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Te Puna Aonui E-Update

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Introduction from Hon Marama Davidson

Kia ora koutou

The year that was 2022! Where to even start? Let’s sum it up with the defining reality of Te Aorerekura, the National Strategy for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence and the two-year, 40-point Action Plan, which both now form our guiding star.

Everything we did this year, everything we’ve got underway and everything we are still looking to implement comes under the light of Te Aorerekura and the guidance and direction of its Action Plan.

To cover just a few things, this year we set in place the process and appointment of Te Pūkotahitanga, formerly the Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group.

Then there are the Workforce Capability Frameworks for Family Violence. You cannot overstate how foundational these will be to future work to keep people safe.

We held the first Te Aorerekura Annual Hui which will be a hugely important annual event.

All the above, of course, falls out of the bigger picture of the implementation of Te Aorerekura and its Action Plan.

Next year we will drive hard to complete this Action Plan, while also developing its successor plan. No doubt that document will reflect the changing dynamics and issues that will present themselves through 2023, as well as building, step-by-step, on the work that has been done so far, and will be done in the year ahead.

And we will develop that second Action Plan in the same way we developed this one – alongside tangata whenua, communities and the specialist sectors, and the ten core agencies and four associate agencies of Te Puna Aonui.

We will all turn our heads to all of this next year, but for now, December is always about reflecting on the year that's been.

And I want to personally thank you all for the mahi you have done this year. From my many years across many facets of this work, I have never failed to be inspired by the passion, dedication and commitment of the people in this sector.

It's been a huge year, but a rewarding one. For those of you able to take time off over summer, I hope you find it restful and relaxing. But I want to also acknowledge and thank all of you who continue to provide vital support for those impacted by family violence and sexual violence over this busy time of year. Going into the festive season, I simply and humbly say – thank you for everything.

Hon Marama Davidson

Minister for the Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence

Minita mō te Ārai i te Whakarekerekere Whānau me te Koeretanga



Save the date! 2nd Annual Te Aorerekura Hui 14/15 June 2023

The 2nd Annual Te Aorerekura Hui will take place 14/15 June 2023. The event will be a hybrid of in-person and online, to enable participation by as many people as possible. We'll update you in the New Year with information about the theme of the conference.

[Information about this year's Hui](#) is available on our website.



Te Pūkotahitanga update and progress

Since its inaugural hui in July, the Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group, now known as Te Pūkotahitanga, has held three wānanga/hui which have helped to shape their understanding of their roles, responsibilities, and expectations, of one another and the Government. These wānanga/hui have also contributed to their aspirations for how they support whānau Māori who are impacted by violence and moving towards toiora.

At each wānanga/hui they have met with the Minister and at two of their hui, they also met with Emma Powell, Chief Executive, Te Puna Aonui Business Unit. Early in 2023, the rōpū is planning to meet with the wider group of family violence and sexual violence ministers and Te Puna Aonui Board. They also plan to hui with these two rōpū regularly throughout the remainder of their three-year term.

In future editions of this Te Puna Aonui E-Update, we'll share more insights into the mahi to be done by Te Pūkotahitanga.

As the end of the year fast approaches, Te Pūkotahitanga offers the following words of thanks and acknowledgement to everyone who has contributed to their mahi and made a difference (big and small) in the lives of whānau Māori throughout Aotearoa.

Nei rā te mihi maioha, ki te tini ki te mano. He kupu aroha ka poua ki te whenua, hei pou herenga wairua, hei pou herenga whakaaro. Ko te wairua Māori tērā e whakakotahi ana i a tātou katoa i tēnei wāhanga o te tau. Ko te tūmanako ia, ka haumaruru te iti me te rahi kia hihiko anō ai te toi o te ora. Mauri tū ki te whaiao, mauri ora ki te ao mārama!

Implementing Action 5 of Te Aorerekura – ‘Engage and value communities in collective monitoring and learning’

Action 5 of the Action Plan seeks to establish enduring engagement mechanism(s) 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.

Throughout 2022, Te Puna Aonui has been engaging with communities and the family violence and sexual violence sectors to understand how they want to work with us. Recognising that a united voice is stronger than a fragmented one, or individual voices, supporting communities to be able to shape, own and present a

collective view to Government, building from the diverse voices within each community, is central to our plan for ongoing engagement.

By developing enduring relationships, government, tangata whenua, sectors and communities can learn with and from each other. Government responses, policies and decisions for family violence and sexual violence will be designed and made with and for: specialists, communities and those with lived experiences ensuring they are more accessible, relevant and effective.

