

Thompson Rivers University & Kamloops Women's Resource Group Society

Community Level Adaptation to Climate Change, Disasters and Sustainable Development

PROJECT SUMMARY

The purpose of this project is to **connect and to exchange findings** on community level adaptations to climate risk in the Interior of BC. This study aims to **reduce BC's vulnerability** to adverse natural and anthropogenic hazards and extreme events, including the potentially devastating impacts of **climate change**, by bringing together research findings from the community and the general stakeholder level. The research findings include **community narratives** of climate change impacts; **information needs** at the community level; **impacts of a changing climate** on natural-resource livelihoods including mountain pine beetle, gendered impacts of climate change on men and women, and the status of sustainable development plans.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- To distribute research based materials on community-level adaptations to climate change risk that will **improve awareness** of natural hazard events in British Columbia.
- To exchange adaptation approaches in four community regions and facilitate **networking at all levels** for greater community resilience.
- To publish research findings and **Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials** for policy-makers, community leaders and educators, including a range of audiences beyond academia.
- To reduce risks by **empowering small cities and rural communities** by improving awareness of, and planning for natural hazard events, including the likely impacts of climate change; and
- To **develop a toolkit** to address climate change impact, livelihood security and adaptations strategies for vulnerable populations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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