

Community Engaged Research: Community-Based Participatory HIV Prevention Research in the Canadian Arctic

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CHANGING THE COURSE OF THE
HIV PREVENTION, ENGAGEMENT AND
TREATMENT CASCADE

Location

“To locate is to make a claim about who you are and where you come from, your investment and your intent”.

-Abolson & Whillet, 2005, p.112



Background

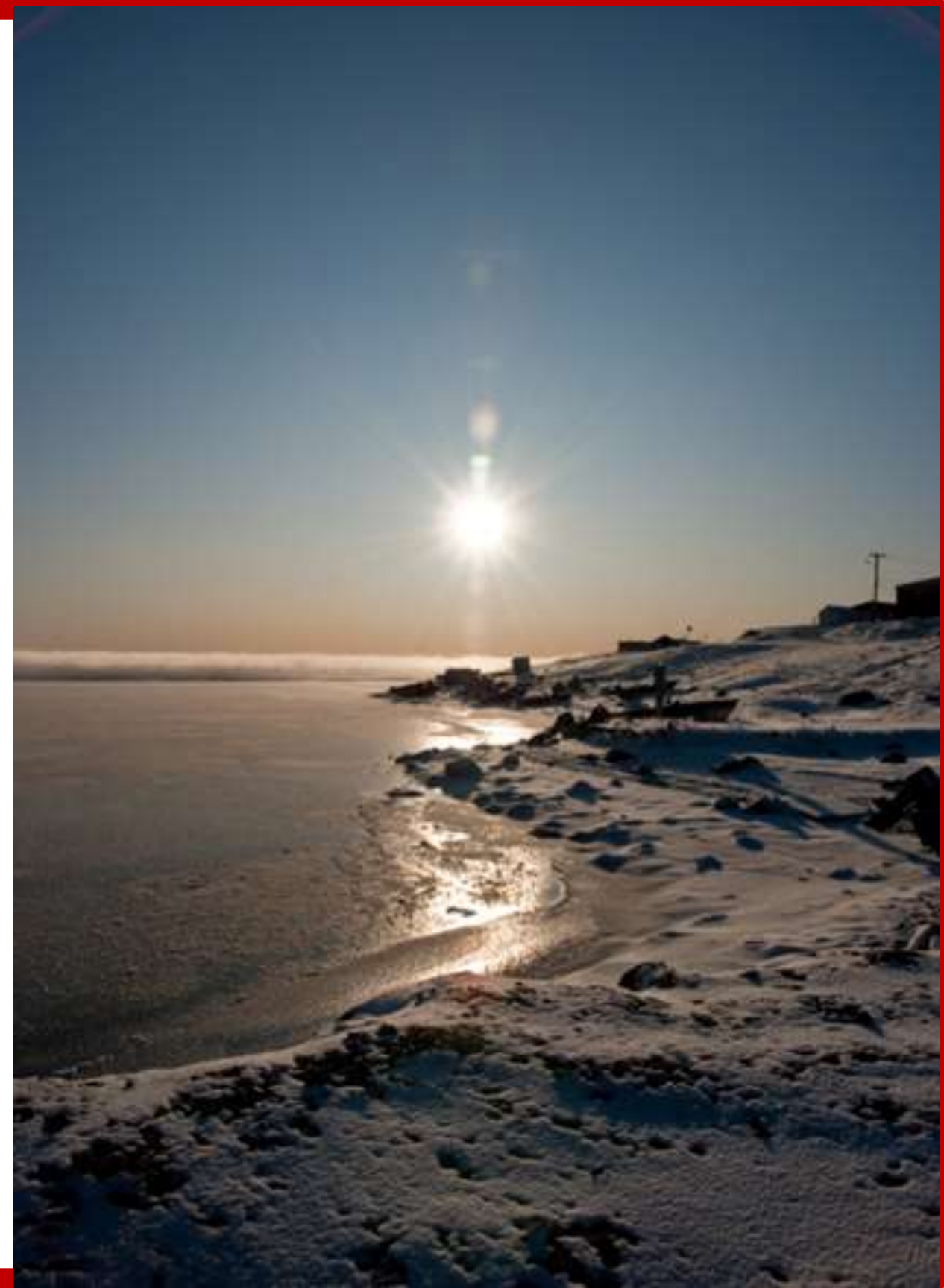
- Long term relationship
- Advisory group
- 21 Participants (age 18-61)
- 9 storytelling sessions
- 3 Participatory Analysis groups
- Reporting back
- Writing, writing, writing...



Findings

Five Major Themes

1. The way it used to be
2. Change
3. Relationships
4. Family
5. Holistic Strategies



The Way it Used to Be

- Elder's teachings
- Rules & order
- Arranged Marriages
- Menstruation



Change

- Sexual Health teachings
- Alcohol use
- Gender and power
- Transience and travel
- Taboo



Family

- I tell my children
- Future generations
- Family homes



Relationships

- Communication
- Role modeling
- Abuse & Violence
- Incest



Holistic Strategies

- Awareness and information
- Message delivery
- Continuity of Care (HC)
- Responsibility
- Substance use & Sexual decision making



The Research Experience

- *It's healing to let your story out... And if other women can do it, that's why I'm so happy you're getting participation*
- *Good... It feels like no more... just like no more anger inside... get it all out!*
- *It's the first time I said something about it because you're not scary*



Implications/ Next Steps

- More KTE
- Intervention based on Findings
- More CBR



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