

ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STATUS UPDATE
REPORT TO THE EVALUATION, PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND REVIEW COMMITTEE - AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER, 2012

EDUCATION & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS			
<i>Evaluation of the Mid-Term National Review for the Strategic Evaluation of the Enhanced Prevention Focused Approach for the First Nation Child and Family Services Program</i>			
APPROVAL DATE: 09/23/11			
PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION PLAN	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	PROGRAM RESPONSE
<p>1. Increase linkages with relevant federal and provincial ministries to address how governments can assist agencies in improving service delivery on reserve, as well as work with provincial governments to improve the cultural appropriateness of services off reserve.</p>	<p>While continuing to work collaboratively with relevant federal and provincial ministries through existing tripartite tables, bi-lateral forums and other communication opportunities, AANDC HQ and Regions will explore the feasibility of Federal/Provincial/Territorial working groups as a means to facilitate the sharing of best practices and collaboration between all levels of government. Sharing best practices on-reserve will be done in an attempt to assist the provinces in their development of policies regarding culturally appropriate services off-reserve.</p>	<p>June 2012</p>	<p>Status: <i>Underway</i></p> <p>Update/Rationale: As of 30/09/2012</p> <p>AANDC has had face-to-face meetings with several provincial/territorial representatives in the past six months including, Alberta, British Columbia and Nova Scotia. These meetings have targeted issues such as performance indicators, Accountability Frameworks, Engagement Strategy, EPFA discussions etc. and have helped AANDC to continue to foster productive relationships with these provinces.</p> <p>AANDC also attended a second meeting of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Directors of Child Welfare Committee on October 3rd, 2012. Discussion items included the Enhanced Prevention Focused Approach, the CFS IMS and Aboriginal-focused research on child welfare.</p> <p>AES: Underway – Partially Implemented. Moving forward, the Program will have to demonstrate how these increased linkages help to improve service delivery on reserve, and help to improve cultural appropriateness of provincial services off-reserve.</p>
<p>2. Encourage consistent follow-up tripartite discussions in every region to address issues as they arise and work collaboratively with all parties to resolve them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANDC Headquarters and Regional offices recognize the challenges of consistent follow-up and will explore the feasibility of developing an approach of proactively addressing these challenges, as agreed upon by relevant stakeholders. 	<p>March 2013</p>	

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3. Ensure clear and continuous information sharing between AANDC Headquarters and Regional offices so that all parties are informed of decision-making processes and potential issues coming from the regions.	AANDC has already been made aware of the challenges of information sharing between AANDC Regions and HQ. Within the last six months AANDC has begun to improve upon these challenges by scheduling monthly meetings for FNCFS staff as well as scheduling monthly meetings between Regional staff and Regional Director Generals. In 1 years time AANDC will re-evaluate how these meetings have improved information sharing between Regions and HQ and make any necessary adjustments or improvements as required.	September 2012	<p>Status: <i>Request to Close</i></p> <p>Update/Rationale: As of 30/09/2012</p> <p>Bi-lateral conference calls with regions continue to take place on a regular basis. Monthly conference calls continue to be held between HQ FNCFS program staff and their regional counterparts, and the SPPB DG and ARDGs on all Branch issues.</p> <p>In addition, FNCFS had a face-to-face meeting with regional counterparts in May 2012. This meeting targeted program management issues such as risk-based reporting and Data Collection Instruments, and policy issues such as targeted funding/unexpended funds and program terms and conditions. A Branch-wide e-mail inquiry address is now in place; this address is provided for AANDC regional staff requiring clarification on respective program policies or management practices from SPPB. HQ responses and clarifications are stored in a repository that is available to all regional and HQ users. These forums continue to improve the flow of information between FNCFS HQ and regions.</p> <p>AES: Closed. The Program has sufficiently addressed this recommendation.</p>
4. Increase capacity of First Nations agencies by developing/updating tools (i.e. manuals, guidelines, templates, etc.) and by providing training as appropriate to assist them in meeting AANDC reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Operations and Quality Management directorate of SPPB has been developing and updating tools, manuals, guidelines and templates in order to enhance compliance and reduce reporting burden 	March 2012 & ongoing	

