



RDI TFW Dialogue Group Meeting

Settlement: Considerations for
Temporary Foreign Workers in
Brandon and Area

January 31, 2008



Meeting Outline

- Meeting Objectives
- Key settlement needs
- Reflections of settlement
 - Maple Leaf Foods
 - Westman Immigrant Services
 - City of Brandon
 - Manitoba Labour and Immigration
- Settlement concerns
- Key questions
- Priorities for next meeting



Meeting Objectives

- Build an increased understanding of 'settlement' as it pertains to TFWs
- Identify key settlement needs of TFWs
- Identify settlement priorities and concerns for TFWs
- Share successes and challenges related to settlement
- Explore settlement concerns for Brandon



Key Settlement Needs

- Access to information
 - Pre-arrival
 - Post-arrival
- Orientation
- Community support
- Other needs?



Key Settlement Issues

- Transition period?
 - Access to services
 - Temporary v.s. permanent
- Language
- Families
- Housing
- Others?



Reflections on Settlement

- Maple Leaf Foods
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Successes and challenges
- Westman Immigrant Services
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Successes and challenges
- City of Brandon
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Successes and challenges
- Manitoba Labour and Immigration
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Successes and challenges



Settlement Concerns

- Transition period
- Cultural sensitivities
- Changing needs
- What is settlement 'success'?
- Settlement strategy for TFWs?
- Others?



Key Questions

- What are key settlement needs?
- When does orientation for newcomers begin?
- How do settlement needs and priorities change throughout the transition period?
- How can responsibilities be balanced through the transition period?



Next Meeting

- Date?
- Suggestion: continue settlement dialogue involving specific community organizations involved in the process
 - Health services
 - Education
 - Policing
 - Others