



# Developing Inuit Research Capacity and Access to Statistics for Health Planning and Action

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## The Project

- 2 ½ year development project (2008-2011) funded by the Aboriginal Health Transition Fund
- Six partner organizations:
  - Nunatsiavut Government
  - Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (delegated by Makivik Corporation)
  - Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.
  - Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
  - Inuit Qaujisarvingat: The Inuit Knowledge Centre, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami
  - Inuit Tuttarvingat of the National Aboriginal Health Organization

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## Objectives

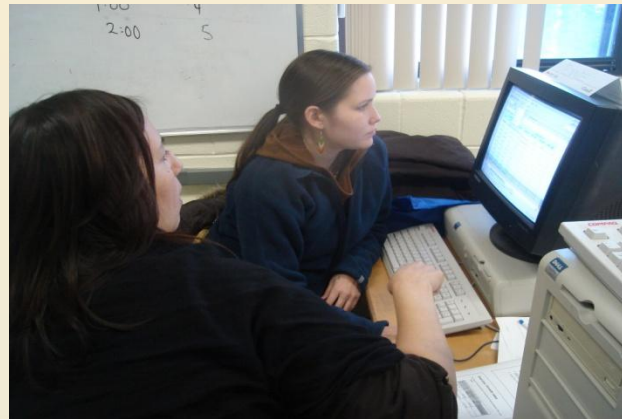
- Contribute to the current state of knowledge of Inuit population health indicators
- Facilitate future Inuit population health research by improving access to the relevant research and statistics information
- Enable Inuit communities and organizations to make evidence-based decisions

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## Some Project Highlights

- Training courses and on-the-job training for four health data analyst interns



*Introduction to Statistics training course  
Aboriginal Statistics Training Program  
Nain, Labrador*





## Project Highlights

- Knowledgeable, engaged Management Group:
  - representative from each partner organization, good continuity
  - used consensus decision-making and respected different views
  - balanced regional and national interests
  - stayed focused on the goal

*Management Group discussing  
the project evaluation*







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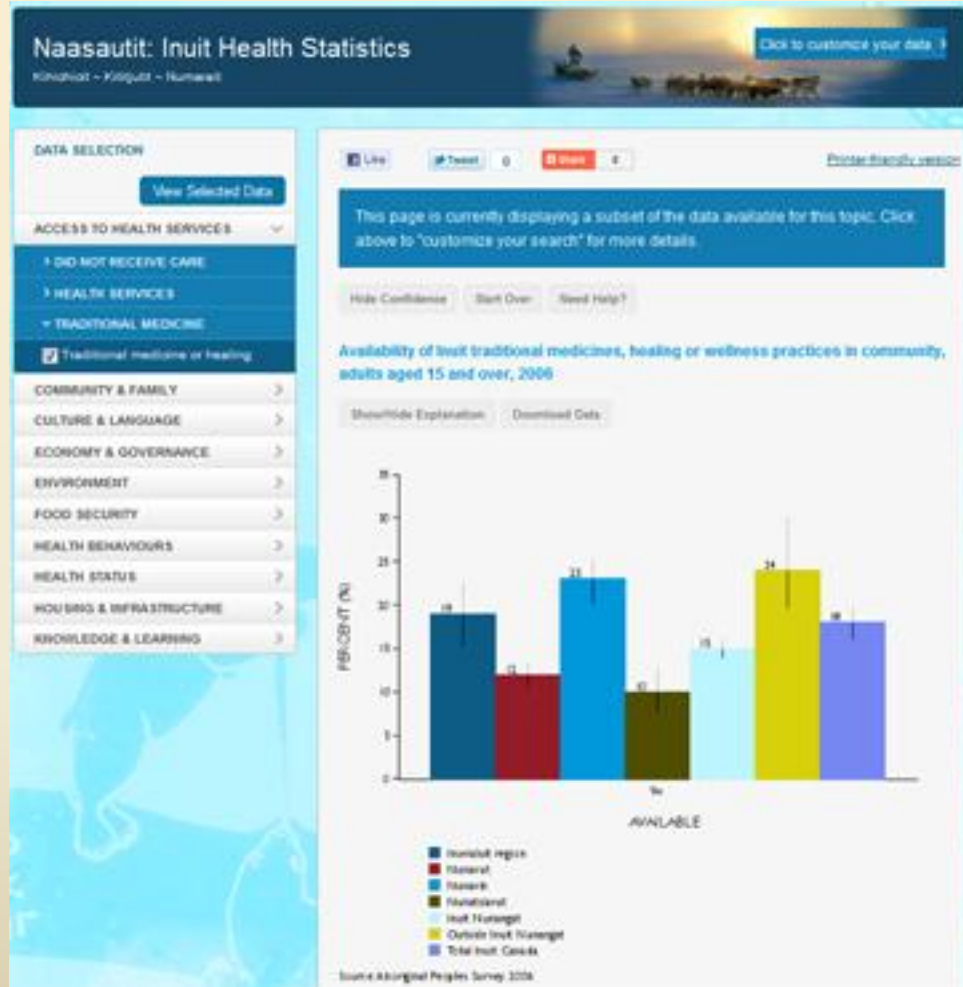
- Developed an Inuit data organization tool, based on previous work by Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami
- Ten “domains” drawn from the determinants of health approach
- Focus is community health and wellness
- It provided the framework for the data



- Developed an interactive graphing application and launched statistics directory on March 10, 2011

- Features:

- Inuit-specific statistics
- Four Inuit regions, Inuit Nunangat, non-Nunangat and Inuit Canada data
- “Default” graph and table
- Can customize graph using selection menu
- Pop-up glossary, resource list





## 2011 and Beyond

- Established Naasautit as a permanent service of the Inuit Knowledge Centre
  
- Continued enhancement of the service to fill Inuit needs:
  - Additional Statistics Canada data
  - Other Inuit-specific data such as the Inuit Health Survey
  - Additional tools and resource materials
  
- Seeking funding for expansion





## How Directory is Being Used

### On-line User Survey and Web Stats – March 10 - May 10 2011

- One-half (57%) of users work for an Inuit organization; another quarter (26%) work for an Aboriginal organization
- At least 70% were highly satisfied or satisfied with: the gender specific information, age group breakdowns, cultural relevance and topics covered
- 44% are return visitors to the site
- Most users to date are from Southern Canada



## Comments from Data Users

- “Excellent foundation upon which to add topics/data as they become available”
- “This is an excellent, easy to use and innovative site”
- Need to be able to compare to other Canadians
- “The regional and sub-regional breakdowns are very useful; but I imagine others would like more detailed information”
- Statistics to add: community surveys, health services utilization, more health info, workforce participation, climate change, Inuit culture, Inuit law



## Preliminary External Evaluation Results

- Unique collaboration among the four regional and two national partners, as well as Statistics Canada and Public Health Agency of Canada
- Significant contribution to knowledge of Inuit population health indicators; will facilitate future research by increasing access to Inuit-specific statistics
- Short-term project will be sustained through willingness of Inuit Qaujisarvingat: The Inuit Knowledge Centre to manage the directory
- Challenges included time needed to build relationships and trust, difficulties recruiting regional staff and software development problems



## Thank you!

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