



## **Solutions and Priorities**

In the context of the 2007 Québec Public Consultation on Seniors' Living Conditions, elders expressed their priorities as follows:

- Adequate adapted housing.
- Assistance to deal with taxation issues (reporting, responding to government correspondence and outstanding taxes and late fees) and with government documentation in French.
- Developing solutions to prevent alcohol and drug abuse by some family members, as well as to stop the increasing violence in families and communities.
- Food security.
- Improved income and pensions that correspond to the high cost of living.
- Adequate hunting and fishing equipment.

Solutions proposed for some of the above priorities include:

- Establish five-year agreements covering the construction of intergenerational housing units.
- Service Québec and Revenu Québec services delivered in Inuktitut.
- Create a mechanism to help elders resolve outstanding taxes and late fees with Revenu Québec.
- Set up community care centres that distribute essential provisions, funded by revenue from mining activities.
- Establish an adequate northern pension that takes into account the high cost of living.
- Set up mechanisms to shield children from family violence and help families to get help for this problem.

## **Discussion**

In 2012, there were only 716 elders living in the region. Funding to improve their living conditions should be easy to identify. Notwithstanding, the seniors programs delivered by governments do not address the priorities of Nunavik elders. What can be done to convince governments to take action? And what support can Nunavimmiut bring?

