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(Hon Jan Tinetti), Minister for Child Poverty Reduction:

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- Draft Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Monitoring Report for 2022

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Briefing

DRAFT CHILD AND YOUTH WELLBEING STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING REPORT FOR 2022

To: Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister for Child Poverty Reduction

Date	2/03/2023	Security Level	IN CONFIDENCE
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Purpose

1. This briefing provides a copy of the draft Implementation Monitoring Report for the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Programme of Action for 2022 (2022 Monitoring Report), for your review and feedback.

Executive Summary

2. In addition to your legislated annual reporting requirements in relation to the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy (the Strategy) (DPMC-2022/23-957 refers), you are required to provide the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC) with reports of progress on implementing the Strategy's Programme of Action [SWC-19-MIN 0085 refers].
3. In April 2021, SWC Ministers directed officials to provide monitoring reports on the Strategy annually, rather than every six months, to complement the annual reporting requirements on progress in achieving the Strategy's outcomes, and on the child poverty related indicators [SWC-21-MIN-0047].
4. We have prepared the draft 2022 Monitoring Report following the format and focus agreed with the previous Minister responsible for the Strategy, for your review and feedback.
5. Following your feedback and subsequent agency consultation, you will receive a final draft of the 2022 Monitoring Report on 24 March, to forward to the SWC Ministers.
6. Previous monitoring reports have been proactively released as appendices to Cabinet papers or briefings hosted on the Child and Youth Wellbeing website. We recommend taking the same approach for the 2022 Monitoring Report. You may choose to align the proactive release with the publication date for the 2021/22 Annual Report (6 April) or proactively release the 2022 Monitoring Report afterwards.

Recommendations

We recommend you:


- a) **note** that you are required to provide the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee with a report of progress in 2022 on implementing the Strategy's Programme of Action

- b) **indicate** whether you would like to meet with officials to discuss your feedback on the attached draft 2022 Monitoring Report
- c) **agree** to proactively release this briefing, subject to any appropriate withholding of information justified under the Official Information Act 1982.

YES **NO**

YES / NO

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Hannah Kerr Director, Child Wellbeing and Poverty Reduction Group
2 March 2023


Hon. Jan Tinetti Minister for Child Poverty Reduction
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Background

7. As directed by the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC) in April 2021, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) has prepared a monitoring report of the Strategy's Programme of Action for the 2022 calendar year [SWC-21-MIN-0047].
8. The most recent previous monitoring report, for the 2021 calendar year, was proactively released on the Child and Youth Wellbeing website (www.childyouthwellbeing.govt.nz) in May 2022.
9. The monitoring reports cover activity across a calendar year, six months ahead of the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Annual Report and the Child Poverty Related Indicators Report, which cover impacts and outcomes across a financial year.

The monitoring report focuses on agency progress in delivering the Strategy's Programme of Action

10. In previous monitoring reports we collated and summarised agency updates for each of the 104 current actions in the Programme of Action. The 2022 Strategy review identified this approach as resource intensive, duplicative and not sufficiently connected to wellbeing outcomes.
11. Responding to the findings of the 2022 Strategy Review, the previous Minister responsible for the Strategy directed us to:
 - report in more depth on a small number of initiatives that are expected to have the greatest positive impacts on child and youth wellbeing
 - include high-level outcomes data that describes child and youth wellbeing 'at a glance' to better demonstrate the linkage between the actions and their expected impact
 - present information simply and visually where possible, to help make the report accessible to a wider range of audiences.

We have made changes to the format and the content of the monitoring report to improve its utility

12. We have prepared the draft 2022 Monitoring Report following the format and focus agreed with the previous Minister for your review and feedback (Attachment A).

Selection of priority initiatives

13. The initiatives we have selected to profile in the 2022 Monitoring Report meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - of high Ministerial priority
 - large in scale or level of investment
 - a multi-year programme of work and/or a cross-agency initiative
 - expected to have a significant positive impact on wellbeing outcomes or equity of outcomes for children, young people, and their whānau.
14. These initiatives were agreed with the previous responsible Minister. You may wish to add or remove initiatives from the subset we are profiling. The full suite of current Programme of

Action initiatives for each outcome area is listed within the report to demonstrate the breadth of government activity that seeks to support child and youth wellbeing.

Engagement with agencies

15. We have worked with agencies to source content; however, some gaps remain. We will work to address these between now and the final draft.

Content and style

16. We have included the latest Child and Youth Wellbeing Indicators results (total population) in the 2022 Monitoring Report and noted changes since the previous reporting period. This is intended to be high-level only and readers can refer to the 2021/22 Strategy Annual Report for additional data and information about the Indicators, which will be published concurrently with, or before, the proactive release of the 2022 Monitoring Report.
17. We have mirrored some layout aspects of the 2021/22 Strategy Annual Report to provide a cohesive look and feel between this and the 2022 Monitoring Report.

We recommend you deliver the monitoring report to SWC Ministers by forwarding a briefing, rather than undertaking a full Cabinet paper process.

18. This is the fourth monitoring report. The first monitoring report was delivered to SWC via a briefing to the responsible Minister, which was forwarded to SWC for noting. The second and third were delivered via Cabinet papers to SWC, again for noting.
19. The Cabinet paper process was used in 2021 and 2022 as decisions on other matters related to the Strategy were required.
20. There are no decisions required from SWC in relation to the 2022 Monitoring Report, or other matters related to the Strategy at this time. As such, the full Cabinet paper process is not likely to add value. If a full Cabinet paper process is followed, it would delay delivery to SWC and the proactive release to late May, as per last year's report.
21. We propose to provide the 2022 Monitoring Report to you with an accompanying briefing on 24 March, for you to forward to SWC Ministers at your convenience. The 2021 SWC Minute requiring annual implementation monitoring reporting was made on 14 April 2021 but does not specify a fixed deadline for delivery of the reports [SWC-21-MIN-0047].

