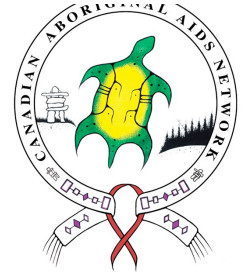


PROMISING PRACTICES IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN SASKATCHEWAN – FACT SHEET



What: *"Promising Practices in Indigenous Communities in Saskatchewan"* documentary focuses on successes in Indigenous Communities, All Nations Hope Network, Saskatchewan Indigenous Council on HIV and AIDS, Sturgeon Lake and Ahtahkakoop. It is the first of a series of four documentaries that in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and First Nation communities will feature the Aboriginal-led responses of Canadian communities toward Hepatitis C (Eskasoni), HIV and AIDS Community Readiness (Quebec), and HIV and Youth (BC).

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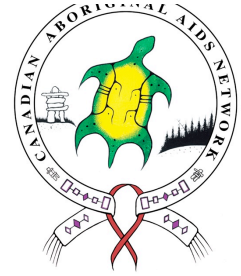
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CAAN Spokespeople:

- **Ken Clement:** CEO, Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN), Co-Chair – Canada, International Indigenous Working Group on HIV and AIDS (IIGWHA);
- **Merv Thomas:** National Programs Communications Mgr, Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN) - Producer of *"Promising Practices in Indigenous Communities in Saskatchewan"*
- **Other Documentary interviews:** Indigenous guests living with HIV, Community Workers, Activists

Quote

"Even as the rest of the world educates its way towards health, the infection rates in Saskatchewan's Indigenous communities remain high and seems to be the epicentre of Canada's HIV pandemic largely because of stigma and a lack of adequate services," said Ken Clement, CEO of Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network. "With this documentary we want to show Canada how breaking stigmas surrounding HIV and AIDS can change that."



Facts & Statistics

- Between 2008 and 2012, an average of 140 aboriginals in Saskatchewan were diagnosed with HIV each year. In 2014, the final number was 79 — 44 per cent lower than the 2012 average, but still 71 per cent of all new diagnoses. In other words, for every 10 people diagnosed, seven were indigenous.
- The number of aboriginals in Saskatchewan living with HIV is around twice the national average and the highest in Canada, said Dr. Denise Werker, the province's deputy chief medical health officer.
- Indigenous communities in Saskatchewan are experiencing HIV and AIDS rates among highest in the world, and within Canada, **new HIV infections** are 11 times higher than the national rate.

Durban AIDS 2016 Global Debut

Premiered globally in Durban, South Africa at the International Indigenous AIDS pre-conference on HIV and AIDS (IIPCHA) hosted by the International Indigenous Working Group on HIV and AIDS (IIWGHA). It will continue to screen at the International AIDS Conference in the Canadian Pavilion and Global Village.

Speakers included:

- Honourable Canadian Minister of Health, Jane Philpott
- High Commissioner of Canada to South Africa, Sandra McCardell
- Deputy Executive Director of UNAIDS, Dr. Luiz Loures

About CAAN www.caan.ca

The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN) is a not-for-profit coalition of individuals and organizations which provides leadership, support and advocacy for Aboriginal individuals living with and affected by HIV and AIDS, regardless of where they reside. Their philosophy is that all Aboriginal Peoples deserve the right to protect themselves against infectious disease and thrives on providing the Aboriginal community with accurate and current information about HIV including risks of contracting the virus, issues of care and treatment, and support for families and those living with the disease.

About IIWGHA iiwgha.org

For over two decades Indigenous peoples and leaders around the world have worked together to form the International Indigenous Working Group on HIV & AIDS to build a unified voice for Indigenous peoples in collective action against HIV and AIDS by creating partnerships with governments, Indigenous leaders, research bodies, and AIDS organizations. IIWGHA provides Indigenous leaders an outlet for sharing, exchanging, and gaining experiences and knowledge on HIV and AIDS to promote hope and change within their own communities.