

Homelessness Partnering Strategy Community Plan 2014–2019 Designated Communities Funding

Community: *Red Deer*

Region: *Alberta*

The plan has been approved by Canada for implementation.
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As this Designated Community's allocation is over \$200,000, it is required to commit at least 40% of its HPS allocation towards a Housing First approach starting April 1, 2016.

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Current Situation: Establishing your Baseline Data

Data

Please report on your current situation based on the following indicators. All CABs should review their progress annually against these indicators. This review will form part of the annual update. **Note: Although this data is not required at this time, data for 2013 will be required as part of the first annual update.**

1. Number of unique individuals who used an emergency homeless shelter in the twelve month period between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012	409
2. Number of shelter users who were chronically homeless in 2012	43
3. Number of shelter users who were episodically homelessness in 2012	319
4. Number of homeless veterans who used an emergency homeless shelter in 2012.	3
5. Estimated number of homeless veterans who were chronically or episodically homeless in 2012.	3
6. Number of homeless individuals identified during the latest point in time count (if available)	279
7. Date count was undertaken	October 16, 2012

Readiness for Implementing Housing First

Please rate your community's readiness to implement Housing First based on the following questions. Each component of the scale has a rating of one to four with four demonstrating full implementation of the HPS HF model. Use this information to decide where to focus your efforts in implementing your HF program. Because implementing Housing First may take some adjustments, communities will have the opportunity to rate progress annually and use the information to update priorities. Note: Responses will only be used by ESDC to understand the selection of the HF priorities and activities.

Criterion	Community's Rating
CORE PRINCIPLES	
Rapid Housing with Supports. Program directly helps participants locate and secure permanent housing as rapidly as possible and assists them with moving-in or re-housing if needed.	-4-: Program supports participants in locating housing within one month of acceptance into the HF program and offers participants who have lost their housing a new unit without requiring them to demonstrate readiness. (Note: The program may limit the number of relocations.)
Housing Choice. Program participants choose the location and other features of their housing.	-4-: Participants choose the location and other features of their housing, including decorating and furnishing their unit.
Separating housing provision from other services. Extent to which program participants are not required to demonstrate housing readiness.	-4-: Participants have access to housing with no requirements to demonstrate readiness.
Integrated Housing. Extent to which housing tenure is assumed to be permanent housing with no actual or expected time limits, other than those defined under a standard lease or occupancy agreement.	-4-: Participants live in housing with landlord-tenant agreements and there are no time limits on housing tenure other than those defined under a standard lease or occupancy agreement.
Tenancy Rights and Responsibilities. Extent to which program participants have legal rights to the unit.	-4-: Participants have a written agreement and it contains no special provisions other than agreeing to meet with staff face-to-face regularly (weekly or biweekly).

Criterion	Community's Rating
<p>Reasonable Cost for Housing. Extent to which participants pay a reasonable amount of their income for housing costs and/or program has access to rent supplements or subsidized housing units.</p>	<p>-4-: Participants pay 30% or less of their income for housing costs and/or program has ready access to rent supplements or provides subsidized housing units for all participants.</p>
<p>Housing Support. Extent to which program offers services to help participants maintain housing, such as offering assistance with landlord relations and neighborhood orientation.</p>	<p>-4-: Program offers ongoing housing support services.</p>
<p>SERVICE PHILOSOPHY</p>	
<p>Service choice. Extent to which program participants choose the type, sequence, and intensity of services such as recovery, medical and other services.</p>	<p>-4-: Participants have the right to choose, modify, or refuse services and supports at any time, except regular face-to-face visit with staff.</p>
<p>Participant-Driven Program & Services. Extent to which the program and services are participant-driven.</p>	<p>-4-: Program offers opportunities for input at all levels of the program: from individual services to tenant committees, and governing bodies.</p>
<p>Contact with Participants. Extent to which program maintains regular contact with participants.</p>	<p>-4-: Program meets with participants at least 2 times a month to ensure participants' safety and well-being.</p>
<p>Continuous Services. Extent to which program participants are not discharged from services even if they lose housing.</p>	<p>-4-: Participants continue to receive program services even if they lose housing.</p>
<p>Directly Offers or Brokers Services. Program directly offers or brokers support services to participants, such as recovery, medical and other services.</p>	<p>-4-: Program directly offers or brokers psychiatric treatment, vocational assistance, and other services.</p>
<p>Selection of Vulnerable Populations. Extent to which program focuses on chronic and/or episodically homeless individuals.</p>	<p>-4-: Program prioritizes interventions for participants who are chronic and/or episodically homeless.</p>
<p>TEAM STRUCTURE/HUMAN RESOURCES</p>	
<p>Low Participant/Staff Ratio. Extent to which program consistently maintains a low participant/staff ratio.</p>	<p>-3-: 21-35 participants per 1 FTE staff.</p>

