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### **SICANGU COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS IS NAMED AS FINALIST FOR AN INTERNATIONAL PRIZE**

*Lakota 7Gen Food System Vision one of ten worldwide recipients of the prestigious Food System Vision Prize, launched by The Rockefeller Foundation, in partnership with SecondMuse and OpenIDEO.*

**MISSION, South Dakota (August 14, 2020)** - The Sicangu Community Development Corporation (SCDC) was selected from more than 1,300 applicants as a finalist for the Rockefeller Foundation 2020 Food System Vision Prize. The Rockefeller Foundation, in partnership with SecondMuse and OpenIDEO, announced last week that SCDC's "7Gen Food System" was one of the 10 awardees for the Food System Vision Prize, and one of only three finalists based in North America.

The Top 10 Finalists, whose visions focus on Canada, China, India, Kenya, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Peru and the U.S., were chosen among 76 semi-finalists. They were selected based on their potential to inspire real, positive, and bold transformation of a specific food system that is actionable, concrete and believed to be attainable by 2050. These visions aim to tackle challenges tied to six themes: environment, diets, economics, culture, technology and policy.

The vision of the Sicangu Community Development Corporation's 7Gen Food System focuses on rethinking and rebuilding the food systems on the lands of the Sicangu Lakota, more commonly known as the Rosebud Indian Reservation, in South Dakota. Sicangu CDC Director Wizipan Little Elk said, "The vision outlines a regenerative agricultural system that creates economic opportunities for our people while also increasing accessibility of locally produced, healthy foods and re-establishing the Lakota as primary stewards of our lands."

This vision is part of the larger 7Gen Plan that SCDC and its partners are developing and implementing. The 7Gen Plan creates a roadmap for 175 years of Lakota prosperity that will support lasting systems change and nation-building activities.

Matte Wilson, Sicangu CDC Food Sovereignty Initiative Director discussed next steps. "In September we will join the other finalists for a virtual accelerator phase during which we'll receive support to further refine our vision and find pathways for implementation and impact." The accelerator will focus on stakeholder engagement, storytelling, communications and action planning through virtual programming, one-on-one mentorship and



customized support. Each finalist is eligible to become a “Top Visionary” and to receive a prize of \$200,000. Top Visionaries will be announced in December 2020.

More information about the finalists and their visions can be found at the Food System Vision Prize website:  
<https://www.foodsystemvisionprize.org/>

**About the Sicangu Community Development Corporation**

Sicangu CDC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located on the Rosebud Reservation in Mission, South Dakota. As Lakota, we believe we are all related, and it is our duty to create a better world for future generations. At Sicangu CDC, we do this by empowering people, strengthening families, and building community – Lakota style. The Sicangu CDC is focused on revolutionizing the food, housing, education, and healthcare systems of the Sicangu. For more information please visit our website [www.sicangucdc.org](http://www.sicangucdc.org) or Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/sicangucdc>.

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