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## NULUAQ: AN ONLINE INTERACTIVE MAPPING PROJECT OF INUIT FOOD-SECURITY INITIATIVES IS LAUNCHED

**Kuujjuaq, June 22, 2016** – To The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services, in collaboration with Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) and the Inuit Food-Security Working Group, has developed on online interactive map to present the information available on Inuit community-based, food-security initiatives in Canada.

Nuluaq: the Inuit Community-Based, Food-Security Initiatives Mapping Project features an online mapping tool to showcase the many important community initiatives that are helping to improve access to country food and healthy store-bought food in Inuit communities. 'Nuluaq' means 'net' in Inuktitut. The name was selected because the Nuluaq Project captures and gathers information on community-based, food-security initiatives in the same way that a net can be used to gather food. The map will highlight information on food-security initiatives ranging from the greenhouse in Kuujjuaq to the food bank in Gjoa Haven to the school breakfast program in Aklavik.

The Nuluaq Project offers a way to promote the work, facilitate partnerships between food-security initiatives and bring attention to the situation of food insecurity in Inuit communities to inform advocacy work.

All of the information on community-based initiatives comes directly from initiative representatives. Community members involved in a food-security initiative are encouraged to participate in the project and thus ensure the growth of this important network. Visit nuluaq.itk.ca for more information and to share your initiatives.

Furthermore, Nunavik communities interested in starting their own community-based food-security initiatives are invited to contact the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services for support.

The NRBHSS is a public agency created in 1978 under the **James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement**. It is responsible for nearly the entire Québec territory located north of the 55<sup>th</sup> parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.

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