You are not required to publish monitoring reports, though they are proactively released

22. The SWC minute does not require monitoring reports to be published. However, previous monitoring reports have been proactively released as appendices to Cabinet papers or briefings, hosted on the Child and Youth Wellbeing website. We recommend taking the same approach for the 2022 Monitoring Report. This maintains transparency, provides public visibility of delivery, and is a useful resource for agencies to draw from.
23. You may wish to align proactive release with the planned publication date for the 2021/22 Annual Report (6 April), or release the 2022 Monitoring Report at a later date. If you wish to release alongside the publication of the 2021/22 Annual Report, you will need to forward the 2022 Monitoring Report to SWC Ministers at the same time as you forward the 2021/22 Annual Report to children's Ministers.

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Treaty of Waitangi considerations and te ao Māori perspectives

24. The Strategy's principles recognise the special status of Māori as tangata whenua and the responsibilities the Crown carries to give effect to te Tiriti o Waitangi. The 2022 Monitoring Report profiles actions that address issues that disproportionately impact whānau Māori, including income poverty (Income Support and Working for Families Review), food insecurity (Ka Ora, Ka Ako), racism and discrimination (National Action Plan Against Racism), homelessness (Homelessness Action Plan), school disengagement (Attendance Strategy) and statutory care (Oranga Tamariki Action Plan).
25. We recognise the need to improve our monitoring approaches to better meet the principles of the Strategy and the Crown's obligations to tangata whenua, and to reflect the needs and aspirations of tamariki, rangatahi, and whānau Māori. As part of implementing the findings of the 2022 Strategy Review, we are working to improve how we monitor, measure, and report progress and outcomes.

Next steps

26. We will provide you with the final draft 2022 Monitoring Report on 24 March 2023, which we will recommend you forward to the SWC Ministers and proactively release on the Strategy website.

Attachments:	Title	Security classification
Attachment A:	Draft Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Monitoring Report for the year ending 31 December 2022	IN CONFIDENCE

**Attachment A: Draft Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy
Implementation Monitoring Report for the year ending 31
December 2022**

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**Child and Youth
Wellbeing Strategy**

**IMPLEMENTATION
MONITORING
REPORT**

for the year
ending
**31 DECEMBER
2022**

New Zealand Government

APRIL 2023

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INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

The Government launched the [Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy](#) (the Strategy) in August 2019.

The vision

The Strategy has a bold vision that:

New Zealand, Aotearoa is the best place in the world for children and young people

The Strategy sets out a shared understanding of what children and young people need and want for their wellbeing, what Government has committed to do, and how others can help.

The Strategy's Programme of Action sets out key policies, initiatives, programmes and plans underway across government that contribute to the achievement of the Strategy's vision and outcomes.

Purpose of this report

This report provides an update on the implementation of the Strategy through key initiatives and policies within the wider Programme of Action for the January – December 2022 period. It details what activity was carried out in this period to bring the Strategy into effect. This includes:

- key policies and initiatives underway across government that help achieve the Strategy's vision and outcomes
- how central government agencies are aligning to the Strategy framework.

It is important to note that there are many other government and non-government work programmes and initiatives contributing to child and youth wellbeing that are not covered here

This report should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report on the Strategy, which reports on impacts of agency actions on child and youth wellbeing and on progress towards achieving the Strategy's outcomes.¹

Previous implementation reports are available on the Child and Youth Wellbeing website:

<https://childyouthwellbeing.govt.nz/measuring-success/reporting>.

Progress in the Programme of Action

There has been good progress made in implementing the Programme of Action. COVID-19 is still affecting the rollout and implementation of some initiatives, while other actions have received extra supports to mitigate the effects of COVID-19.

Progress on key initiatives

Progress has been made on several larger-scale system changes

- Te Aorerekura – the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence was launched in December 2021. The first annual hui for Te Aorerekura was held in July 2022 alongside key community and sector stakeholders. Family violence workforce and organisational capability frameworks have also been introduced to build specialist and generalist workforce capability across government and non-government organisations (NGOs).
- Major changes were made to the Families Package to boost income and increase financial assistance for families, totalling an increase of \$175 per week to family income since 2017.
- The Ministry of Education's Attendance and Engagement Strategy was launched on 9 June 2022 and a public school attendance campaign began.
- The Oranga Tamariki Action plan was launched on 22 July 2022. Governance and monitoring frameworks have been established and four in depth-assessments have been delivered.
- 23 Access and Choice Youth Mental Health Services have been contracted across 18 districts.
- Agreements are in place for new primary mental health and addiction supports in

¹ For each outcome set out in the Strategy, there is a set of indicators to measure progress on the outcome. For further information on the Child

and Youth Wellbeing Indicators, please refer to the Strategy's website: <https://childyouthwellbeing.govt.nz/measuring-success/indicators>

all eight universities, 16 subsidiaries and three wānanga.

- Monitoring and evaluation of Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches programme shows that it is having significant impact across all six outcomes of the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy. The Ministry of Education is investigating and highlighting these impacts as part of its ongoing policy work on the future of the programme
- Counselling support is now in place for around 25,000 learners.

New approaches, prototypes and pilots

Several actions explore various new approaches to the design and delivery of services.

- Te Pūkōtahitanga (Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group) is identifying projects and commissioning work to inform their understanding and contribute to the advice they provide about the opportunities and barriers for whānau Māori impacted by violence.
- Te Aorerekura seeks to establish enduring engagement mechanisms with communities and sectors active in the family violence and sexual violence system. This will enable these communities to have an active role in the implementation and monitoring of Te Aorerekura. Te Puna Aonui is working to establish an Expert Advisory Group for Children and Young People.

- Placeholder for update on Social Sector Commissioning

- Note: we are awaiting further updates from agencies.

Impacts of COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic is still delaying progression of some actions, including:

- the Hauora Tairāwhiti Enhanced Well Child Tamariki Ora pilot.
- Note: we are awaiting further updates from agencies.

However, some actions saw increased support due to COVID-19; for example:

- expanded funding for the Piki pilot programme which provides free integrated primary mental health and addiction support for young people aged 18–25 years in the Greater Wellington area.

- Note: we are awaiting further updates from agencies.

The Review of the Strategy

The review of the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy made recommendations for changes to the content and structure of the Programme of Action.

Responding to the findings of the 2022 Strategy Review, this report:

- reports in more depth on a small number of Programme of Action initiatives that are expected to have the greatest positive impacts on child and youth wellbeing
- includes high-level outcomes data that describes child and youth wellbeing 'at a glance' to better demonstrate the linkage between the actions and their expected impact

Selection of priority initiatives

Initiatives selected for the 2022 Monitoring Report meet one or more of the following criteria:

- of high Ministerial priority
- large in scale or level of investment
- multi-year programme of work and/or a cross-agency initiative
- expected to have a significant positive impact on wellbeing outcomes or equity of outcomes for children, young people, and their whānau.

This report is an interim step towards the Strategy's future measurement, monitoring and reporting approaches.

Further discussion of the impacts of the 2022 Strategy Review on monitoring and reporting is provided in the final section of this report.

How to read this report

Responding to the need to deliver more efficient and effective measurement, monitoring and reporting, this report provides

a new format for annual implementation monitoring, prioritising initiatives that are likely to make the greatest contribution to improving wellbeing.

In-depth analysis of the Strategy indicators is provided in the latest Annual Report on the Strategy.

This format is expected to be an interim step as the implementation approach to the Strategy review recommendations is developed in 2023.

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Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Indicators

Indicator	Family wellbeing	Feeling loved	Feeling safe	Harm against children		Injury prevalence	Quality time with parents
Latest result (change where available)	81% →	90%	89%	29,298 ↓	13%	113 ↓	74%
Measure	Percent of young people who rate their family as doing well	Percent of young people who feel loved by the people who look after them	Percent of young people who feel safe at home	Number of children notified to Oranga Tāmaki requiring further action	Percent of young people that have experienced or witnessed physical harm at home	Serious non-fatal injuries per 100,000 children and young people	Percent of young people who feel they get enough time with the people who look after or care for them

“REALLY, JUST PEOPLE WHO REALLY BELIEVE IN YOU IS THE MOST ESSENTIAL THING TO HAVING A GOOD LIFE. AND PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT YOU NO MATTER WHAT.”

Current Programme of Action Initiatives

- **Te Aorerekura: National Strategy and action plan to prevent and eliminate family violence and sexual violence**
- Build safe, consistent and effective responses to family violence in every community (including **Integrated Community Responses**)
- **Oranga Tamariki Action Plan**
- Expand coverage of whānau ora to support more whānau to thrive and achieve wellbeing outcomes
- Increased funding to support iwi and NGO partners that provide early support
- Intensive (Whānau) Response – new model of intensive intervention for those at risk of entering care
- Early intervention support for families and whānau
- Family justice reforms in response to the final report of the independent panel
- Strengthen community-led solutions to prevent child sexual abuse
- Kea Project
- Reduce speed around schools
- Improve regional capability to respond to family violence
- Financial assistance for caregivers
- Sexual violence support services for children and young people
- Develop kaupapa Māori services for victims/survivors, perpetrators and their whānau
- Improve justice response to victims of sexual violence
- Increase access to crisis support services for victims/survivors
- Improve the wellbeing of male victims/survivors of sexual violence through peer support services
- Health sector screening for early intervention and prevention of family violence
- Implementation of National Care Standards
- Improve outcomes for Māori children and young people within the Oranga Tamariki system
- Strengthen community-led solutions to prevent child sexual abuse
- Home Safety Programme
- Expansion of Whānau-Centred Facilitation Initiative
- Expand Whānau Protect
- Report against Section 7AA
- Extension of ‘You Matter to Us’
- Family Violence Prevention: Increased investment

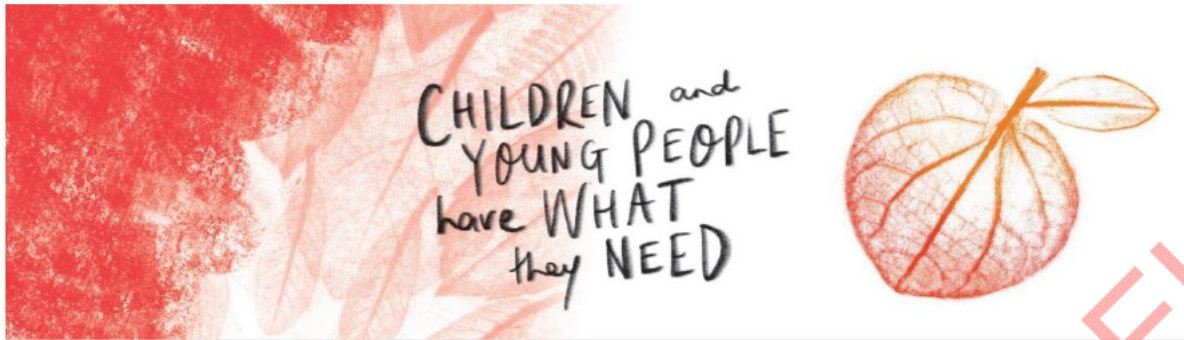
NB: Bold indicates initiatives covered in more detail in this report – see information presented below.

