

HOUSING AS A HUMAN RIGHT

A call for the equal right to housing for women, Indigenous women, girls, gender-diverse & Two-Spirited people

LOOKS LIKE:

- Treating homelessness with a sense of urgency
- The federal government taking a leadership role in adequate and affordable housing
- Preventing evictions that render women and gender-diverse people homeless
- All orders of government implementing strategies to eliminate homelessness

"THE CRISIS ENDS WITH US" CLAIM

The system fails to adequately address housing needs, resulting in women and gender-diverse people being trapped in abuse, exploitation and poverty.

As seen through the:

1. Gender-based funding inequities in the homelessness sector
2. Federal investments in housing that are not reaching women
3. Policy definition of homelessness, which does not reflect the unique ways women and gender-diverse people experience homelessness
4. Gaps in gender-based analysis in policy development resulting in harm and human rights violations

47%

of women/gender diverse people end up in homelessness due to relationship break up.

This means that in order for this population to avoid homelessness, they need to stay in potentially abusive situations.

"HOMELESS ON HOMELANDS" CLAIM

Attempts at colonization has led to the dispossession of rightful lands, and subsequent homelessness and poverty for Indigenous Peoples, specifically women, girls, and Two-Spirited people.

As seen through the:

1. Lack of action on the Calls of Justice for MMIWG
2. Failure to provide safe and culturally-appropriate housing
3. Multi-system failure, neglect, and betrayal leading to Indigenous women being disproportionately represented in institutions (ex. foster care and shelters)
4. Failure to secure Indigenous Land Tenure causing homelessness on homelands

Indigenous Peoples have sovereignty over only

0.36%
of the land

