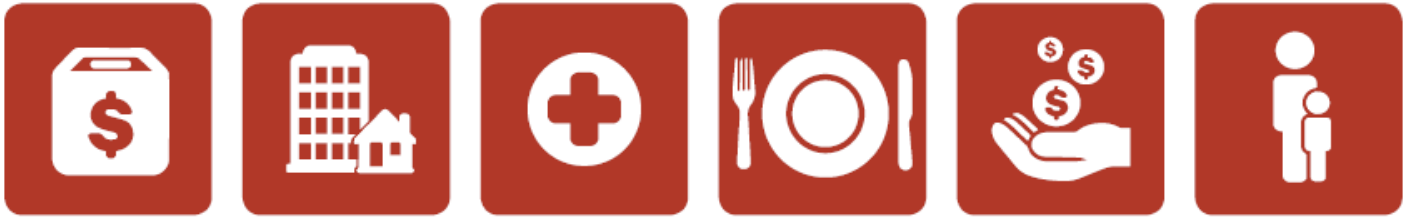


# CPRS Consultations: CPJ Policy Recommendations



## *Income Security:*

- Include Canada Child Benefit indexed to inflation.
- Include provisions for improvements to Employment Insurance (EI), including setting a national eligibility threshold of 360 hours.
- Include improvements to the Old Age Security (OAS) and Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) programs, increasing the GIS by the amount required to lift seniors out of poverty and modifying the residency requirement for seniors' programs.

## *Housing and Homelessness:*

- Include a National Housing Strategy that has clear goals, timelines, and monitoring provisions, and that is supported by legislation and funding.
- Include partnerships with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit governments and organizations to develop focussed Indigenous infrastructure development strategies (on and off reserve and in Inuit and northern contexts).

## *Healthcare:*

- Include a universal, publicly funded National Pharmacare Program that provides prescription drug coverage at little to no cost to all, regardless of income, age, or region.

## *Food security:*

- Include the development of a comprehensive National Right to Food Policy and improvements to the Nutrition North program.

## *Employment:*

- Include a National Jobs Creation and Training Strategy.
- Invest an additional \$500 million per year over the next five years (\$2.5 billion total) for Indigenous education, skills training and economic development.
- Include a plan to reinstate a federal minimum wage at \$15/hour.

## *Early childhood education and care (ECEC):*

- Include a national early childhood education and care (ECEC) program that is universal, publicly funded, high-quality, and regulated.

For more information, see our full brief, [Restoring Dignity: A Strong National Anti-Poverty Plan](#).