



Joint Venture e-Update

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The Joint Venture's mission is to eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence in New Zealand.



Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome to this special Budget 2020 edition of the e-Update from the Joint Venture, which leads the Government's efforts to create a joined-up approach to eliminating family violence and sexual violence.

Here we cover last Thursday's Budget 2020 announcement, including the family violence initiatives from the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund, and the earlier announcement last Monday by Jan Logie, Under-Secretary to the Minister of Justice (Domestic and

Sexual Violence Issues), and Associate Minister for Social Development Poto Williams.

"Refuges, helplines, crisis services and many other organisations sit at the heart of our response to families experiencing violence.

"At a time of national crisis, we have never needed them more. We know this crisis has increased pressure to New Zealand families and that more victims are isolated. It's right that we respond properly to this. As a Government we have committed to end this violence.

"What this means in real terms is better support for those experiencing abuse, whilst empowering people who use violence to change their behaviour. It will save lives and mean we are a safer, healthier New Zealand."

—Under-Secretary Jan Logie

"The initiatives have a strong focus on specialist services, with \$183.0 million committed to support victims of family violence, support people experiencing elder abuse, and investing in services to help people to stop using violence.





“Alongside those initiatives, we are also boosting a multi-agency specialist support for victims of strangulation, with \$19.9 million going into boosting forensic services and access to the legal system.

“Collectively, these initiatives build on last year’s Wellbeing Budget. We have been consistently clear that this Government’s approach to family violence and sexual violence is long-term and multi-year, and it needs to be if we are to end the scourge of family violence and sexual violence in New Zealand.”

— **Hon Poto Williams**

Budget 2020: Investment in family violence and sexual violence

On Monday 11 May, Under-Secretary Jan Logie, Under-Secretary and Associate Minister of Social Development Poto Williams jointly announced initiatives from Budget 2020, including investment of \$202.9 million over four years on services for victims and perpetrators of family violence, and a cross-government initiative to enable specialist responses to non-fatal strangulation.

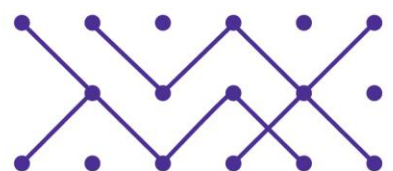
This is the second year Joint Venture agencies have worked together to develop Budget initiatives, and the second largest Government commitment to the family violence and sexual violence (FVSV) system, after last year’s \$320 million package in the Wellbeing Budget.

The initiatives announced on Monday include \$183.0 million over four years for the Ministry of Social Development to ensure continued access to specialist family violence services, providing support for victims of family violence (\$142.0 million), services to help perpetrators to stop inflicting family violence (\$16.0 million), and support for victims of elder abuse (\$25.0 million).

In addition, \$19.9 million will go to a cross-agency initiative with Police, Justice and Health to ensure victims of non-fatal strangulation can access highly trained medical practitioners and the forensic services necessary to gather the robust evidence required to prosecute offenders.

The initiatives bring significant support to stabilising New Zealand’s family violence sector, whose work has been shown to be so essential throughout the COVID-19 lockdown.

Read the press release – Budget 2020: [Next steps to end family and sexual violence](#)





Budget 2020 COVID-19: Response and Recovery funding for family violence

In addition to the \$202.9 million above, the COVID Response and Recovery Fund further underscores our commitment in this area with nearly \$22 million in the Social Development portfolio.

\$13 million will provide therapeutic services and treatment for children and young people who are exposed to family violence. This is especially important at a time when the usual support networks of children and young people, particularly schools, are disrupted due to the lockdown.

A further \$8.6 million over two years will provide grants to around 200 family violence providers to increase their capacity as they respond to the expected increase in demand for their services as a direct result of COVID-19.

“This additional support for family violence providers is critical at a time when families are spending more time at home, and economic pressures and anxiety have the potential to spark increased violence,” said Under-Secretary Jan Logie.

Read the press release – [Supporting our people as we rebuild the economy](#)

Read the full Summary of Initiatives – [Joint Venture Budget 2020 Family Violence and Sexual Violence Initiatives](#)

Services and Contact information

In an emergency, contact Police on 111. Other services that can help include:

- [Elder Abuse Helpline](#) | 0800 32 668 65 (available 24 hours)
- [It's Not OK](#) | 0800 456 450
- [Oranga Tamariki](#) | 0508 326 249
- [Police help for family violence](#)
- [Police help for rape or sexual assault](#)
- [Rape Crisis](#) | 0800 88 33 00
- [Safe to Talk](#)
- Shakti - for migrant and refugee women | 0800 742 584 - 24 hours
- [Shine National Helpline](#) | 0508 744 633 - 9am to 11pm
- [Women's Refuge crisis](#) line | 0800 733 843 - 24 hours





About the Joint Venture

The Joint Venture (JV) provides cross-agency leadership that is committed to delivering meaningful change in responses to family violence and sexual violence. It aims to stop the intergenerational nature of this violence, improve the partnership between Māori and the Crown, and transform how Government operates.

The JV reports to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister of Justice (Domestic and Sexual Violence Issues). The Joint Venture response is to reduce the impact of family violence and sexual violence on current and future New Zealanders by focusing our efforts where a joint response can make the biggest difference.

JV Agencies are:

- Accident Compensation Corporation / Te Kaporeihana Āwhina Hunga Whare
- Ara Poutama Aotearoa / Department of Corrections
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Health / Manatū Hauora
- Ministry of Justice / Tāhū o te Ture
- Ministry of Social Development / Te Manatū Whakahiato Ora
- New Zealand Police / Nga Pirihihana O Aotearoa
- Oranga Tamariki / Ministry for Children
- Te Puni Kōkiri – Kāinga / Ministry of Māori Development
- The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet / Te Tari O Te Pirimia Me Te Komiti Matau

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