

# A Collaborative Approach to Understanding Temporary Foreign Workers in a Rural Community

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#### Research Purpose

- Contribute to collaborative, communitybased research on TFWs outside major metropolitan regions
- Bridge knowledge gaps and increase clarity regarding TFWs in Brandon
- Encourage and foster multi-level engagement, cooperation and collaboration
- Provide demographic analyses to inform forward-looking programs and policies



#### **Research Interests**

- The TFW Program, Recruiting and Hiring
- Retention Rates and Use of the Provincial Nominee Program
- Welcoming Communities, Community Support, and Ethnocultural Organizations
- Foreign Workers' Experiences and Family Reunification
- Workplace and Community Experiences
- Demographic Shifts, Population Change, and Projections



### RDI TFW Dialogue Group

- Multi-perspective forum for community, industry, government, and researchers
- Topic-focused discussion:
  - Settlement
  - Roles and responsibilities
- Discussion papers focus on topic and literature review
- Membership:
  - Citizenship and Immigration Canada, City of Brandon,
    Manitoba Labour and Immigration, Manitoba
    Agriculture, Food, and Rural Initiatives, Maple Leaf
    Foods, Rural Secretariat, Westman Immigrant Services,
    Brandon Regional Health Authority, RDI



## Anticipated Project Outcomes

- Clarity and increased knowledge regarding the TFW program and process in the context of rural immigration
- Increased communication amongst all stakeholders to benefit those in positions of planning and policy making
- Informed demographic analyses and population projections for community and service provider planning



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