

## Co-creating Resilient Futures with Indigenous Communities



The Rockies Institute (TRI) is focusing its work on communities that have been identified as particularly vulnerable to climate change.

Given their dependence upon, and close relationship with, the environment and its resources, Indigenous peoples around the world are at risk of experiencing direct consequences of climate change. They are often the first to experience the impacts of climate change and among the first to attempt to adapt to risks through land use, cultural practices, habitation characteristics and resource management techniques. Indigenous knowledge, views, and innovations therefore can be a great asset in addressing the consequences of climate change both in their community and in sharing knowledge with others.

### **This program includes:**

- Working closely with key stakeholders to co-author resilience-building projects that are relevant to the community;
- Developing climate change adaptation plans and conducting climate vulnerability risk assessments;
- Delivering education that is relevant to community members through workshops;
- Enhancing the ability and prominence of Indigenous youth and elders in the climate change discourse at local, national and international levels;
- Providing opportunity for Indigenous communities to collaborate on knowledge transfer around the impacts of climate change on culture and living standards.

### **Project examples are:**

- The Building Climate Resilience and Adaptation in the Kainai First Nation;
  - A comparative research project with the Nama Tribe in South Africa;
  - Building resilience in the Piikani First Nation; and
  - Co-designing climate change workshops with the Fort McKay Metis and Fort Chipewyan First Nations.
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**The Rockies Institute** (TRI) is a charitable organization based in Canada. Our mission is to grow the capacity of individuals, organizations, and communities to build their resilience to climate change by bridging the gaps between knowledge and action. With a focus on adaptation, we will achieve this through education, weaving together knowledge systems, and conducting action research. Our vision is that humans have the knowledge, will, and capacity to incorporate the risks and opportunities associated with climate change in all of their decision making.

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