



Press Release

Forgotten Peoples Campaign Calls on Federal Government to End Funding Discrimination and Support Off Reserve Indigenous Peoples During COVID-19 Pandemic

May 19, 2020 (Ottawa ON) – The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) and its Provincial and Territorial Organizations (PTOs) have filed an urgent court application over the federal government’s inadequate and discriminatory funding during the COVID-19 pandemic. Today they are launching a campaign, Forgotten Peoples, to shed light on the impacts this lack of funding and discrimination has on the most vulnerable and disadvantaged Indigenous peoples in Canada.

The 2016 Daniels Decision made it clear that the Federal Government is legally accountable to non-status and Metis peoples, which CAP and its PTOs represent and advocate for across Canada. The Federal Government needs to take responsibility to support the off-reserve Indigenous population in Canada through the COVID-19 crisis.

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The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples is the national voice representing the interests of Métis, status and non-Status Indians, and Southern Inuit Indigenous People living off-reserve. Today, over 80% of Indigenous people live off-reserve.