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Varied settlement programming in Western Canada and settlement agencies' responsiveness.

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Basic Needs



Access to
food



Income



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Affordable
Housing



Mobility

Activity no. 1 – 5 minutes

- Imagine you are an immigrant-serving settlement agency. You have unlimited resources and you are in a place of your choice.
- First, what would be the 5th basic need you think needs to be addressed? Why?
- Second, how would you address the 5 basic needs?

Activity no. 1 - Brainstorming

1. Access to food:
2. Affordable housing:
3. Mobility:
4. Income:
5. ???

Activity no. 2 – 10 minutes

In groups of 3-5, imagine you are an immigrant-serving organization, how would you address the 5 basic needs in your situation?

Megalopolis – 20 million inhabitants


- This city has over a hundred not-for-profit organizations, including immigrant-serving agencies, legal aid, organizations for children and youth, health-related organizations, employment agencies, education services etc.
- This city has all government offices located within, including those offering social and unemployment support.
- This city has a very good health-support in place, including mental health support.
- This city does not have a very good public transit but metro is available at some parts of the city and buses run across.
- This city has decades of experience with newcomers.

Medium size city – 500k inhabitants

- This city is medium in size, however is a newer immigrant destination with more limited experience with this population.
- There is a public transportation infrastructure, however the city is wide-spread and travelling by bus requires a lot of time. The buses are not reliable in winter.
- There are some government services available, however some processing must be referred to the provincial capital.
- There are 5 not-for-profit organizations (you are one of them).
- There is one hospital with long wait lists and one children's hospital.
- There are several churches, mosques and temples.

Rural center – 20k inhabitants

- This town has a very poor public transit infrastructure.
- There are a lot of employment openings in agriculture-related fields.
- There is one hospital.
- There is one church.
- There is a City Hall with basic municipal services.
- This city is very new to having newcomers living there.

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Final Wrap-up and Questions