



## News Release

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### **GN and NTI provide \$2M for community food programs during COVID-19**

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 3, 2020)** – Nunavut Premier Joe Savikataaq and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) President Aluki Kotierk today announced over \$2 million for community food programs for children and Elders as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

These funds will be distributed directly to hamlets, to deliver community-based programming to fit their needs. Funds will be allocated by community-size: communities under 1000 people will receive \$40,000, communities over 1000 people will receive \$90,000, and Iqaluit will receive \$200,000. These funds will provide nutritious meals for Nunavut's most vulnerable, using communities' existing expertise and networks during COVID-19.

“School closures have left too many of Nunavut’s children without the breakfast or lunch programming that helped alleviate food security issues in our communities,” said Premier Savikataaq. “We are committed to helping all Nunavummiut as we face this pandemic, and we are very happy to be able to provide for our children and Elders in partnership with NTI during this uncertain time.”

“Immediately, its important to focus on preventative measures. This includes access to nutritious food as a way to boost immune systems. I encourage every community to be broad and creative in their approach to roll out this program,” said President Kotierk.

Contribution agreements are expected to be finalized with hamlets next week. Meals are intended to be balanced and healthy, and all food preparation will adhere to physical distancing practices.

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