

Call for Briefs

The New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation (ESIC) was established under the *Economic and Social Inclusion Act* to implement and manage a unique approach to addressing the issue of poverty in New Brunswick. An important part of ESIC's mandate is to coordinate, develop and adopt an economic and social inclusion plan for New Brunswick every five years. This plan is developed following an extensive consultation with all New Brunswickers and the Act states that the development of the plan is a shared responsibility of all New Brunswickers.

[Overcoming Poverty Together: The New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan 2020-2025](#) was last renewed in 2020 following extensive consultations in 2019. As part of the renewal process, a formal call for briefs is issued. The submission period will be open until April 30, 2024.

We are inviting you to submit a brief on behalf of yourself or an organization if you have a unique perspective on poverty and/or social and economic inclusion that you wish to share. A brief is a written submission that provides opinions, comments, and recommendations on a subject. The call for briefs coincides with a series of public engagement sessions being held around the province. During those sessions, the following questions will be asked, and we ask that you keep these questions in mind as you prepare your briefs:

Question 1

In terms of economic and social inclusion, what are the challenges for people living in New-Brunswick?

Question 2

What would have the greatest impact on reducing poverty for people living in New Brunswick? List up to three priority actions.

Question 3

How could the following sectors further help reduce poverty and increase social and economic inclusion? Please list up to three priority actions for each sector:

- a) people living in New Brunswick,
- b) non-profit organizations,
- c) businesses,
- d) municipal governments,
- e) provincial government.

In addition to a general call for briefs, we have developed a series of thematic briefs that will allow you to consider more questions on specific issues that impact poverty and social

inclusion. The four thematic briefs will allow us to delve deeper into certain themes to better understand the difficulties associated with them and will allow us to identify emerging or key issues and priorities that require action. Additional information on each theme is available in each brief.

- Income and Employment
 - Income and expenses
 - Employment, Access to the Labour Market, Barriers to Entry
- Education and Family
 - Education and Training
 - Family
 - Seniors
 - Youth
- Basic Needs
 - Food security
 - Transportation
 - Housing
 - Health and Social Services (incl. mental health, access to addiction services)
- Social Inclusion
 - Government Services
 - Non-Profit Services
 - Community Services
 - Participation
 - Recreation

The briefs and public engagement sessions will allow ESIC to gather opinions and proposals from the public and various organizations. The overall public engagement efforts will enable society to play an active role in combatting poverty and increasing economic and social inclusion by expressing itself on issues that the people consider important.

All briefs must meet the following requirements:

- A style of writing that is clear, concise and based on facts.
- A maximum of 20 pages.
- Name of the author or organization is indicated on the cover page.
- A general description of the organization, if applicable.

Briefs may be submitted electronically to esic-sies@gnb.ca.

Additional information is available on our website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at esic-sies@gnb.ca or by calling 1-888-295-4545.

Your participation is voluntary. By sending a brief, you give permission to the New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation to use (anonymously) the information provided to compile reports and written summaries that will be made available publicly.

We look forward to your participation in the engagement process and the renewal of the economic and social inclusion plan for New Brunswick.