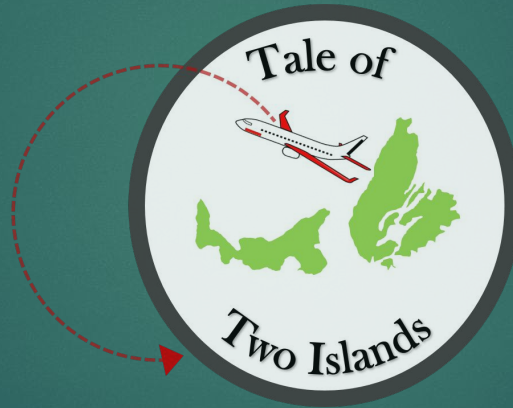


Examining the Complexities of Labor Migration in Canada: New Opportunities to Address Health Promotion Through the Development of Supportive Communities



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Objectives



- To describe complexities currently facing Canadian families and rural communities impacted by circular labor migration.
- To share research on the ways in which migration has threatened the functioning of rural families and communities in Atlantic Canada.
- To explore opportunities to address health promotion in light of the Sustainable Development Goals.



Systematic Lit Review

Statistical Analysis

Key Informant
Interviews

Family Interviews

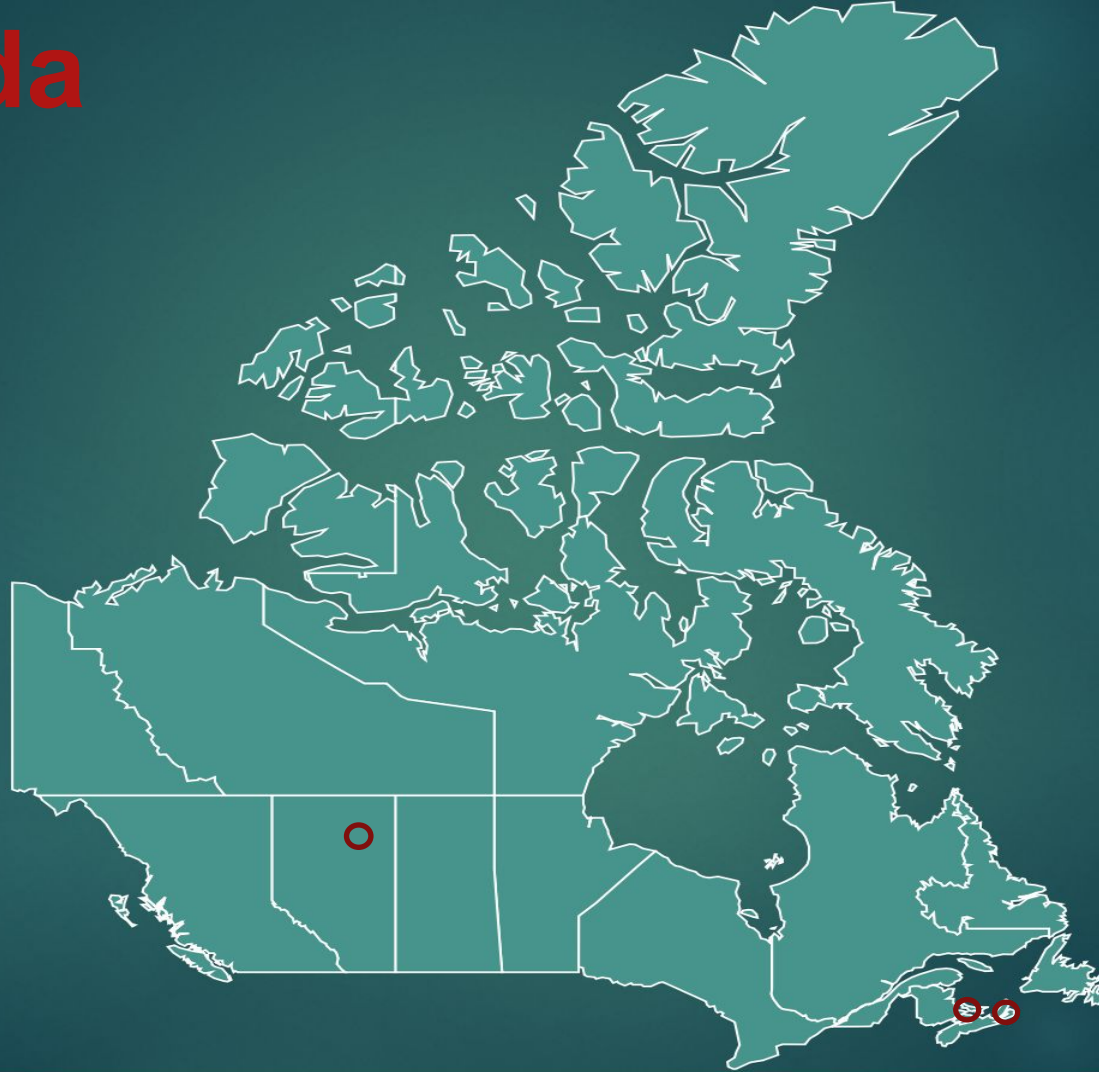
Focus Groups

Internal Circular Labour Migration



- Temporary and repetitive migrations between an origin and destination for the purpose of employment.
- Can be internal (domestic) or external (international).

