

Tonga - Recognised Seasonal Employer Program Impact Evaluation 2007-2010

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Sampling

Sampling Procedure

Researchers used a rolling sampling methodology, adding sample as they received updates of when, where, and who employers were recruiting, with the baseline survey conducted between October 2007 and April 2008. In Tonga, the survey had near national coverage, covering the islands of Tongatapu, Vav'u and 'Eua (containing 90 percent of the population and 92 percent of Year 1 RSE workers). Officials helped to identify households with RSE workers and households with members of the RSE work-ready pool who had not been selected yet. In the same villages, researchers also surveyed randomly selected households, where no one hadn't applied for the program yet. In each village, the goal was to select approximately five households with an RSE worker, three households with a member of the work-ready pool who was not selected, and four households with non-applicants. The resulting baseline survey covered 448 households containing 2,335 individuals in 46 villages.

Response Rate

Attrition was low in the Tongan sample. Of the 448 households in the baseline, researchers were able to re-interview 442 households in the second round survey, 444 in the third round, and 440 in the fourth round.

Weighting

No weights

Questionnaires

No content available

Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
2007-10-01	2010-03-31	N/A

Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]

DATA COLLECTION NOTES

A baseline survey of households and communities in Tonga was conducted before workers left to work in New Zealand, and then these same households were re-interviewed 6, 12 and 24 months later. The baseline survey was conducted between October 2007 and April 2008. Three rounds of follow-up surveys were then conducted. The first took place between April and July 2008, approximately six months after the baseline survey. This was intended to be a time when RSE workers were still in the midst of their 7 month stint abroad. However, as in practice many contracts were for shorter than 7 months, approximately two-thirds of Tongan RSE workers in the sample had returned by the time of this survey. The second follow-up survey took place between October 2008 and February 2009, approximately one year after the baseline, while the third and final follow-up survey took place between October 2009 and March 2010, two years after baseline.

Data Processing

No content available

Data Appraisal

No content available

Related Materials

Questionnaires

Recognized Seasonal Worker (RSE) Baseline Survey: Round 1

Title Recognized Seasonal Worker (RSE) Baseline Survey: Round 1
 Country Tonga
 Language English
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Recognized Seasonal Worker (RSE) Follow-up Survey: Round 2

Title Recognized Seasonal Worker (RSE) Follow-up Survey: Round 2
 Country Tonga
 Language English
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Recognized Seasonal Worker (RSE) Second Follow-up Survey: Round 3

Title Recognized Seasonal Worker (RSE) Second Follow-up Survey: Round 3
 Country Tonga
 Language English
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Recognized Seasonal Worker (RSE) Third Follow-up Survey: Round 4

Title Recognized Seasonal Worker (RSE) Third Follow-up Survey: Round 4
 Country Tonga
 Language English
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Reports

Spurring Development through a Seasonal Migration Program

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 Author(s) John Gibson and David McKenzie
 Date 2010-12-01
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The Development Impact of a Best Practice Seasonal Worker Policy

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Development through Seasonal Worker Programs: The Case of New Zealand's RSE Program

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