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**BUILDING RESILIENCE AND RURAL HEALTH  
SYSTEM CAPABILITY FOR PRE-DISASTER  
PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS**

Delivery by: Justice Institute of British  
Columbia

Partnership: Public Health Agency of  
Canada (PHAC), Public Safety Canada;  
Rural Secretariat

**Objectives:**

The objective of this project is to develop technologies that will enhance the resiliency and response capability for rural and remote and coastal communities in Canada. The project will strengthen organizational resiliency, engagement of stakeholders, and assessment of response capacities for CBRNE and all-hazard threats.

**Technologies:**

Technologies developed in this project will include an integrated risk assessment, communication and management framework (IRACM) to enhance organizational all-hazards response planning along with a set of rural community resiliency indicators.

**Outputs:**

The outputs from this project will include the design and delivery of a web-based Virtual Community of Practice (VCoP). Content and process will include enhancement of the Gender and Disaster Management Network of Canada (GDNC), the facilitation of communication linkages among diverse networks through a “Network of Networks”, and the provision and delivery of web-assisted training, knowledge exchange and capacity building.

**Impact:**

The project will foster and build disaster preparedness, planning, response and recovery capacity in a minimum of 5 pilot rural, remote and coastal communities in Canada. The developed tools may serve as prototypes for communities across Canada.