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FACILITATING AGRICULTURAL ADAPTATION TO A CHANGING CLIMATE



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We are pleased to provide our June 2020 update to members of the Partnership Development Grant (PDG) Team (Advisory Committee, Partners, and Observers).

This document summarizes progress from April 1 2020-June 30 2020.

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2. Preliminary analysis of interviews
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PROJECT SUMMARY

This social science research project will examine agricultural adaptation to climate change in two diverse regions in BC: the Cariboo and the Okanagan.

Research Questions:

1) What are the organizations that have a role in agricultural adaptation and what are the relationships between them? What role do they play in the implementation of climate change adaptation policies and programs?

2) How are priorities set and adaptation program decisions made within and between organizations?

3) How is information about adaptation policies and programs shared with producers and how are their experiences/feedback incorporated into policy and program refinement?

4) How do the relationships between organizations support or impede agricultural adaptation to climate change and what challenges or barriers exist within these relationships?

Data collection for this project includes analysis of existing programs and policies for agricultural adaptation to climate change in the Okanagan and Cariboo Regions and semi-structured interviews with individuals from key organizations

A more detailed description of the project and deliverables is available in the "PDG Project Workplan" which has been distributed to the PDG Team.

Please contact Lauren Arnold to request a copy

1. Completed 15 interviews

- 15 interviews were completed between April 1-May 31 2020
- The positions of these interviewees are shown in the table below.

	Organization	Number of Interviews
Provincial Government	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change	2
	FLNRORD	4
	Ministry of Agriculture	5
Academic Organizations	University of Northern BC	1
	Thompson Rivers University	1
	Climate Action Initiative	1
	Consultant	1

2. Preliminary Analysis

- This initial set of interviews have been transcribed and a preliminary analysis has been completed.
- The goal of this initial analysis was to identify broad overarching themes, and also to identify areas that need to be explored further in future interviews.
- Qualitative analysis was completed by PDG researchers using NVivo Qualitative Analysis software and themes were agreed upon collaboratively.
- A Preliminary Analysis Report has been completed and sent to the PDG Team. To request a copy of this report please contact Lauren Arnold.

3. Planning for next phase of interview data collection

- Interview scheduling is ongoing and data collection will continue throughout the summer.
- Based on the results of the preliminary analysis and feedback from the team, the interview contact list will be revised to target key individuals relevant to our study regions and research questions.

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