



Service Area: Socio-Economic Impact Assessment
Project: Community Wellness Studies
Clients: Various Métis and Aboriginal communities surrounding oil sand development
Location: Alberta, Canada

The **human environment group (HEG)** has worked extensively for northeastern Alberta Métis and Aboriginal communities near to oil sands development. This includes the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nations The Fort McKay First Nation, Métis Locals 63, 122 and more.

Through its Community Wellness Studies, **HEG** helps to create a yardstick by which individual communities can measure community resiliency on an ongoing basis. The goal is to determine if communities are fairing better or worse year-after-year. Studies take into account the unique structure of these communities, where services are largely delivered by the Federal Government.

The **human environment group** works with each individual community to determine which areas are of greatest importance and concern to them (i.e. what needs and wants play a key role in ensuring their community is happy and healthy). This encompasses everything from jobs to housing to access to traditional hunting grounds to access to health care.

With all Community Wellness Studies conducted by **HEG**, representatives from the community are trained to conduct future follow-up evaluations entirely on their own, using the same established processes and procedures.