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> Native communities, and Native people living in Non-Native communities, suffer on a daily basis from living conditions which other Canadians experience only rarely. These adversities—political, economic, social and cultural in nature—greatly increase the probability of being disabled at some point in a person's lifetime. Although hard data is not available, it is generally felt by those who are knowledgeable about Native lifestyles, that the percentage of disabled persons is much higher among the Native population than it is among other groups of Canadians.