

Country Program – Canada

Who we are

We are a charity funded by BHP Billiton, a leading global resources company, and through our programs we address challenges that are directly relevant to the resources sector. Our global programs focus on Natural Resource Governance, Environmental Resilience and Education Equity.

What we do

The BHP Billiton Foundation was established in 2013 and works to address some of the most critical global sustainable development challenges facing our generation. By working in partnership with others we seek to raise the bar, find new solutions and set new standards for the future.

For more information, visit bhpbilliton.com/foundation.

The BHP Billiton Foundation works to improve long-term economic, social and environmental sustainability at a national level through Country Programs, which complement the work of its Global Signature Programs. The Foundation currently has Country Programs in Australia, Canada, Chile and the United States.

The Canada Country Program is focused on:

	Supporting Indigenous youth through education	Water stewardship
Aim	Provide more opportunities for young Indigenous people through education that builds on existing capacity and empowers them to benefit from economic and social opportunities available.	Improve the governance and management of water resources to ensure the needs of the community, agriculture and industry can be met without harming natural areas or sensitive species, compromising sustainable access to clean water or risking food security for future generations.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver education programs that enable young people to access and benefit from improved career pathways, economic opportunities and self-determined futures. • Support the preservation, reinforcement and promotion of Indigenous culture and traditions to contribute to a more culturally aware and respectful society. • Break down the societal barriers that inhibit Indigenous youth and vulnerable families from access to, and benefiting from, education opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance water resource management by raising awareness, building trust and gaining wide scale support for addressing the risks of inadequate water stewardship. • Support policy frameworks that promote more effective decisions regarding access, development, allocation, and use of water resources. • Support the development of practices (e.g. agriculture) that enable the sustainable use of water.
Measures of success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More young Indigenous people benefit from educational opportunities that improve career pathways and economic opportunities and enable self-determined futures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased public awareness and broad stakeholder support for sustainable management of water resources. • Enhanced policy frameworks enabling evidence based decision making in relation to sustainable access, development, allocation and use of water resources.

Country Program – Canada

The Canada Country Program will comprise a portfolio of projects which:

- Address common challenges through cross-sector dialogue and problem-solving.
- Take a sustainable approach to implementation which allows three to five years to affect change.
- Strengthen the capacity of civil society and institutions to enable positive change in the lives of citizens.
- Draw on expertise from leaders in relevant fields and the perspectives of beneficiaries to support project design, implementation and monitoring.
- Focus on learning, building evidence and sharing good practice to enhance outcomes and impact.
- Support transformative change through leadership, innovation and technology implemented locally by capable organisations which are informed by national and global learnings.