Community Advisory Board Membership

- 1. Name of the Community Advisory Board:** The Red Deer CAB is known as the Community Housing Advisory Board (CHAB).
- 2. Number of members in your CAB:** 10
- 3. Given the requirement to allocate funding to the Housing First approach, which involves both housing and individual supports, are there any sectors or organizations the CAB needs to include and/or engage in the future to more fully represent your community? (for example, Provincial or Territorial representatives responsible for housing and/or mental health, landlord organizations, people with lived experience, police, corrections, health and health promotions (including the Health Authority), income supports, other funders, addictions treatment):** Yes

Please identify the sectors or organizations and describe how they will be engaged.

There are 10 voting members on CHAB - 6 at large citizen members, 2 Aboriginal citizen members, and 2 members of City Council. Representatives from the federal and provincial government also sit on CHAB but are non-voting members. There is currently one vacant citizen representative position. Currently CHAB is a council committee of the City of Red Deer. Legislative Services advertises when vacancies occur on CHAB and interested individuals put forth their names. A committee reviews the applications and looks for individuals who have a background that would be beneficial to CHAB. These individuals are then appointed to sit on CHAB. It is recognized that community organizations, government departments and homeless citizens have valuable knowledge, skills and resources to contribute. These housing resources and organizations may be called upon to support the governance work of the CHAB, and will generally provide frontline knowledge and support to the administrative process. One of the goals of the EveryOne's Home: Red Deer's 5 Year Plan Towards Ending Homelessness (2014-2018) is to establish a governance and leadership structure that will stimulate healthy collaboration between stakeholder groups; promote opportunities for sharing expertise and resources; develop capacity; and measure progress of the plan. This will have an impact on the structure of the Community Housing Advisory Board and the role of the Community Entity.

Planning and Reporting

Your Planning Process

1. Stakeholder Engagement

- a. **Who and how did the CAB consult in your community as you prepared this Community Plan? Please include information about the approach you took and the extent of your consultations.**

In January 2014 the Community Housing Advisory Board (CHAB) formed a sub-committee to meet with members of the community to gather feedback and participate in the development of the community plan template. The City of Red Deer, as the Community Entity, arranged a meeting with the CHAB sub-committee, members of the EveryOne's Home Leadership Group and Urban Aboriginal Voice Society. The purpose of the meeting was to identify priorities for the HPS Community Plan and determine what percentage of HPS funding will be allocated to each priority. Approximately 14 people attended the meetings that were held over two evenings. At the meeting presentations were given on EveryOne's Home: Red Deer's 5-Year Plan to End Homelessness (2014-2018), baseline information on homelessness in Red Deer, and an overview of the Community Plan Template. This information was used to provide a framework for the discussion about the priorities for both Designated and Aboriginal funding.

- b. **How is the CAB working with the Aboriginal sector and/or local Aboriginal CAB to identify and implement Aboriginal homelessness priorities?**

The Community Housing Advisory Board (CHAB) is responsible for making funding decisions for Designated and Aboriginal HPS funding streams as well as the provincial funding. There are two Aboriginal community members on CHAB. These members bring an Aboriginal cultural perspective to the table. Members of the Aboriginal community, from the Urban Aboriginal Voices Society, participated in HPS Community Plan discussions. As well, the community planning process holistically looks at the needs of all homeless individuals. Red Deer is not required to complete a Community Plan for the Aboriginal Homelessness funding that our community receives because our allocation is less than \$200,000/year. However, the CHAB felt it was important to identify priorities for the Aboriginal funding during the community planning process. This ensures a transparent process for developing HPS funding priorities.