Canada



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One adult travels to
work in Northern
Alberta...

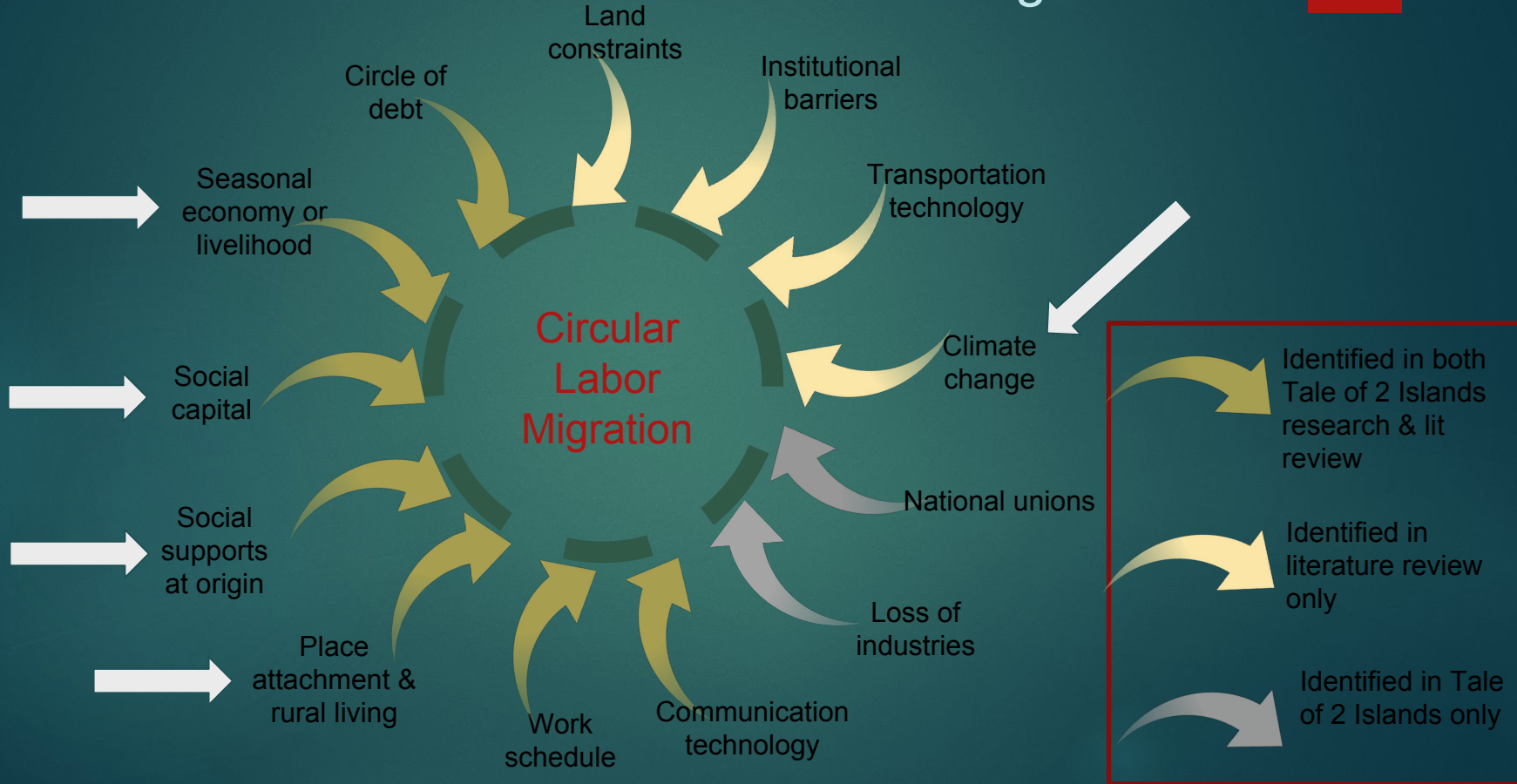
Work lasts for a few
weeks to several
months

while family is left behind on
Prince Edward Island
and

Worker returns home
to spend time off with
family



Direct and Indirect Factors that Contribute to and Sustain Internal Circular Labor Migration



Complexities Facing Canadian Families and Rural Communities

Prince Edward Island

Seasonal industries:

Agriculture
Tourism
Fishing

Cape Breton Island

Seasonal industries:

Agriculture
Tourism
Fishing

Lost industries:

Coal mines
Steel plant

Seasonal and Chronic
Unemployment

Low Income

Circular Migration

Unions



“When you're living with someone, you're close to the kids because you do everything together, coach together, cook together, everything is done together then it's gone. It's kind of like he died.”


