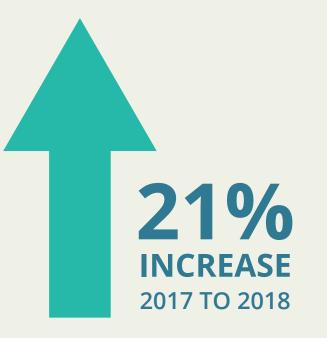
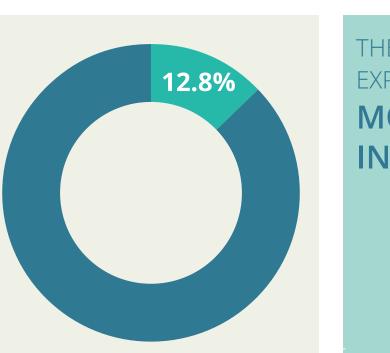
# THE IMPACT OF THE OPIOID CRISIS ON FIRST NATIONS IN BC

## THE SITUATION

The death rate from opioidrelated overdoses continues to rise for First Nations, making it a severe and growing threat to our wellness and the health of our communities.



In 2018, **193 First Nations men and women died** of an overdose in BC. A 21% increase from 2017 when there was 159 First Nations deaths .



In 2018, **12.8% of all overdose** deaths in BC were in First Nations people. This is

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the rate observed among other Residents who experience overdose deaths. It was 3.4 in 2017



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#### AMONG NON-FIRST NATIONS THIS RATIO IS 73% MEN & 27% WOMEN

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Systemic Racism toward First Nations is a barrier to health care First Nations peoples report less access to mental health and addiction treatment that is culturally safe and appropriate First Nations in BC are less advantaged than many other populations Unresolved Intergenerational Trauma is associated with a higher risk of substance use



### FOUR PILLARS: A FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION

#### PILLAR 1 NALOXONE TRAINING EXPANSION PREVENT PEOPLE >2430 COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM 175+ WHO OVERDOSE FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES TRAINED TO FROM DYING **PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS AND** SAVE LIVES 180+ HARM REDUCTION PILLAR 2 **CHAMPIONS** TRAINED KEEP PEOPLE ESTABLISHING PEER COORDINATORS IN SAFE WHEN **ALL 5 REGIONS** \$40 MILLION **TO BUILD NEW URBAN TREATMENT CENTRES** PILLAR 3 AND UPGRADE EXISTING TREATMENT CENTRES CREATE AN 100% OF NURSING STATIONS ACCESSIBLE RANGE **DELIVERING OPIOID AGONIST THERAPY (OAT)** OF TREATMENT INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS (ICM) TEAMS SERVED 662 CLIENTS **55 HARM REDUCTION PROJECTS TOTALING** PILLAR 4 \$2.4 MILLION SUPPORT PEOPLE ■ "UNLOCKING THE GATES" ON THEIR (TRANSITIONING FROM CORRECTIONS) HEALING JOURNEY **26 WOMEN SUPPORTED TO DATE**

## WHAT MORE IS NEEDED?



Increase services and supports for First Nations women

#### Prioritize urban response





Work with our system partners to enhance cultural safety and humility

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