2. Other Related Strategies and Programs

- a. In this section, you will identify and describe the federal, provincial, territorial, or local strategies, programs (other than HPS) which fund activities in your community that you will access to support your Housing First and other homelessness effort.

How many have you identified? 10

Name of federal, provincial or territorial or local strategies and programs	Focus of strategy or program
Province of Alberta - Outreach Support Services Initiative	- Social housing
Province of Alberta - Graduate Rental Assistance Initiative	- Rent supplements
Province of Alberta - Alberta Works	- Income supports
City of Red Deer - Housing Solutions Fund	- Social housing - Education
Red Deer Housing Authority - Rent Supplement Program	- Rent supplements
Red Deer Housing Authority - Community Housing Program	- Social housing
Alberta Health Services - Addiction; Mental Health	- Mental health - Addictions
Central Alberta Child; Family Services Authority	- Social integration
Police; Crisis Team (PACT)	- Mental health
Red Deer Primary Care Network - Street Clinic	- Healthcare

- b. Does your Province or Territory have a plan or strategic direction to address homelessness, poverty, housing, or another related issue?

Yes

How does your HPS Community Plan complement Provincial or Territorial direction in this area?

Completely aligns

Please explain.

The City of Red Deer also has a 10-year plan to end homelessness - "EveryOne's Home Red Deer's Vision and Framework on Ending Homelessness by 2018". Two five year plans were developed - the first was designed to strategically guide our work until 2014; while

the second will continue to guide the work until 2018. The “EveryOne’s Home: Red Deer’s 5 Year Plan Towards Ending Homelessness (2014-2018)” outlines strategies for the following four areas:

- Governance and Leadership – establishing the most effective and efficient ways of working together; Primary Prevention – working upstream to prevent the onset of root causes known to result in homelessness;
- Secondary Prevention – identifying and addressing conditions at the earliest possible stages to prevent/divert an individual from entering into homelessness; and
- Tertiary Prevention – slowing the progression or mitigating the negative effects of homelessness once it has become established to prevent recurrence and help restore protective factors

The HPS Community Plan complements the provincial and local plans because it will provide additional funding to housing first projects that support episodic and chronic homeless individuals and will also fill a gap by providing funds for those who are at imminent risk of homelessness, an area that provincial funding does not focus on.

c. The Housing First approach requires access to a range of client supports. How will you engage (or how are you engaging) provincial or territorial programs to facilitate access to provincial/territorial services for Housing First clients?

A Provincial Transition Planning Committee has been created to identify broader recommendations to improve the coordination of strategies/activities between identified Alberta Government Ministries, Alberta Health Services, community agencies including Police and homeless-serving systems. A report will be created that provides clear recommendations for transition planning in efforts to prevent discharge from provincial systems into homelessness. To inform the recommendation report, the Provincial Transition Planning Committee will be hosting regional workshops in the 7 major cities in Alberta, including Red Deer, to gather input and advice. The Alberta Interagency Council on Homelessness was established by Premier Alison Redford in February 2013 with a mandate to guide the continued implementation of “A Plan for Alberta: Ending Homelessness in 10 Years”. The Council provides advice and guidance on policy, regulatory and program changes required for successful implementation of the 10-year plan. The Council represents a variety of partners involved in the implementation of the plan including service providers, community-based organizations who distribute government funding, and all levels of government. A representative from The City of Red Deer sits on this Council.

3. Community Contribution

As part of the eligibility for HPS Designated Community funding, each community must be able to demonstrate that it has mobilized funding partners to contribute to its homelessness efforts.

- Your community must show that it can identify \$1 contributing to your homelessness efforts from other sources for every dollar in your Designated Community allocation.
 - The community contribution can include funding from any partner other than HPS such as: governments (Federal, Provincial/Territorial or Municipal/Regional); public institutions, such as hospitals, schools or universities; aboriginal organizations; private sector organizations; and not-for-profit/charitable sector organizations, such as foundations or the United Way.
 - If an organization is contributing (financial or in-kind) to more than one activity, you may combine all the amounts received and enter the information once.
- The Community Entity (CE) will be required to report annually on the actual amount received.

