

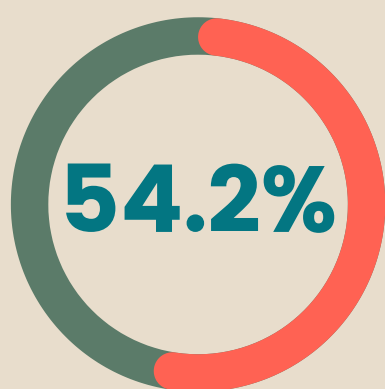
# Climate & Culture Informed Food Distribution Model with the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun

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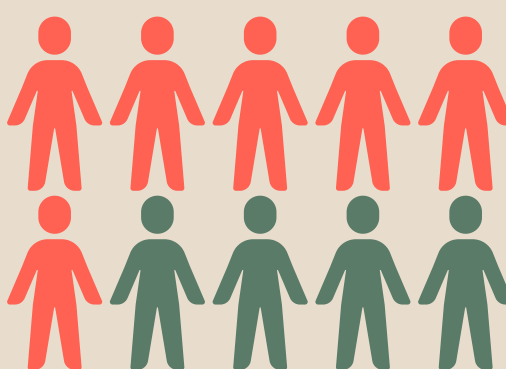
## BACKGROUND

The First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun (FNNND) is a **self-governing nation** located in Yukon.

The community is working towards regaining and maintaining **food sovereignty**



First Nations regional health survey found that 54.2% of on-reserve households were food insecure.



That equates to nearly 6 out of 10 households struggling with food insecurity.



## PROJECT GOALS

This project aims to design a food distribution system that promotes:

- Sustainability
- Knowledge Sharing
- Climate-informed practices
- Food sovereignty
- Cultural Integration
- Sense of collective identity

### Proposed Food and Knowledge Sharing System

Locally Sourced Packaging



Community Based Mobile App



Local Brand Identity



# OUR APPROACH

In order to inform the distribution system, the FNNND provided the audio cassettes of **Elder interviews conducted in the 1990s**. These tapes were transcribed with the goal of highlighting their **visions and concerns** in relation to the **land and future generations**.

## Connection to the Land



Being on the land, caring for it and living off it

## Knowledge & Resource Sharing



Sharing the land and resources, and passing knowledge to the next generation

## KEY EMERGING THEMES

In the tapes, the Elders expressed the importance of :

## Colonial Influence & Change



Colonial impacts to their ways of life and the land, and their desire to resist these changes

## Looking into the Future



Reconnecting with traditional knowledge and practices

# IMPLICATIONS & CONCLUSION

The results convey that the stories of Elders **can inform current and future community** initiatives. Their stories give insight into how **food sovereignty** projects can promote community health and well-being.