Research Use and Francophone and Acadian Communities

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Crucial Area for Community Development

- Understand needs

- Understand factors influencing development

- Identify necessary changes (results)

- Understand effects of actions and make necessary adjustments

- Prioritize actions

- Target interventions

Major Challenge for Community Organizations

- Meet accountability requirements
- Develop arguments based on hard and reliable data
- Take part in developing public policies that affect development
- Help identify positive measures upon implementation of the new Part VII

Joint Approach

- Determine research themes and priorities
- Ensure research is relevant to communities
- Enhance communities' capacity to use research results

Joint Approach

- Research environment: link with community research needs at local, regional, provincial, territorial and national levels

- Community environment: description and specific data on their communities

- Government bodies: realignment of priorities, policies and programs

Partnership Opportunities

- Results of post-censal survey
- Follow-up on and implementation of priorities for community summit
- Official-languages governance
- Renewal of cooperative approaches between community and Government of Canada

Access to Research

- Publication and dissemination
- Popularization
- Support in interpreting and using research data

Challenges

- Development of a **learning culture**
- **Training** and **sufficient support** for community stakeholders
- Enhanced capacity to **collect data** in communities
- Enhanced capacity to **conduct research** in communities
- Enhanced capacity to **coordinate research** within the FCFA

Courses of Action

- Coordinate research
- Produce research
- Use research

Capacity to Coordinate Research

Development of coordination in research based on enhancing research capacities with respect to the production, sharing and management of knowledge derived from research, in support of developing the vitality of Francophone minority communities

Capacity to Produce Research

- Development of joint research concerning multiple disciplines, academic bodies and sectors (university, community, government) based on:
  - ✓ fulfillment of strategic community objectives
  - ✓ contributions of relevant knowledge concerning problems with community development and vitality
- Creation of research coordination capacity within the FCFA

Capacity to Use Research

Active participation by decision-makers and community stakeholders in:

- design
- information gathering
- interpretation
- dissemination
- use of research results

Capacity to Use Research

In order to:

- better influence public policies
- modify or adapt processes and procedures to better support community development

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