



FINAL PROJECT REPORT

**Localizing Canada's Commitment to
the Sustainable Development Goals**

**CAMPAIGN 2000
END CHILD & FAMILY POVERTY**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

From 2021-2024, Campaign 2000: End Child and Family Poverty, Citizens for Public Justice and Canada Without Poverty co-led the national community-based research project, *Localizing Canada's Commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals*. The project built on Campaign 2000's ongoing monitoring of government progress towards ending child and family poverty, engaging communities experiencing poverty and marginalization across the country to recommend indicators that measure progress towards eradicating poverty and achieving the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The project used a community-based research approach grounded in an intersectional rights-based research framework. Through this approach, the project co-hosted 17 conversations with local communities affected by poverty and intersecting forms of marginalization, engaging 227 people in the process. Community conversations were held in every province and territory and co-hosted by local partners in each region. Partnership and advocacy activities took place in each region during the project team's tour.

Among other outcomes, the findings resulted in a National Community-Based Indicator Framework for SDG 1: No Poverty, intended to supplement the Canadian Indicator Framework.

The framework includes indicators across twelve dimensions integral to ending poverty: Social inclusion and community connection; equality, justice, and freedom; joy, happiness, and hope for the future; income and material security; decent work; education for all; right to housing is realized; food sovereignty and security; health and mental health; equitable access to services, programs, and supports; connected and supported families and children; and accountable and engaged governments and institutions.

These dimensions are interdependent and indivisible. The findings highlight the importance of community-based, culturally relevant, localized measures and indicators for ending poverty and the need to urgently recognize and address the systemic intersecting power structures that create and deepen inequities and experiences of poverty.

The circumstances of deprivation and desperation that people across the country are experiencing were also clear. Action at all levels of government is required to address the unnecessary hardships and rights violations people are facing.

The project findings amplify a broad range of expertise from across the country, but they remain a snapshot of 227 people, in 17 places, at one moment in time. Partners and participants throughout the project highlighted the need that remains. Further engagement, community-based research, and urgent follow-through on human rights commitments is required to continue to centre lived experts in the work of poverty eradication and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.