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**CIC 2011/2012 Research and
Evaluation Priorities
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Research Priorities (2011-12) are driven by three key objectives

1. To provide expert evidence base support for strategic policy development and program monitoring & evaluation
2. To enhance CIC's intellectual capital and knowledge base for systematic application of evidence based analysis and research & data tools
3. To meet CIC's data sharing & reporting service commitments to internal and external partners and stakeholders, including the Canadian public

We strive to meet these objectives through three interrelated core functions

1. DATA

- Management: Data integrity (accurate, reliable, comprehensive, and relevant)
- Reporting/Sharing: Responding to internal/external data requests; periodic release of CIC data (research and operational; Open Data); *Facts and Figures* suite of products; Research Data Mart (RDM); and data/table sets for PTs
- Development: New data sets, models, and tools in support of policy, program and evaluation needs (e.g., sponsorship, levels, refugee continuum, iCAMS, etc.)

2. RESEARCH

- In-house primary and secondary research and externally commissioned research;
- Strategic research on longer term knowledge gaps and emerging trends

3. PARTNERSHIPS

- Internal: Systematic departmental engagement to inform policy and to identify research needs & knowledge gaps; dissemination of research findings; facilitation of policy/research linkages with external partners
- External: OGDs (StatCan, HRSDC, PCH, PHAC, PS, etc.), PTs and local governments, research networks (Metropolis, WCI, IRPP), universities, academics/researchers, SPOs, etc.



Immigration that supports a prosperous future for Canada

- In 2011/12, we will continue research to inform a key policy question: What is the appropriate level of immigration for Canada and what are the implications of increasing overall levels?
- Key initiatives include:
 - Updating recent immigrant outcomes paper with Longitudinal Immigration Database (IMDB) data through 2008
 - Updating profile of provincial nominees with IMDB data through 2008
 - Analysing immigrants/refugees and the labour market, by age composition, by region, by industry (provincial profiles to be defined with PTs)
 - Examining the role of migrant labour supply in the Canadian labour market
 - Delivering CIC's FPT research plan commitments



A renewed tradition of refugee protection and support for families

- We are building data infrastructure which will facilitate a more thorough examination of the family sponsorship process and the impact of refugee reform. This work will help address a key question: What is the optimal mix between immigration streams?
- Key initiatives include:
 - Comprehensive investigation of low income and poverty among immigrants with particular attention to refugees and the family class
 - Understanding income distribution and earnings of refugee cohorts
 - Updating with data through 2008 secondary mobility patterns of immigrants/refugees report to determine if patterns have changed since 2006



An integrated society with a strengthened commitment to citizenship

- Work in this area will help address key questions surrounding policy options to support social inclusion and help build an integrated society with a shared sense of citizenship. We are also investigating factors that contribute to the decision to become a Canadian citizen.
- Key initiatives include:
 - Measuring language proficiency gains of immigrant women
 - Developing and identifying indicators for SO#3
 - Redesigning iCAMS to better track and measure SO#3 outcomes



A healthy, safe and secure Canada

- Although this strategic goal has not been a major focus for research in the past, work in this area would directly inform aspects of both federal and provincial responsibilities regarding selection and settlement
- Key initiatives include:
 - Supporting the measurement of the effectiveness and efficiency of medical surveillance program for TB in Ontario
 - Working with OGDs , e.g., PS, Justice, DFAIT, to identify areas for future collaboration on research



CIC Evaluation Reports Recently Completed and Published

Report Title	Completed
Evaluation of the Host Program	Q2 2010-11
Evaluation of the Welcoming Communities Initiative	Q2 2010-11*
Evaluation of the International Student Program	Q2 2010-11*
Evaluation of Canada's Action Plan Against Racism	Q3 2010-11*
Evaluation of the Nationally Standardized Data Collection Strategy on Hate-Motivated Crime	Q3 2010-11*
Evaluation of Canada's Membership in the International Organization for Migration	Q4 2010-11*
Evaluation of the Immigration Settlement and Adaptation Program	Q4 2010-11
Evaluation of the Going to Canada Immigration Portal Initiative	Q4 2010-11*
Evaluation of Government Assisted Refugees and Resettlement Assistance Program	Q4 2010-11

**evaluation report has been posted on CIC website*



CIC Evaluations Currently Underway

Report Title	Expected Completion
Evaluation of the Canada-Ontario Immigration Agreement Strategic Plan for Settlement and Language Training	Q3 2011-12
Evaluation of the Provincial Nominee Program	Q3 2011-12
Evaluation of Ministerial Instructions	Q3 2011-12
Evaluation of the Multiculturalism Program	Q4 2011-12
Evaluation of the Recruitment and Integration of French-speaking Immigrants to Francophone Minority Communities Program	Q4 2011-12
Evaluation of the Visitor Visa Program	Q4 2011-12
Evaluation of Overseas Orientation	Q1 2012-13
Evaluation of the Temporary Foreign Workers Program [joint w/ Human Resources and Skills Development Canada]	Q2 2012-13
Evaluation of the Foreign Credentials Referral Office	Q3 2012-13
Evaluation of the Community Historical Recognition Program	Q4 2012-13
Evaluation of the Family Reunification Program	Q4 2012-13



CIC Data Dissemination Products

Product	Method of publication	When
Facts and Figures Suite		
Preliminary estimates	CIC website	Late February
Facts and Figures Report	CIC website	Late August
Digital Library	DVD-ROM	Late September
Provincial Profiles	Data cubes and PDF	Late September
Permanent Resident Rounded Data	Interactive Data cubes	Late October
Quarterly Administrative Data Release	GoC Open Data Portal	3 months after each quarter

