EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE SUMMARY

A questionnaire was undertaken to gather data to better understand the needs and challenges faced by Métis Chartered Communities in emergency preparedness and response. Key themes covered in the questionnaire were:

PREPAREDNESS PLANNING

Activities, programs and systems developed before emergencies that support and enhance prevention, response, and recovery

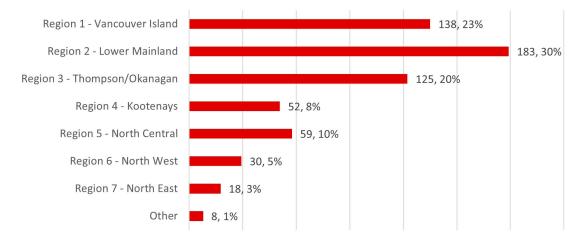
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Communication and cooperation with supporting agencies for resources, assistance, and quidance.

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

Activities that address effects of an incident as well as activities and programs designed to restore affected lands and property to preemergency condition.

The questionnaire was available online for three weeks (February-March 2021). Métis Citizens as well as MNBC Cabinet Ministers and employees were invited to respond to the questionnaire. In total, 599 respondents completed the survey. Responses were received by region as follows:

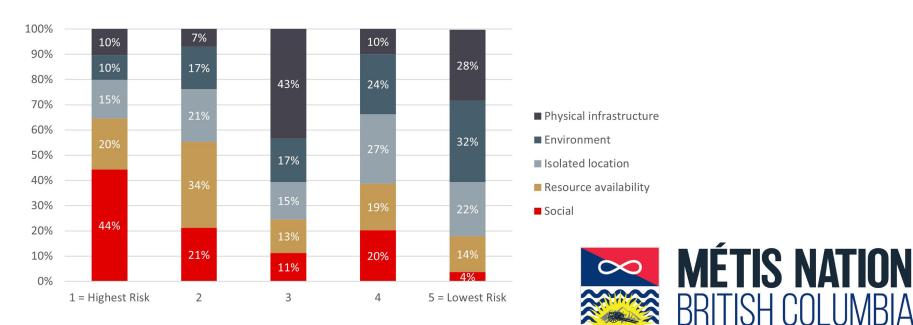


69% of respondent live in an urba location.

of respondents live within 10-30 km of a major town/city.

of respondents live rurally and the closet town/city is 30-100+ km away.

Of respondents considered their local area or Chartered Community to be vulnerable or at risk in response to emergencies. The greatest perceived risks were as follows:



65% of respondents that said their Chartered Community did not have an Emergency Management Committee in place, indicated that their community needed to establish one.

67% of respondents indicated that they or their family do not have a 72-hour personal emergency preparedness plan or kit in place.

Based on respondents personal feelings of emergency threats, the most common emergency related risks that respondents felt could impact their local area included:

SEVERE STORMS

PANDEMICS 16% MISSING PERSONS

FOREST FIRES

EARTHQUAKES

of respondents indicated that they do not know who to contact in an emergency situation. Those who did know who to contact said they would call 911, or their local municipality, regional district, etc.

of respondents indicated they receive emergency notifications via text or e-mail through either the provincial, regional, or local alert system.

of respondents were unsure of how their community notified residents of emergencies, illustrating a gap in Métis Citizens who may not receive notification during an emergency event.

Respondents indicated that during evacuation situations, there is a need for constant information updates and technology should be better utilized to communicate with the public. Respondents indicated that they access emergency information from a variety of sources including:

TV, NEWSPAPER, RADIO, ONLINE 27% UPDATES FROM MNBC 10% LOCAL REGIONAL DISTRICT WEBSITE

BC WILDFIRE SERVICES WEBSITE

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of respondents indicated that one to two emergency events have occurred in their community since 2010. 26% of respondents experienced three to five events, and 16% of respondents experienced more than five events.

of respondents felt that they could be more prepared and informed to respond to emergency situations, indicating the following resources that could be provided to improve preparedness:

