

Introduction

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In this Issue, we present two articles that highlight the importance of collaborative efforts in two situations: the first dealing with Indigenous poverty; the second dealing with COVID-19.

The first article, “Engaging the Indigenous Supply Chain during the COVID-19 Pandemic” (David Carrière-Acco), focuses on the value of Indigenous–Government collaborative action in mobilizing an Indigenous supply chain network to support Canada’s COVID-19 response. The lessons learned from the Indigenous Business COVID-19 included the need to create a database of Indigenous suppliers as well as a concierge service that bridges buyers and Indigenous supplies.

The second article, “Insights into Community Development in First Nations” (Dockstator et al.), presents the results of a six-year study, the Poverty Action Research Project, involving five First Nations on reserve communities. The study reinforced the value of community-based, community-directed, and community-planned development efforts as the most significant factor in successful community economic development projects.