You will be asked to provide this information during the annual update. At this time, we need information about your community contribution for 2014-2015.

a. How many funders have you identified? 2

Name of Funder	Type of Funder	Financial Contribution	Non-Financial Contribution	Total Contribution
		(dollars)	(Estimate in Dollars)	(Dollars)
Province of Alberta	Province/Territory	2,900,000	0	2,900,000
City of Red Deer	Municipality	114,000	64,100	178,100
Total Community Contribution (dollars)				\$3,078,100
HPS Designated Communities Funding Stream allocation (dollars)				\$299,576

Reporting

The Community Advisory Board is expected to report to its funder (Employment and Social Development Canada), its stakeholders and the broader community on what it is doing and the progress the community is making in reducing homelessness.

The HPS was renewed with a commitment to using a Housing First approach and demonstrate reductions in homelessness. The collection of data and results will be critical to this change. As part of your community planning process, you will set priorities and select activities. Projects should lead to results that contribute to reductions in homelessness. The HPS has identified specific results that it will be collecting through Results Reporting, but the CAB and CE should also be working together to identify other results they would like to gather.

Your Priorities

Priorities	The percentage of your HPS Designated Community (DC) allocation that will be invested in this priority in:					Activities Selected	Targets for 2014-2015 Where a target is set at 0 it could be because: (1) The community will not be implementing the activities in 2014-2015. (2) The activities will lead to outcomes different from the ones identified in the targets.
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach*	60% DC	60 % DC	60 % DC	60 % DC	60 % DC	% of HF Funds by activity selected (Related to 2014-2015 only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25%: Client Intake & Assessment § • 35%: Connecting to and Maintaining Permanent Housing ** • 35%: Accessing Services through case management †† • 5%: Data, Tracking & Monitoring †† 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals that will be placed in housing through an HF intervention: 20 • Percentage of HF clients who will remain housed at six months: 85% • Percentage of HF clients who will remain housed at twelve months: 85% • Percentage of HF clients who will successfully exit the program to a positive housing situation: 40%

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To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services[†]	40% DC	40% DC	40% DC	40% DC	40% DC	Housing Placement (outside of Housing First)	The HPS has not asked for targets related to this activity.
						Connecting clients to income supports	15 people will increase their income or income stability.
						Pre-employment support and bridging to the labour market	0 people will increase their employment stability or will start part-time or full-time employment. 0 people will start a job training program.
						Life skills development (e.g. budgeting, cooking)	The HPS has not asked for targets related to this activity.
						Supports to improve client's social integration	The HPS has not asked for targets related to this activity.
						Culturally relevant responses to help Aboriginal clients	The HPS has not asked for targets related to this activity.
						Connecting clients to education and supporting success	0 people will start part-time or full-time education.

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
						Liaise and refer to appropriate resources	15 people will remain housed at three months after receiving a housing loss prevention intervention.
						Housing loss prevention (only for individuals and families at imminent risk of homelessness)	The HPS has not asked for targets related to this activity.
						Basic or urgent needs services	The HPS has not asked for targets related to this activity.
To preserve or increase the capacity of facilities used to address the needs of people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.	0 % DC	0 % DC	0 % DC	0 % DC	0 % DC		
To ensure coordination of resources and leveraging	0% DC	0% DC	0% DC	0% DC	0% DC		

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
To improve data collection and use	0% DC	0% DC	0% DC	0% DC	0% DC		

Notes:

