

Reservation Realities

Native Americans experience disparities or differences in social equity as compared to other population groups in the U.S. PWNA is committed to helping Native Americans address these persistent challenges, which span every aspect of life.

Quick Facts

- 23% of Native families experience low food security, meaning inconsistent access to enough food for a healthy, active life.
- Native Americans endure a legacy of healthcare disparities, fueling high rates of diabetes, cancer, tuberculosis and infant mortality. In addition, the average lifespan of Native American men on some reservations is 20 years less than that of other men in the U.S.
- Only 13% of Native students hold a college degree, about half the rate of Caucasian Americans.
- Up to 61% of Native children live in poverty or low-income households, and 29% of employed Native Americans live below poverty level.
- Suicide rates for Native Americans between the ages of 15 and 24 are 3 times the national average – and the second leading cause of death for their age group.
- About 90,000 Native Americans are homeless, and 40% of reservation housing is considered sub-standard.

PWNA at Work

PWNA provides aid for 250,000 Native Americans each year, and yet there is more to do. In 2020, alone, Partnership With Native Americans supplied critical goods and services to assist hundreds of tribal communities. Together with our reservation partners, we impacted:

- 141,433 people through capacity building and support for health screenings/education
- 43,024 people through food distributions and community garden support
- 27,875 people through scholarships, college services, K-12 school supplies and leadership development
- 73,921 people through emergency relief and seasonal services such as winter fuel
- 14,830 people through practical gifts during the holidays
- 2,634 animals through rescue/rehabilitation support and spay/neuter services

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