

HFIN FORMAL CANADA WIDE STATEMENT

The Household Food Insecurity Network (HFIN) of Dietitians of Canada acknowledges that across this land we now call Canada, Indigenous Peoples have been, and continue to be, the traditional stewards and keepers of the land. We further acknowledge that:

These lands on which we live, and work differ coast-to-coast-to-coast; some treated, some un-treated, with much remaining unceded. This affects our relationship to the land and the original stewards and keepers

System inequities caused by colonialism have had destructive effects that include food insecurity that is six times greater in prevalence and severity in Indigenous households as compared to others in Canada

Indigenous community-led initiatives and solutions for self-determination and sovereignty are required to address the unique lived experiences of food insecurity challenges of Indigenous Peoples

The keepers of traditional Indigenous knowledge in every community are worthy of honour, consideration and respect, and must inform the work of Household Food Insecurity

Courageous Indigenous leaders, young and old, deserve the ongoing support of all people in Canada to create equal opportunities for everyone of this land

Therefore, HFIN acknowledges their relationship to the land upon which they live and work and prioritizes initiatives that support reconciliation with local indigenous communities; and

Further acknowledges that reconciliation will be successful when all Canadians have committed to learning about our shared past, listening to Indigenous wisdom, and pursuing a new, more inclusive, collaborative, and respectful path towards a better future. This means dietitians have a responsibility to practice in a just way!

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