- * **The Housing First model includes both housing and access to supports primarily for chronically and episodically homeless individuals. The services provided are offered through an integrated approach and are interdependent. Generally, the approach will be to ensure that Housing First clients have access to all the existing services required.**
- ‡ **Housing First readiness activities include:**
 - **Determining the Housing First model (e.g. consultation, coordination, planning, and assessment)**
 - **Identifying, integrating and improving services (including staff training on Housing First activities and functions)**
 - **Partnership development in support of a Housing First approach**
 - **Working with the housing sector to identify opportunities for and barriers to permanent housing (e.g. establishing landlord relationships, mapping of current available assets)**
- § **Client intake and assessment activities include:**
 - **Coordinated intake management (where feasible)**
 - **Client identification, intake and assessment, focusing on the chronically and episodically homeless populations.**
- ** **Connecting to and maintaining permanent housing require communities to establish housing teams that implement the following activities:**
 - **Facilitate access to housing, which could include providing emergency housing funding to bridge clients to provincial/territorial system**
 - **Set-up apartments (insurance, damage deposit, first and last months' rent, basic groceries and supplies at move-in, etc.)**

- **Furnish apartments for HF clients (furniture, dishes, etc.)**
- **Repair damages caused by HF clients**
- **Provide Landlord-tenant services**
- **Re-housing (if required)**

†† Accessing services through case management include the following activities:

- **Coordination of a case management team**
- **Peer Support**
- **Working with clients to set goals**
- **Identifying a strategy for reaching the goals**
- **Connecting clients to services needed to reach the client's goal**
- **Monitoring progress**
- **Support services to improve the self-sufficiency of chronically and episodically homeless individuals and families in the Housing First program through individualized services, including: connecting clients to income supports; pre-employment support, and bridging to the labour market; life skills development (e.g. budgeting, cooking); supports to improve clients' social integration; and culturally relevant responses to help Aboriginal clients; and connecting clients to education and supporting success**

‡‡ Data, tracking, and monitoring activities include:

- **Identifying the size and make-up of the chronically and episodically homeless population by accessing shelter data**
- **Tracking HF Clients**

† These services are offered primarily to individuals who are homeless or imminently at risk that are not part of the Housing First program.

Results

With renewal, the HPS is increasing the focus on achieving results. All projects are expected to contribute to reducing or preventing homelessness and CABs and CEs should be working together to determine how they will measure project success. The HPS has identified a number of indicators it will be using to measure the success of the HPS at reducing and preventing homelessness.

How will you make sure that project are tracking the results you need?

All projects that receive funding from the Outreach Support Services Initiative (OSSI) funded by the Province of Alberta are required to enter data and case notes into the Efforts to Outcomes (ETO) database, a system used to track project outcomes. Our current HPS projects also use this database as a method of collecting data in addition the Results Reporting process identified through HPS. It is our intention to continue using ETO for HPS projects funded during the period of 2014-2019.

The Housing Data Analyst, a position within The City's Social Planning Department, is responsible for training and supporting the service providers on the use of ETO as well as ensuring that the data within ETO is correct and "clean". Monthly monitoring reports are sent to service providers to ensure that results are on track. Data collection and reporting is also included in the funding agreement with service providers.

Description of your Priorities

Housing First (HF) Priority

Rationale

Why is this a priority for your community? If the priority was identified in another related plan or planning process, please identify it.

Red Deer has been using a housing first approach to address homelessness for the past 5 years. The Province of Alberta, through the Outreach and Support Services Initiative (OSSI) funding, provides \$2.9 million/year to the City of Red Deer to address chronic and episodic homelessness using a Housing First approach. Chronically homeless people make up 30% of the homeless population as at our last Point in Time Count in 2012. Episodic homeless and those with very short spells of homelessness account for the larger proportion of Red Deer's homeless population. Comparative analysis of data based on the Point in Time Count as a baseline and aggregate results from housing outcomes of Housing First Programs revealed that the community is serving up to 90% of the chronic and episodic population through OSSI funding. Between April 1, 2013 and February 28, 2014, 38% of all housing placements were identified as chronic homeless individuals while the remaining 62% were episodic homeless individuals. The gap in service in our community lies in the population that are not chronic or episodic enough to meet the eligible requirements for service through OSSI. With HPS funding will use a housing first approach for the group with the next highest needs – individuals who have been homeless (in a shelter or living on the street) for 3 to 6 months and individuals who experienced two or more episodes of homelessness over a year.

What other resources can you leverage to contribute to your HF efforts?

- **HF Readiness**

Not applicable.

