IMPLEMENTATION STATUS UPDATE REPORT TO THE AUDIT AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE (AEC) OF JUNE 27, 2008

F	PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION PLAN	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	PROGRAM RESPONSE						
	EVALUATION OF THE NATIONAL CHILD BENEFIT REINVESTMENT PROGRAM (200514) AEC APPROVAL DATE: 12/19/2007									
soc	SOCIO-ECONOMIC POLICY AND REGIONAL OPERATIONS (HEADQUARTERS) – SOCIAL POLICY AND PROGRAMS									
1.	Review the five National Child Benefit Reinvestment areas to assess to what extent they are in line with provincial/territorial practices and priorities identified in the literature, and determine what mix of activity areas would be most effective for achieving desired results on-reserve.	The Headquarters NCBR team will conduct research and analysis and continue working with the Regions and HRSDC to compare on-reserve with off-reserve programming to determine the best mix of activity areas to meet overall objectives. The Headquarters NCBR team will organize a National NCBR conference with Regions and First Nations NCBR administrators to better define the scope of activity areas in order to achieve desired results. This will also be an opportunity to increase networking and showcase projects and best practices that are in line with the Initiative's objectives.	27/02/2009 30/11/2008	Status: Pending Implementation Update/Rationale: As of 31-03-2008: Initial conversations with INAC regions have taken place. An NCBR strategic planning session is being held in June 2008. AES Comment: To continue to monitor						
2.	Strengthen the NCBR guidelines so that they provide sufficient guidance and help communities to focus on a plan to target only key activities that work toward reducing poverty and attaching people to the labour force.	The Headquarters NCBR team will continue to consult and work in collaboration with the Regions to review and update the First Nations NCBR National Manual so that it better defines projects and activities that work towards program objectives.	01/04/2009	Status: Pending Implementation Update/Rationale: As of 31-03-2008: Initial discussions have taken place. NCBR team will continue to consult during NCBR strategic planning session expected to be held in June 2008 as well as the Social Policy and Programs Branch national meeting scheduled for July 2008. AES Comment: To continue to monitor.						
3.	Work with Human Resources and Social Development Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency to	The Headquarters NCBR Team will set up a consultation process with HRSDC, CRA and SC to determine what impact results the	31/03/2009	Status: Pending Implementation Update/Rationale: As of 31-03-2008:						

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	determine the relevance and impact of other NCB components on-reserve.	NCB supplement has for First Nations on- reserve. Specifically for INAC, identify what data already exists and where there are gaps in data.		Initial discussions held with HRSDC counterparts. INAC will continue consultation process with other Government Departments and will develop options to move forward by March 31, 2009.			
4.	Strengthen linkages and enhance coordination among the NCBR, IA, and other INAC and departmental programs that provide a range of active measures and other supports for low-income families.	The Headquarters NCBR team will consult and work with other INAC programs such as Income Assistance, Education, Economic Development and other social programs to develop a plan to identify how NCBR projects can be coordinated with active measures programming and other supports for low-income families. Continue to work with NCBR partners at the federal, provincial and First Nations levels to promote and inform them of active measure initiatives, how to access them and how to link them to NCBR activity areas. Build on/strengthen existing partnerships and improved program coordination with Aboriginal Human Resource Development Agreements aimed at helping income assistance clients make the transition from welfare to employment.	02/02/2009	Update/Rationale: As of 31-03-2008: Discussions with Audit and Evaluation Sector, other INAC programs and other government departments have been initiated. INAC will continue consultation process with partners and will develop options to move forward by March 31, 2009. AES Comment: To continue to monitor			
5.	Develop an NCBR specific performance measurement strategy and monitor its results on an	The Headquarters NCBR team will continue to work in consultation with Regions to improve data collection, tracking of results	31/12/2008	Status: Pending Implementation Update/Rationale: As of 31-03-2008:			

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ongoing basis, and modify the NCBR reporting template accordingly to ensure it captures information on outcomes.	and reporting templates. Develop a RMAF with clear performance measures, result indicators and targets aimed at reducing child poverty and promoting the attachment of families to the workforce. Strengthen the management control framework in order to establish clearer roles and responsibilities for Headquarters and the Regions.		Initial conversations with INAC regions have taken place. An NCBR strategic planning session was planned for June 2008. First steps initiated. Expected completion of RMAF/RBAF by February 2009. AES Comment: The program is being reevaluated 2008-09 prior to seeking policy renewal.