Priority Initiatives Implementation Update 2022

Priority action (lead agency)	Objective	Progress and achievements in 2022	Next steps from 2023
Te Aorerekura: National Strategy and action plan to prevent and eliminate family violence and sexual violence (Te Puna Aonui)	To galvanise and drive collective action to prevent and eliminate family and sexual violence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First annual hui for Te Aorerekura involving key community and sector stakeholders. • \$37.6m investment into primary prevention initiatives including E Tū Whānau, Pasefika Proud, and the Campaign for Action on Family. • Workforce capability frameworks developed to support organisations and workers to effectively respond to family violence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the next Action Plan. • Second annual hui. • Delivery of a draft outcomes and measurement framework for Te Aorerekura. • Delivery of a research and evaluation plan for Te Aorerekura.
Integrated Community Responses (Te Puna Aonui)	To support and enhance community-based responses to family violence and sexual violence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$38.1 million boost for Integrated Community Response (ICR) sites. • ICR practice guidelines for supporting participants in court proceedings developed with representatives of court participants and communities, including people impacted by violence. • Work is underway to explore ways to reduce whānau worker caseloads. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the ICR practice guidelines. • Work with Disabled People's organisations and stakeholders to identify how the Safeguarding Adults Framework and approach can work for all disabled people. • Work with specialist sectors and government agencies to scope service needs to fill sexual violence service gaps.

<p>Oranga Tamariki Action Plan (Oranga Tamariki)</p>	<p>To develop and drive a cross-agency approach to improve the wellbeing of core populations of interest to Oranga Tamariki.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oranga Tamariki Action Plan published on 8 July 2022. • First six-monthly implementation report delivered. • Prototype evidence & indicators dashboard developed for measuring progress. • Four in-depth assessments delivered to identify unmet needs and set a direction to improve services for children and young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A further five in-depth assessments to be delivered. • All initial community-led planning and innovation approaches to child and youth wellbeing implemented by June 2023. • Deliver COVID-19 Care in the Community evaluation final report.
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Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Indicators

Indicator	Material Wellbeing	Child poverty			Food security	Housing quality	Housing affordability
Latest result (change where available)	86% ↑	14% ↑	16% ↓	11% ↓	13% ↓	6% ↓	34% ↓
Measure	Percentage of children living in households with good material wellbeing	Percentage of children in poverty (BHC-50)	Percentage of children in poverty (AHC-50)	Percentage of children living in households experiencing material hardship	Percentage of children living in households where food runs out sometimes or often	Percentage of children living in households with a major problem with dampness or mould	Percentage of children living in households spending more than 30 percent of their disposable income on housing

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Current Programme of Action initiatives

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review the treatment of Debt to Government ▪ Debt in communities ▪ Childcare assistance ▪ Income support ▪ Working for Families review ▪ Homelessness action plan ▪ Ka Ora, Ka Ako ▪ Overhaul the welfare system ▪ Tailored housing outcomes for Māori ▪ Government response to Fair Pay Agreement Working Group report ▪ Additional funding for food banks and addressing long term food insecurity ▪ Supporting Pacific households into home ownership ▪ Changes to abatement settings ▪ Initiatives to reduce costs of schooling ▪ Main benefit increases | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthen Housing First ▪ Implement Healthy Homes Standards ▪ Support progressive home ownership schemes ▪ New Mandatory Energy Efficiency Certificates ▪ Improved support for young carers across government ▪ Funding for continued provision of transitional housing ▪ Housing Support Products ▪ Continued Government funding for KickStart Breakfast and KidsCan ▪ Support for disabled people and people with health conditions ▪ Expand and strengthen employment services to support more disabled New Zealanders ▪ Papakāinga development |
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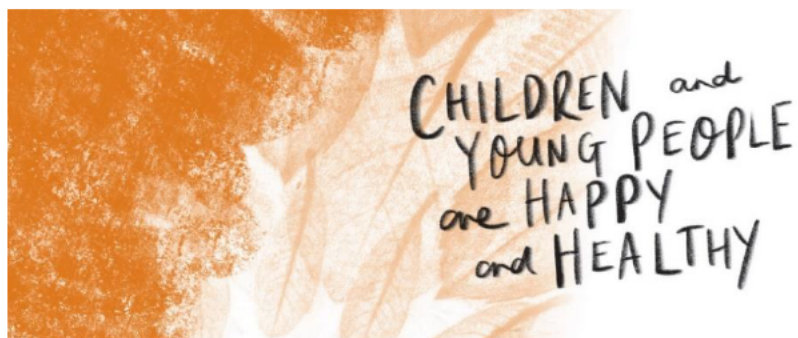
Priority Initiative Implementation Update 2022

Priority action (lead agency)	Objective	Progress and achievements in 2022	Next steps 2023
Review the treatment of Debt to Government (Inland Revenue)	To address debt owed to Government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice on Hardship Assistance recoverability settings provided. • Budget 2022 funding approved for MSD and MoJ debt-related initiatives. (MOJ - \$148.741m operating total from 2022/23-2025/26). • Work underway on a framework for understanding and evaluating debt owed to government. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on the debt framework, including targeted external consultation. • Continue to progress work items relating to joint debt approaches and improvements to information sharing across agencies.
Debt in communities (Ministry for Social Development and Employment)	To address debt owed to community lenders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSD contracts for Debt Solutions Services renewed until 30 June 2023. • Microfinance lending became interest-free from 1 October 2022. • Cabinet agreed changes to affordability and suitability requirements in the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Regulations 2004. 	
Childcare assistance (Ministry for Social Development and Employment)	To improve access to, and the value of, childcare assistance by providing financial help and support for families with children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income thresholds for Childcare Subsidy and OSCAR Subsidy increased - 54 per cent of all New Zealand families with children will now be eligible for subsidised childcare assistance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased thresholds will be implemented from 1 April 2023.

<p>Income support (Ministry for Social Development and Employment)</p>	<p>Overhaul of the welfare system to ensure everyone has a standard of living and income that enables them to live in dignity and participate in their communities, lifting children and their families out of poverty.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Support Pass-On agreed. • \$55.981 million over four years to permanently increase income limits for hardship assistance. • Expansion and increase of dental grants from \$300 to \$1000. (\$125.804m operating total from 2022/23-2025/26). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Support Pass-On implementation. • Main benefit rates will be indexed adjusted to wages on 1 April 2023.
<p>Working for Families Review (Ministry for Social Development and Employment)</p>	<p>To evaluate and review the current Working for Families system to ensure it is fit for purpose.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation on Working for Families changes complete. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income support Ministers to explore options for change.
<p>Homelessness Action Plan (Ministry of Housing and Urban Development)</p>	<p>To take action to prevent homelessness by increasing housing supply and providing support services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,202 Sustaining Tenancies places contacted to help individuals, families and whānau keep their places to live. • 918 individuals and whānau engaged with the Rapid Rehousing pilot: 311 individuals and whānau transitioned into permanent housing. • 99 youth-focused transitional housing places delivered to support rangatahi leaving Oranga Tamariki care. • Approx. \$6 million allocated to local work and projects that respond to and prevent homelessness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to implement Homelessness Action Plan and deliver public six-monthly reporting. • Complete the evaluation of Phase One. • Confirm the design of the next phase of work.

<p>Ka Ora, Ka Ako (Ministry of Education)</p>	<p>To reduce food insecurity by providing access to a nutritious lunch in school every day.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of Nov 2022, there are approximately 221,000 ākonga receiving lunches, with an additional 4,000 ākonga joining the programme in early 2023. It is currently funded at \$264 million per annum until the end of the 2023 school year. • 2,361 jobs created or retained as a result of the programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with schools, kura, and external suppliers on current suppliers and model of lunch delivery. • New nutrition standards to be introduced.
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Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Indicators

Indicator	Prenatal health		Subjective health		Potentially avoidable hospitalisations	Mental distress	Suicide
Latest result (change where available)	74% ↑	9% ↑	86%	91% ↓	48 →	28% ↑	17 →
Measure	Percentage of people registered with an LMC in their first trimester of pregnancy	Percentage of people smoking two weeks after the birth of their child	Percentage of young people (aged 12-18 years) reporting their health as good, very good, or excellent.	Percentage of young people (aged 15-24 years) reporting their health as good, very good, or excellent	Rate of potentially avoidable hospitalisations per 1000 children aged 0-14 years.	Percentage of children and young people who experienced high or very high levels of psychological distress	Number of suicides per 100,000 children and young people (aged 15-24 years)

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BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY.**

Current Programme of Action initiatives

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maternity Action Plan ▪ Well Child Tamariki Ora Review ▪ Expansion of Mana Ake ▪ Access and Choice Primary Mental Health Services ▪ Counsellors in Schools ▪ Extend nurses in schools (School-Based Health Services) ▪ Provide free toothbrushes and fluoride toothpaste to tamariki and their whānau ▪ Early Years Initiative ▪ Public health approach to preventing gambling harm for young people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promote wellbeing in primary and intermediate schools ▪ Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan ▪ Initial work towards a single measurement and assessment schedule from conception to age 24 ▪ Strengthening Pacific youth mental health and resilience ▪ Expand intensive pregnancy & parenting service ▪ Fund 20 additional mobile dental clinics ▪ National register to actively track and treat rheumatic fever patients ▪ Improve tertiary student support |
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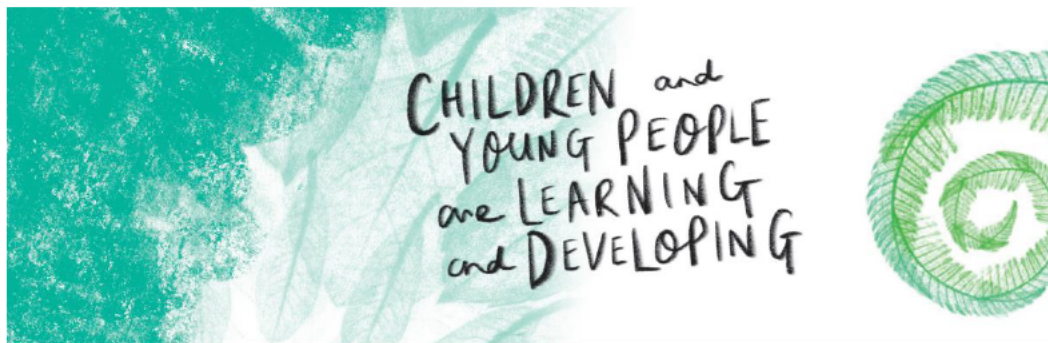
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Priority Initiative Implementation Update 2022

