

“The Canadian Red Cross is proud to be partnering again with the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services in order to support a culturally-safe, community-driven health service response, this time to address the complex TB challenge”, **said Pascal Mathieu, Vice-President, Quebec, for the Canadian Red Cross.** “By listening to and collaborating with local leaders, together we can develop innovative solutions that integrate the Canadian Red Cross’ renowned humanitarian health services and logistics expertise into the current TB intervention models, alongside local teams and services, and in ways that strengthen their impact.”

Planning is underway for the first presence of TB–CRC teams in Nunavik. The first phases of the project will focus on observing existing practices, fostering mutual learning, and testing collaboration mechanisms with local teams. It is not a full deployment and does not represent the implementation of the full scope of potential CRC support.

“In light of the increasing number of tuberculosis (TB) cases across Nunavik and our ongoing commitment to the health of the population, the Inuulitsivik Health Centre has taken action to support our communities in responding to TB. This response includes annual mass screening campaigns in each community along the Hudson Bay coast, which require significant resources. Through the signing of this contract, we believe the Canadian Red Cross will provide valuable support where it is needed most, while working closely with our local initiatives and teams,” **states Sarah Beaulne, Executive Director of the Inuulitsivik Health Centre.**

All partners emphasize that this collaborative and phased approach is intended to support frontline teams and strengthen the regional response to tuberculosis overtime, in alignment with the realities of Nunavik communities.



About

The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire Quebec territory located north of the 55th parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.

Here in Canada and overseas, the Red Cross stands ready to help people before, during and after a disaster. As a member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement – which is made up of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the International Committee of the Red Cross and 191 national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies – the Canadian Red Cross is dedicated to helping people and communities in Canada and around the world in times of need and supporting them in strengthening their resilience.

The Inuulitsivik Health Centre (IHC) is a public health and social services institution established in 1986. It serves around 8,000 Nunavimmiut across seven Inuit communities along the Hudson Bay coast in Nunavik, Northern Quebec. Supported by the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services and operating under the LSSSS and the JBNQA, Inuulitsivik provides safe, culturally appropriate health and social services locally and supports Inuit traveling to Montreal for specialized care. Its mission is to improve the health and well-being of Nunavimmiut by offering respectful, high-quality services rooted in Inuit values and self-determination.

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