



Building Resilience in Whati

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Why did we undertake a Resilience Assessment?

- Improve capacity to cope with emergencies, shocks and other major changes affecting the community

But also to:

- Address day-to-day community concerns and objectives
- Prepare for the establishment of the Fortune Minerals NICO mining project

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Resilience Assessment: Whati's Experience

- Whole-of-Community Approach

Resilience assessment helped us to:

- Identify the risks and hazards we face
- Identify community's strengths and assets
- Use a strengths based approach to improve our capacity to cope with emergencies, shocks and other major change affecting the community
- Identify **day-to-day issues and objectives**

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Strengths Based Approach to Building Resilience

- Whati has a number of strengths that can enhance its resilience
 - Good Emergency Plan
 - Community is close-knit and families are strong
 - Language and traditions are strong
 - Strong local leadership
 - Tłıchq Land Claims & Self-Government Agreement

- Examples of a Strengths Based Approach in Whati
 - Using strong community bonds to improve disaster awareness
 - Using Land-Claims and Self-Government Agreement to build capacity

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Community Resilience and the NICO Mine Project

- Understanding strengths and vulnerabilities and applying resilience strategies will help to address opportunities and risks associated with the project
- Engagement with Fortune Minerals through a resilience framework can provide a win-win situation:
 - Work together in facing local emergencies, shocks and other major changes
 - Enhanced local capacity and community resilience is good for the Community Government, local residents, and our internal and external stakeholders, including Fortune Minerals
 - Development of an all-weather road connection between Whati, NICO Mine and NWT Highway # 3 could increase our resilience

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Concluding Remarks

- Continue to build out resilience and increase capacity to address the emergencies and shocks we face as a community by:
 - Refining our resilience and implementation strategies
 - Exploring our options with Fortune Minerals about how best to work together on capacity building, education and training, and risk reduction
 - Ensuring we are working collaboratively and sharing information with all stakeholders