Priority action (lead agency)	Objective	Progress and achievements in 2022	Next steps 2023
Maternity Action Plan (Te Whatu Ora)	To deliver quality and safety improvements to the maternity system in New Zealand.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the triennial maternity consumer satisfaction & bereaved parents survey completed. Appointed an Infant and Young Child Feeding Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement National Breastfeeding Strategy initiatives. Explore options for an enhanced and extended midwifery graduate support programme
Well Child Tamariki Ora Review (Te Whatu Ora)	To review the current delivery of the programme in response to concerns about equity of access, outcomes for tamariki and whānau, and the financial sustainability of the programme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendations for Phase 1 Well Child Tamariki Ora redesign work approved and incorporated into the Kahu Taurima work programme. Well Child Tamariki Ora Enhanced Support Pilot (ESP) – Manaaki Ora – Tiaki Whānau – 56 whānau enrolled; Turanga Health and Ngāti Pōrou Hauora’s E Tipu, E Rea – 29 whānau enrolled. <p>\$13m Budget 2022 funding for Kahu Taurima.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement completed and contracts in place for Budget 2022 implementation and Phase 2 actions within Kahu Taurima. Funding for progressing Well Child Tamariki Ora review recommendations approved by joint Ministers using scaled Budget funding in 2022/23 and 2023/24.
Mana Ake (Ministry of Health/ Te Whatu Ora)	To give children the skills and support to deal with issues that include grief, loss, parental separation, and bullying, through a school-based programme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$90 million of funding invested over four years to enable ongoing service delivery and start new services. External programme evaluation completed and published. Evaluation findings consistently support the value of Mana Ake as a holistic and multi-layered initiative to support wellbeing. Around 10,500 Children from Canterbury & Kaikoura supported as at May 2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phased rollout of services in five new Mana Ake sites (Northland, Counties Manukau, Bay of Plenty, Lakes and West Coast).

<p>Access and Choice Primary Mental Health Services (Ministry of Health)</p>	<p>To expand New Zealanders' access to, and choice of, primary mental health and addiction services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 youth mental health services contracted across 18 districts as at June 2022. • 26,835 youth services sessions delivered over 2021 and 2022. • Agreements in place for new primary mental health and addiction supports in all eight universities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External programme evaluation final report due. • Continued delivery of youth, kaupapa Māori, Pacific and integrated primary mental health and addiction services.
<p>Counsellors in Schools (Ministry of Education)</p>	<p>Aims to provide local community counselling support for students in schools, and to support the care efforts of teachers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of Term 1 2023, the service is now available in over 200 schools and delivered by 38 community-based Providers. • \$44 million investment to support 164 primary intermediate and small secondary schools over four years <p>Counselling support is now in place for around 25,000 learners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd phase of the ERO evaluation on upkeep and intake completed in Term 1, with a report ready in May 2023. Based on the report, the Minister will be required to make decisions on whether the pilot continues beyond December 2023.

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Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Indicators

Indicator	Participation in early learning	Regular school attendance	Literacy, numeracy and science skills	Youth participation			
Latest result (change where available)	67% ↓	74% ↓	40% ↓	81% ↓	78% →	82% ↓	88% →
Measure	Percentage of 3-year-old children attending early childhood education for 10+ hours a week	Percentage of 4-year-old children attending early childhood education for 10+ hours a week	Percentage of children and young people aged 6-16 years regularly attending school	Percentage of 15-year-old students meeting the level 2 benchmark for reading	Percentage of 15-year-old students meeting the level 2 benchmark for maths	Percentage of 15-year-old students meeting the level 2 benchmark for science	Percentage of young people aged 15 to 24 years in employment, education, or training

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Current Programme of Action initiatives

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attendance & Engagement Strategy ▪ Supporting Social and Emotional Learning ▪ Programmes for young NEETs ▪ Improve learning support: Learning Support Action Plan ▪ NCEA Change Package ▪ Toloa – Empower Pacific STEM participation ▪ Free period products in schools ▪ Enable distance learning ▪ Address learners' needs by improving data quality, availability, timeliness and capability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pastoral care code for domestic tertiary students ▪ Reform vocational education ▪ Youth Employment Action Plan ▪ The Auckland Pacific Skills Shift initiative ▪ Education and Māori-medium education workforce strategies ▪ Pūtoi Rito Communities of Readers ▪ Ākonga Youth Development ▪ New schools and classrooms for 100,000 students, and upgrade 180 schools ▪ Tomorrow's Schools Review ▪ Equity Index ▪ Driver licence scheme for those on youth benefits or in care |
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Priority Initiative Implementation Update 2022

Priority action (lead agency)	Objective	Progress and achievements in 2022	Next steps 2023
Attendance & Engagement Strategy (Ministry of Education)	To tackle the declining attendance in schools and set out expectations of students, schools, whānau and communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy launched on 9 June 2022. • Launched “Every School Day is a Big Day” attendance campaign. • \$6 million invested to help address current Attendance Service cost pressures and allow providers to increase capacity to support schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-design the Attendance Service (contracts in place by term 1 2023). • Te Mahau (previously the Education Service Agency) to develop a detailed action plan to set out how to deliver on their 4 focus areas. • Multi-year programme of work currently being developed.
Social and Emotional Learning Pilots (SEL) (Ministry of Education)	To enhance students' capacity to integrate skills, attitudes and behaviours so they can deal effectively with daily tasks and challenges.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered ENGAGE to 150 early learning services. ENGAGE develops children's self-regulation skills through emotional, cognitive and behavioural games. • Process evaluations of the pilots have been completed and shared. • New funding of \$19.7m across four years to expand the ENGAGE programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued SEL programme delivery, aiming to reach at least 290 Early Learning Services and 10,150 tamariki by 30 June 2023. • Measures of programme impact on self-regulation skills will be collected from 2023 onwards.

