



# Aboriginal Disaster Resilience Planning Guide

## *Step Four – Plan Implementation*

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## Step Four Plan Implementation – Introduction

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Now it is time to put the plan into action. This involves implementing the plan's strategies, checking progress on a regular basis, and setting up a planning cycle for plan revisions and updates.

Here is a summary of the activities for this Step:

### **Activity 1: Implementing the Resilience Plan**

In this activity implementation your community's plan will begin through work on the actions or strategies you identified to increase disaster resilience.

### **Activity 2: Evaluating Progress**

It is important to continually evaluate progress on a community-managed implementation process. In this activity, you should evaluate the progress on activities, time frames, budget, and the impact of your resilience strategies.

### **Activity 3: Continue Planning**

Remember that resilience is process. There is no end state. Resilience evolves as your community evolves and changes over time. This process of re-evaluating starts the planning cycle again. This activity involves making changes to your plan that are based on your community's progress.

## Activity 1: Implementing the Resilience Plan

The next major step in the planning cycle is to implement your community's plan - to work on the actions or strategies that you believe will increase disaster resilience. Work in this area will be based on the strategies you identified in your *Disaster Resilience Plan*, the people who are responsible for implementing the plan, and the time frames set in the plan.

At this point, the original Planning Team might pass responsibility on to a new working group to oversee plan implementation, as well as to check progress, communicate with the community, and make revisions to the plan as necessary.

### Activity Summary:

Action being taken on strategies identified to increase disaster resilience.

Complete

### Notes:

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## Activity 2: Evaluating Progress

After implementation has begun, it is important to check progress to see how you are doing. This should evaluate the progress on activities, time frames, budget, and the impact of your resilience strategies. Evaluation should also include considering who might be negatively affected and whether anyone has dropped out and, if so, why.

Regular review of the progress being made is an important part of a community-managed implementation process. The working team might organize regular meetings with stakeholders to review the progress. It is a good idea to have a progress report at least every 3 months. The progress report should:

- record any accomplishments to date
- recognize every individual or organization that contributed
- highlight the success stories
- describe any difficulties
- outline the activities that will take place over the next three months

This report could be made available to all community members, to keep them up to date with progress, and to keep the idea of resilience alive.

### Activity Summary:

Regular review of the progress being made on the Resilience Plan being made.

Complete

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### Activity 3: Continue Planning

Resilience is a process and planning is a cycle. That means that once you have reached the end of the planning steps, you assess your progress and continue to plan and implement strategies in a continuing effort to increase community disaster resilience. Once your planning cycle is completed and the implementation period is over, it's time to evaluate what worked and what didn't.

This is also a time to evaluate whether your community profile and your risk and resilience assessment may need to be revised. Consider whether there have been any changes in your community (e.g., new community members, the loss of some residents, changes in employment or economic profile, changes in governance) that might influence your assessment of strengths and vulnerabilities. Consider whether any of your risks have changed (e.g., environmental or development changes that increase or decrease risk). Finally, consider whether your community's resilience profile has changed either as a result of your resilience enhancement actions or because of any of these other changes in your community, region or province/territory. Remember that resilience is a process. There is no end state. Resilience evolves as your community evolves and changes over time.

This process of re-evaluating starts the planning cycle again. Make changes to your plan that are based on your progress, and revise your approach and strategies as necessary. During the implementation of your plan, you may find that some strategies were not as effective as you originally thought. Or some actions you took might be having an unanticipated negative impact. The planning team should make necessary adjustments in goals, activities, and time frames in the effort to reach your community vision and resilience goals. You may also need to identify other resources to implement new activities and targets.

Planning becomes easier over time. All the information you have gathered, for example, will feed into the next cycle. The community vision should stay the same, as well as most of the long-term goals. You may choose to collect additional information that you didn't have time for the first time around. You may decide to include an assessment of other hazards or to concentrate on the same priority areas. By committing to ongoing planning and implementation, your community will experience a growing awareness of its resilience and be better prepared for disaster.

#### Activity Summary:

Process of re-evaluating is underway.

Complete

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