

People from poorer communities moving to town.

Educated Inuit moving to town.

Do you have any other comments, ideas or questions that you want to share?

Do not support hunters selling meat. People should share meat.

Across the North, Community Initiative Key to Reducing Poverty

Reducing, and even "eliminating" poverty are on the public agenda not just here in Nunavut, but across the North.

Founded in 1996, *Yukon's Anti-Poverty Coalition* promotes grassroots poverty-related initiatives. The coalition aims to eliminate poverty "through awareness, advocacy and action".

The core issues addressed by community organizations, businesses and individuals in the Yukon are "food, shelter and access to services."

For its part, in 2010 the Yukon Territorial Government published a study addressing the territory's performance in terms of "social inclusion." Its Department of Health and Social Services created the *Office of Social Inclusion*, which acts as "the central resource and lead on issues related to social inclusion and poverty reduction."

In the Northwest Territories, *Alternatives North* is a leading advocacy group for poverty reduction.

Government is looking to "address poverty in the territory through the development of an anti-poverty strategy" based on dialogue among "political leaders, service providers and anti-poverty advocates."

This dialogue amounts to ensuring "community-based input to guide the design" of a plan that will comprise "Non-Governmental Organizations, Aboriginal governments, business, and others with an interest in poverty".

The GNWT is also concerned with addressing "the underlying factors that contribute to poverty." It has *announced an effort* to "enhance addictions treatment, address housing needs, and increase employment opportunities."

