



# Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) – Management Response and Action Plan

**Objective of the Evaluation:** This evaluation examined the relevance, effectiveness and impact, and efficiency and sustainability of that Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI 1 and RHI 2).

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Recommendation	Management Response	Action Plan	Responsibility		Timeline
			Lead	Support	
<p><b>Recommendation 1:</b></p> <p>Continue the development of a data strategy to ensure accurate information on unit occupancy and post-construction validation to report on RHI achievements.</p>	<p><b>We agree with this recommendation.</b></p> <p>While required project level data points are being collected as part of the ongoing monitoring and enhancements have been made to facilitate collection, there remains opportunities to standardize and simplify the attestations as well as clarify the questions therein to enhance the quality of the data collected, enable better aggregation and generate insights at the portfolio level. Privacy of occupants must be respected in the collection of these data points.</p>	<p>1. RHI Attestation questions included in the post-construction completion and annual attestations are reviewed and updated to enable a standardized approach in the collection of similar data points across programs, using simplified wording and supported by clear instructions to projects as to how to answer each question. New annual and post-construction completion attestation template and instructions are approved by the Director Agreement Management.</p>	Agreement Management		Q4 2025
		<p>2. Updated attestation templates and instructions are communicated and deployed to clients.</p>	Agreement Management		Q1 2026
		<p>3. RHI projects begin reporting using updated template.</p>	Agreement Management		Q2 2026
	<p>To understand who is being assisted by the units generated through the NHS and how their needs are being met, CMHC is undertaking a record-linkage project in partnership with Statistics Canada. This project provides demographic and outcome-based data on people and households in National Housing Strategy units. The project will expand to new programs and will progressively provide more data on who is being assisted in units while respecting the privacy of occupants.</p>	<p>4. The Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI 1 and RHI 2) will be covered in the Phase 3 of the record-linkage project. Below are key dates:</p> <p>a) Q4 2025/Q1 2026: microdata on people who lived in RHI 1 and 2 units until 2023 is made available by StatCan to researchers (including CMHC staff) through StatCan Research Data Centers (RDCs).</p> <p>b) Q1/Q2 2026: initial results on the demographics and outcomes of people housed in RHI units are produced by Research.</p> <p>c) Q3/Q4 2026: Detailed analysis is produced by Research. A research report is planned to be published.</p> <p>Note: The Phase 3 of the record-linkage is currently planned to cover five NHS programs: the AHF, ACLP, RHI, FLI and AHIF.</p>	Research		Q1 2026
			Research		Q2 2026
			Research		Q4 2026