<p>Programmes for young NEETs (Pae Aronui, Taiohi Ararau) (Ministry of Education)</p>	<p>To help young people into education, training or work-based learning, so they gain the skills to find a job and have an independent future.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nine new He Poutama Rangatahi – Youth Employment Pathways – programmes provided opportunities for over 880 rangatahi. • \$8 million in Budget 2022 for delivering employment and training services through Tupu Aotearoa. • 5,091 rangatahi supported into work through Mana in Mahi 	
<p>Learning Support Action Plan (Ministry of Education)</p>	<p>Sets out priority actions that will make the most difference, to ensure that learners get the right support, at the right time.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highest Needs Review completed. • Phase three evaluation completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement improvements based on the finding from the phase three evaluation. • The Ministry of Education is on track to provide a business case to Cabinet in June 2023. This will also include a workplan for the next two, five and ten years. • Implement improvements based on the finding from the phase three evaluation.



Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Indicators

Indicator	Ability to be themselves	Sense of belonging	Experience of discrimination		Experience of bullying	Social support	Support for cultural identity	Languages
Latest result (change where available)	67%	78%	26%	24% ↑	37%	85%	73%	26%
Measure	Percentage of children and young people (aged 12-18 years) who agree that it is easy for them to express their identity	Percentage of children and young people (aged 12-18 years) who feel a sense of belonging to Aotearoa/New Zealand as a whole	Percentage of children and young people (aged 12-18 years) who report experiencing discrimination in the last 12 months	Percentage of young people (aged 18-24 years) who report experiencing discrimination in the last 12 months	Percentage of children and young people (aged 12-18 years) who experienced bullying in the last 12 months	Percentage of children and young people (aged 12-18 years) who say they have an adult they could turn to if they were going through a difficult time and needed help	Percentage of children and young people (aged 12-18 years) who have someone they can ask about their culture, whakapapa or ethnic group	Percentage of children and young people (aged 12-18 years) who in everyday conversation speak a second and/or third language

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Current Programme of Action initiatives

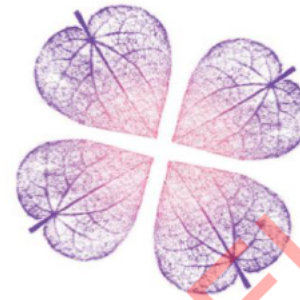
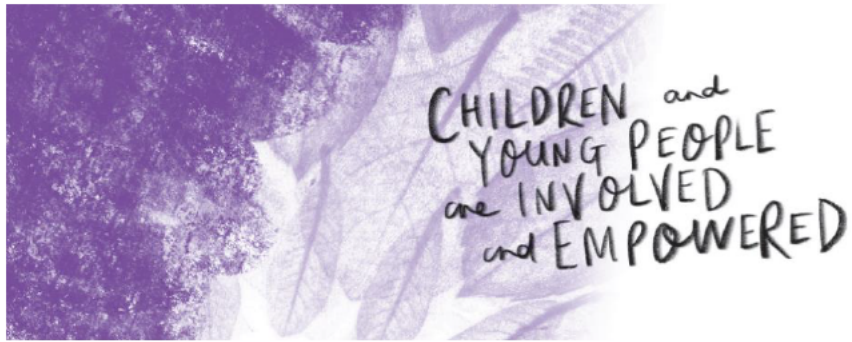
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Cohesion Work Programme ▪ Develop a National Action Plan Against Racism ▪ Bullying Prevention and Response Work Programme ▪ Strengthen Human Rights Commission to respond to hate speech, racism and discrimination ▪ Government work programme to address racism and discrimination ▪ Changes to teaching New Zealand history in schools and kura ▪ Participation of Youth Justice Victims in Family Group Conferences ▪ Te Raranga (The Weave) – a NZ Police response to hate crime and hate incidents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implement Maihi Karauna – the Crown’s Strategy for Māori Language Revitalisation ▪ Pacific language support –includes innovation fund, pilot and tech fono ▪ Changes to teaching NZ history ▪ Action Plan for Pacific Aotearoa Lalanga Fou ▪ Implement section 7AA of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 ▪ Expanding healthy relationships programmes in secondary schools ▪ Create more inclusive school environments for rainbow students ▪ Remove reservations to UNCROC, and ratify 3rd optional protocol ▪ Funding to support Pacific realm languages |
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Priority Initiative Implementation Update 2022