Migration has threatened the functioning of rural families in Atlantic Canada...



“You have to be a
single married
woman...”

“...but she thinks that
he works at the airport”





“unless we are forced into it we
absolutely do not want to move out
there”

Migration has threatened the functioning of rural
communities in Atlantic Canada...

"we think it's a good place
to bring up children. Our
families are here. It's where
we live, it's a part of us."





“I don’t like it. I don’t like going to the store because I know as soon as I walk out someone is going to be talking about me....Everyone makes everyone feel insecure about, I don’t like living in a small community at all.”

“...that sense of community
is gone.”

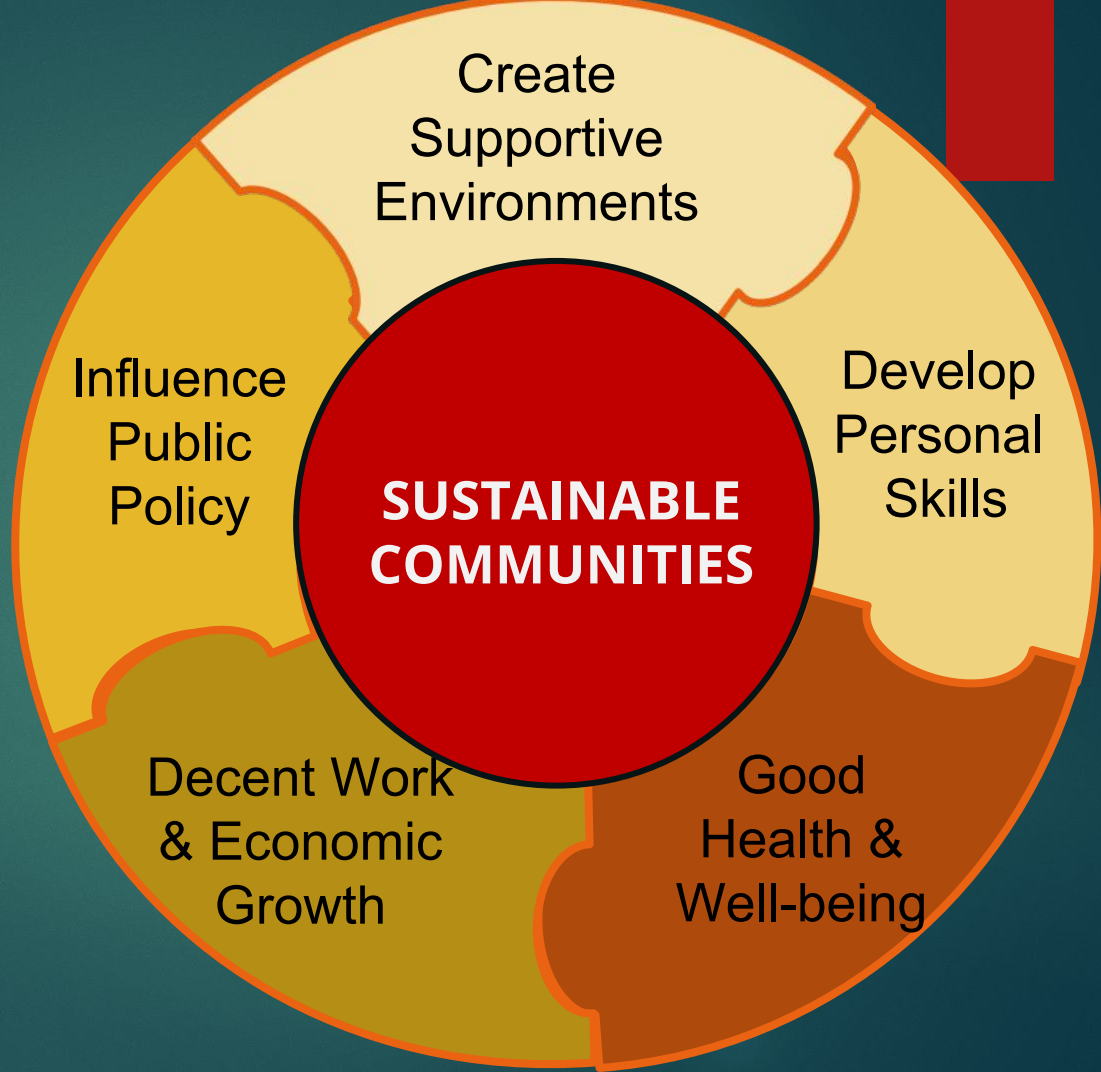


Key learnings

- This is a multifaceted issue impacting families and communities
- While commonly occurring, this phenomenon remains often invisible in policy and political conversations
- Multiple sectors are voicing concerns regarding how labor migration is impacting their practice
- There is opportunity to address health promotion for migrant families and rural communities

Developing sustainable communities

Our Call to Action



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