- **Client Intake & Assessment**

A shelter triage program was introduced in 2012 through OSSI funding that aims to connect with individuals using the shelters for longer than 6 to 10 days. The intent is to assess those individuals and then connect them quickly with the appropriate services. All housing programs in the community use the Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT). This tool is designed to help support workers prioritize which clients should receive which type of housing

assistance intervention such as housing first or rapid re-housing, and be next in receiving those services.

- **Connecting to and Maintaining Permanent Housing**

There are currently four housing first projects supported by provincial OSSI funding that assist clients to connect to and maintain permanent housing and provide case management support. We will explore ways to use current OSSI funding to build upon and integrate the HPS funds.

- **Accessing Services**

There are currently four housing first projects supported by provincial OSSI funding that assist clients to connect to and maintain permanent housing and provide case management support. We will explore ways to use current OSSI funding to build upon and integrate the HPS funds. Housing programs also use the Outcome Star tool as a case management tool.

- **Data, Tracking & Monitoring**

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Description of the Housing First (HF) Approach

Please describe your Housing First approach, identify what percentage of your allocation will be used towards furnishing and repairing housing for HF purposes and provide a timeline for HF implementation.

Red Deer has been using a housing first approach to address homelessness for the past 5 years. Our approach is to provide chronic and episodic homeless individuals with stable housing first, then provide wrap-around support services based on individual needs. Clients must agree to work on being good tenants, have regular visits from support workers and arrange direct rent payments from their income sources. Services such as medication support, drug or alcohol treatment and counselling are available, but are not pre-requisites for housing first. We also have modified housing first programs for individuals who have the goal of living a sober lifestyle. Our focus has been on the following areas:

1. Rapid Re-Housing – individuals with moderately acute needs require case management supports to assist with housing and lifestyle stability; otherwise they may cycle in and out of homelessness.

2. Intensive Case Management – a supportive housing service delivery model that helps homeless clients develop housing plans to ensure housing stability and assist them to achieving optimal quality of life and community living.
3. Scattered-site Intensive Case Management – some individuals with higher acuity levels benefit from integration into existing buildings and neighbourhoods with an intensive case management care structure in order to maintain housing.
4. Permanent Supportive Housing – an intensive model of housing and services designed to serve individuals experiencing homelessness for long periods of time. These people may be chronically homeless and may have complex and likely co-occurring issues. Staff work in the housing to provide support 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
5. Permanent Supported Housing – as with permanent supportive housing, this housing type provides comprehensive support services for complex individuals experiencing homelessness. However, the delivery model is different: there are no support service staff on site. The support staff come into the housing unit on a regular basis.

We will explore ways to integrate HPS funding with the current provincial OSSI funding to provide a continuum of service for homeless individuals. The intention is to use HPS funds to apply a housing first approach for the group with the next highest needs: individuals who have been homeless (in a shelter or living on the street) for 3 to 6 months and individuals who experienced two or more episodes of homelessness over a year.

Since our community is already using a housing first approach for provincial OSSI funding we will move to immediate implementation of housing first with HPS funding. Funds will be set aside to cover furniture and repairs. The amount will be determined on a project to project basis.

Target Group(s)

Please describe in more detail the group(s) this priority will address.

- Chronically homeless individuals
- Episodically homeless individuals

Do you expect to address your entire chronic and episodic population in 2014-2015?

Yes

Who will you target next?

The intention is to use HPS funds to apply a housing first approach for the group with the next highest needs:

- Individuals who have been homeless (in a shelter or living on the street) for 3 to 6 months.
- Individuals who experienced two or more episodes of homelessness over a year.

Individualized Services priorities

Rationale

Why is this a priority for your community? If the priority was identified in another related plan or planning process, please identify it.

Although the community will be shifting towards a Housing First approach for HPS funding, it is recognized that there are still individuals who are at imminent risk of homelessness that require housing placement and individualized services. Allocating a portion of funding towards this priority will allow community agencies to continue serving this client group.

Target Group(s) within the homeless and at imminent risk of homelessness populations

Please describe in more detail the group(s) this priority will address.

- General population