

*In drawing together our findings, we identified eight key challenges and opportunities we face as a nation in seeking to prevent and end homelessness amongst women, girls, and gender diverse peoples:*

## One

The number of women, girls, and gender diverse peoples experiencing homelessness in Canada is dramatically underestimated. Women's homelessness is made invisible by how we define, measure, and respond to housing need and homelessness.

## Two

There is a profound lack of safe, affordable, adequate, and appropriate housing for women, girls, and gender diverse peoples in communities across Canada.

## Three

Lack of women-specific housing and supports drive women into emergency shelters and services that do not recognize them as homeless, are not designed to respond to their needs, and are often underfunded and overwhelmed.

As a result, many women remain trapped in traumatizing situations of homelessness and violence.

## Four

Homelessness is uniquely dangerous for women and gender diverse peoples. When we fail to prevent or end housing need or homelessness for women, we ensure repeated cycles of violence and housing precarity.

## Five

Gaps, silos, policies, and practices within Violence Against Women (VAW) and homelessness sectors can inadvertently create hardship for some women and gender diverse peoples, in some cases contributing to housing instability and exposure to violence.

## Six

Indigenous women, girls, and gender diverse peoples experience the most egregious housing conditions throughout Canada and remain the most underserved in both the VAW and homelessness sectors.

## Seven

Mothers' experiences of housing instability and violence create the conditions for inter-generational homelessness.

Addressing the housing needs of women – particularly those of mothers and their children – is critical to solving chronic and intergenerational homelessness.

## Eight

Multiple and compounding public system failures drive women and their children into housing instability and homelessness, contributing to intergenerational cycles of homelessness, housing instability, marginalization, and violence.