Priority action (lead agency)	Objective	Progress and achievements in 2022	Next steps 2023
Social cohesion work programme (Ministry of Social Development)	To strengthen social cohesion in New Zealand.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Korowai Whetū Social Cohesion framework, tools and resources released in October. • \$2 million for the Te Korowai Whetū Social Cohesion community fund to support local and community-based social cohesion initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll out of Social Cohesion grant funding (mid 2023). • Advice on future work programme to Minister
National Action Plan Against Racism (Ministry of Justice)	To develop and implement a national plan of action for government and all New Zealanders to help eliminate everyday racism and discrimination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage one of the two-stage public engagement process was completed in October. • A joint steering committee of Tangata Whenua, Tauīwi and senior government officials to oversee the development of the action plan was established. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy development and preparing the draft action plan. • Seek Cabinet agreement to public consultation on the draft plan.
Bullying prevention (Ministry of Education)	To reduce the experiences and impact of bullying on young people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives to sit on the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) Schoolwide Refresh Working/Advisory Group identified. • Bullying-Free New Zealand Week took place in conjunction with Pink Shirt Day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with schools, parents and whānau, and ākonga on evaluation of Bullying Free NZ. • Interim evaluation report for Bullying Free NZ website. • Begin delivery of Bullying Free NZ awareness-raising activities.



Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Indicators

Indicator	Involvement in community	Representation of young people's voices		Making positive choices				Criminal offending
Latest result (change where available)	47%	78% ↑	39% ↓	24% ↓	6% ↓	19% ↑	28% ↓	162 ↓
Measure	Percentage of children and young people (aged 12-18 years) who report helping others in the neighbourhood or community	Percentage of young people enrolled and voting in the New Zealand General Election (2017, 2020)	Trust held in parliament (aged 18-24)	Percentage of young people aged 15-24 years who are hazardous drinkers	Percentage of young people aged 15-24 years who smoke daily	Percentage of young people aged 15-24 years who use e-cigarettes daily	Percentage of young people aged 15-24 years who have used cannabis in the last 12 months	Offending rates per 10,000 young people aged 10-17 years

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Youth Plan 2020–2022: Turning Voice into Action ▪ Youth Voice ▪ Youth Health and Wellbeing Survey – Whataboutme? ▪ A Bit Sus ▪ Tools to support healthy, consensual relationships for young people ▪ Pilot Group Violence Programme for Young Men (Under 25) ▪ Build public service competency and capability in children’s rights ▪ Support uptake of Loves-Me-Not programme in schools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Investment in community-based youth justice facilities ▪ Paiheretia te Muka Tāngata: a Whānau Ora approach to support whānau Māori in the corrections system ▪ Increased services for children and young people with concerning/harmful sexual behaviours ▪ Develop the Oranga Whakapap programme ▪ Build independent oversight of Oranga Tamariki system and children’s issues ▪ Implement the Child Impact Assessment Tool across government |
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Priority Initiative Implementation Update 2022

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Youth Plan (Ministry of Youth Development)	To increase youth voice and youth representation across government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the Youth Plan commenced. Phase one completed. Ongoing monthly cross-agency meetings established to share information on issues for young people. Youth Plan Measurement Framework developed to gauge broader impacts of the Plan's actions and focus areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decisions on Phase 2 Review of the Youth Plan. Engagement with young people, the youth sector, and the cross-agency working group to contribute to Phase 2. Cabinet decisions on refreshing the Youth Plan 2020-2022.
Youth Voice (Ministry of Youth Development)	To support and enable young people to be heard in the decisions that impact them and their future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MYD Youth Advisory Group members announced. The 10th New Zealand Youth Parliament held in July 2022. Youth Week held in May 2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National wānanga of MYD Youth Advisory Group in March 2023. Engagement with other agencies with Youth Advisory Groups. Youth Week 2023: 15-21 May. (Support launch-TBC).

REVIEW OF THE STRATEGY

The Children's Act 2014 requires the Strategy to be reviewed at least every three years, with the first statutory review (the Review) completed in August 2022. The Review drew on the findings of various reports and evaluations, including an independent Process Evaluation, insights and themes from research reports and engagements that have been released since the development of the Strategy in 2019, plus targeted engagement with key stakeholders in June and July 2022.

The Review found that, overall, there is strong and ongoing support for the vision and outcomes articulated in the Strategy. Stakeholders agreed that these provide a strong basis for collective action to improve the wellbeing of children and young people. Partners and stakeholders noted that the indicators and measures could be improved over time, and that the current Strategy enables this. Based on this feedback and other inputs into the Review, no changes will be made to the Strategy's framework.

However, the Review found that there is considerable scope to better support the implementation of the Strategy. It identified five key changes that will help the Strategy to be a catalyst for, and driver of, system change to support the wellbeing of all children and young people:

- improving governance arrangements
- enhancing collective ownership
- enabling whānau-centred, community-led, centrally enabled approaches
- improving measurement, monitoring and reporting
- embedding te ao Māori concepts of wellbeing into the Strategy implementation.

The Review also noted that central government needs to continue to evolve how it works with iwi/Māori and communities at different levels.

There was strong support for focusing on fewer actions overall. Four priority areas were identified for the next phase of the Strategy's implementation:

- reducing child poverty and mitigating the impacts of socio-economic disadvantage
- enhancing child and whānau wellbeing in the first 1000 days
- addressing racism, discrimination and stigma
- enhancing the mental wellbeing of children and young people (new priority).

Each of the priority areas will have a Lead Chief Executive/s, who will act as system convenor to help drive policy and investment decisions and support implementation.

Each of the priority areas will have an implementation roadmap which will support cross-agency collaboration and establish a monitoring framework.

Future Monitoring Reports will be more strongly aligned with the four priority areas and five enablers, as part of the evolution of our overall measurement and monitoring approach.