

MONITORING NEEDS OF IMMIGRANT WOMEN WITH ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT & INTENTIONS

Are you an immigrant woman who:

- thinks about starting a business?
- has started and is operating a business?
- or started a business and for some reasons terminated it in the past few years?

If any of the above applies to you, take 10 minutes and fill out our questionnaire below.

There are three categories of entrepreneurs – existing, aspiring, and former. If you fit into more than one category, provide information in all categories that apply to you. Write down your answers or put an “X” on the line in front of your answer. Also, do not forget to provide basic information about yourself and your professional background. All this information will help us to understand the challenges and barriers that immigrant women entrepreneurs may face, and address these issues with programs and services.

I. EXISTING BUSINESS OWNERS:

1. Do you currently operate a business in Saskatchewan?

YES NO

2. In what sector do you operate your business?

3. What was the most difficult about starting your business?

4. What was the easiest about starting your business?

5. What is the most difficult about operating your business now?

6. What is the easiest about operating your business now?

7. Is there anything you would need to operate your business better? If so, what is it?

II. ASPIRING BUSINESS OWNERS:

1. Are you currently considering starting a new business in Saskatchewan?

YES NO

2. In what sector would you like to open a business?

3. What would help you to start the business?

4. Do you have an access to what would help you to start the business? If not, please explain why.

5. What is the major obstacle for you to starting a business?

III. BUSINESS OWNERS WHO TERMINATED OR SOLD THEIR BUSINESS IN THE PAST 5 YEARS:

1. How long were you operating your business?

2. In what sector were you operating your business?

3. What was the most difficult about operating your business?

4. What was the easiest about operating your business?

5. Why did you terminate / sell your business?

6. Are you considering starting a new business?

YES NO

ABOUT YOURSELF:

1. What age group do you belong to?

18-25

26-35

36-45

46-55

55 and older

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2. What is the highest education you achieved?

- Less than a high school
- High school
- Technical / professional certificate (equivalent of high school)
- Post-graduate certificate or diploma
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- PhD degree

3. In what area did you receive your education?

4. How many years of working experience do you have?

- None
- Less than 1 year
- 1-2 years
- 3-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- More than 15 years

5. In what area(s) did you gain your work experience?

6. Have you ever hold a managerial position?

- YES NO

7. How long have you been living in Canada?

_____ years

8. What is your current family situation?

- single, no children
- single (divorced, widowed), with children
- married, no children
- married, with children

9. Are you considering working in your business:

- full time
- part time
- casual

10. What is your current immigration status?

- Temporary resident
- Permanent resident
- Canadian citizen
- Other: _____

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