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Food Security | **COVID-19**
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Access to Food Support

Food insecurity is the lack of access food primarily due to a lack of money. It's a serious public health problem that negatively impacts physical, mental, and social health. This problem can become worse for Inuit in urban areas during this COVID-19 pandemic as many services people have had to close their doors.

We know this is a serious problem for many Inuit, and specifically Inuit women. It can be worse for those who live in overcrowded homes or who don't have secure housing whether in Inuit Nunangat or in cities in the south. The federal government has made efforts to be sure that all Canadians have access to the food they need to live a healthy life during this time.

The Canadian government has provided an extra \$100 million to support Canadian food banks and local food organizations. These funds have distributed to national food serving organizations including Food Banks Canada (\$50 million), Second Harvest, Community Food Centres Canada, and the Breakfast Club with \$5 million to each.

An additional \$30 million is available to support local food organizations. Pauktuutit and ITK are advocating for some of these funds be given directly to Inuit to support food banks and food serving organizations used by Inuit.

Where to Turn for Help in Your Community

Food Banks Canada received \$50M from the federal government and has launched a \$150M fundraising campaign. To connect with your local food bank delivery organization for more information and options <https://www.foodbankscanada.ca/Utility-Pages/Find-a-Food-Bank.aspx>

The Breakfast Club of Canada has launched an online special grant application for supports to the community with a priority to support Indigenous, remote and fly-in communities. To access the application form go to <https://www.breakfastclubcanada.org/covid-special-grant-application/>

Second Harvest (Canada) announced a \$4.5M COVID-19 grant program. To find out more about Second Harvest go to <https://secondharvest.ca/who-we-are/> To access the application form for the grant program, <https://www.foodrescue.ca/> will have information on available resources.

The Government of Canada has granted **Community Food Centres Canada's (CFCC)** \$5 million to distribute to organizations that are trying to cope with COVID-19 and the food insecurity crisis Good Food Access Fund: <https://cfccanada.ca/en/Good-Food-Access-Fund>

The **Nunatsiavut Government** announced a Food Supplement Program to assist beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement residing in the Constituency of Canada in dealing with impacts associated with the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. This link will take you to more information and their application form: <https://www.nunatsiavut.com/article/covid-19-food-supplement-program-inplace-for-labrador-inuit-in-constituency-of-canada/>

The **Inuvialuit Regional Corporation's** COVID-10 Support Plan provides funding for urban Inuit organizations (UIO) and individuals. Please go to <https://www.irc.inuvialuit.com>

Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. will be providing \$2.5M to support Inuit living in urban areas.

Urban Inuit organizations in Montreal will receive \$500,000 from **Makivik** to support Inuit during this pandemic.

The **Child First Initiative** is administered by the Government of Canada to ensure Inuit children have access to the health, social and educational products, services and supports they need. <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1536348095773/1536348148664>

The **Federal Emergency Community Support Fund** is an investment of \$350 million to support vulnerable Canadians through charities and non-profit organizations that deliver essential services to those in need. It's delivered through the United Way Canada, the Canadian Red Cross, and the Community Foundations of Canada.

- United Way Canada <http://www.unitedway.ca/campaign/national-covid-19-response/> ○ For local updates and to find your local United Way please visit <http://www.unitedway.ca/how-wehelp/find-your-uwc/>
- The Canadian Red Cross <https://www.redcross.ca/>
- Community Foundations of Canada: <https://www.communityfoundations.ca/initiatives/responding-to-covid-19/>