Each community has different starting points, structures, capacity, interests and ways of working. Meeting communities where they are and working at communities' pace has been central to our approach. Engagement has been progressing well across all communities and we are starting to form a clearer view of the range of spaces, resources and platforms for voices desired within communities to enable them to work with Te Puna Aonui on the implementation and monitoring of Te Aorerekura and the action plan on a more equal footing.

A number of groups/forums/networks are already in place and we are already actively engaging including the Systems Working Group (and its sub-groups), the Rainbow Violence Prevention Network and The Tangata Whenua Rōpū. Others have newly formed this year, including an ethnic communities network and Pacific Practitioners Forum, and others will be stood up next year including a disability expert advisory group and regional elder abuse networks.

In 2023, we will also continue to hone communities' priorities across the Te Aorerekura Action Plan to ensure that when we are engaging on the things that matter most to communities, and that when we do engage, we will continue to support the establishment/expansion/maintenance of these community voice infrastructures into 2023.

Responding to family violence over the holiday period — Are You OK

It is a sad reality that family violence escalates during the Christmas and the New Year holiday period, with New Zealand Police seeing more incidents and offences than at any other time of the year.

To help respond to this, the Ministry of Social Development is running a digital advertising campaign. It will promote [Are You Ok](#) as a place people can find information and support if they're experiencing family violence or are worried about someone they know.

MSD is using videos from an earlier 'Know the Danger Signs' campaign, to help people identify what to look out for that may signal that someone is in an abusive relationship. The videos feature New Zealanders who have lost a loved one to family violence and are now ambassadors for preventing violence.

The videos will be aired on YouTube and TVNZ On Demand from 19 December for one month, over the Christmas and New Year period. They will direct people to the [Are You Ok](https://www.areyouok.org.nz) website and family violence information line for support.



MSD is working with Whakarongorau Aotearoa, who operate the web chat on Are You Ok and the information line to ensure they have the coverage to support an increase in people reaching out for help during this time.

FVSV-related helplines and support services

Getting help for you or someone else

And staying on the same theme, if there is someone that makes you fearful, threatens, abuses, or harasses you, seek help as soon as possible. You have the right to be safe. If you're worried that your behaviour is hurting or scaring others, there is help and support for change. If you're worried about someone or trying to help – there is information and support for you on any of the phone lines, helping services or websites below.

But first – If someone is in danger, call Police on 111

For family violence or sexual abuse help or information contact:

- **Safe to Talk** for confidential support for sexual harm or abuse, call 0800 044 334 / Text 4334/ email support@safetotalk.nz or visit <https://safetotalk.nz/>
- **Are you OK?** Family violence help, safety information and services, call 0800 456 450 / online chat and information www.areyouok.org.nz/
- **Shine** domestic abuse services, free call 0508 744 633 (24 hours), online chat and information at www.2shine.org.nz/
- **Rape Crisis** call 0800 88 33 00



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- **Women's Refuge** call 0800 733 843 (24 hours) www.womensrefuge.org.nz
- **Hey Bro** helpline support for men to be free from violence 0800 HeyBro (439 276)
- **Mental health** support from trained counsellors and peer support from people who have experienced mental distress – free call or text 1737 or www.1737.org.nz
- **Shakti** support for migrant and refugee women, call 0800 742 584 (24 hours)
- **Elder abuse** helpline, call 0800 32 668 65 (24 hours)
- **Victim Support** - support for men and women victims | [0800 842 846](http://0800.842.846) - 24 hours

For information on family violence and sexual violence

- [In Your Hands - Home | In Your Hands](#) – information and support for people whose behaviour is hurting or scaring their family or whānau
- **Male Survivors Aotearoa** <https://malesurvivor.nz/>
- **Oranga Tamariki line** for concerns about children and young people 0508 326 459, email: contact@ot.govt.nz
- **Sensitive Claims for sexual abuse (ACC)** 0800 735 566
- **Hohou te rongo kahukura - outing violence** - building rainbow communities free from violence
- Search services in your area: <https://healthpoint.co.nz/>

Ethnic communities comes together over Te Aorerekura

As part of Action 5 of the Te Aorerekura Action Plan, members of ethnic communities (as defined by the Ministry for Ethnic Communities) have come together with the support of Te Puna Aonui and MFEC to establish an Ethnic Communities Network.

The aim of the Network is to advise government on family violence and sexual violence issues, gaps and solutions within and for ethnic communities and to play a key role in the implementation and monitoring of Te Aorerekura and the Action Plans.

The Network will ensure the advice and solutions going into government on family violence and sexual violence issues within ethnic communities are made by ethnic people for ethnic people.

The first meeting was held in April this year with 13 people, ranging from family violence and sexual violence ethnic-specific providers, members of the community who work on primary prevention education within the community, and government

agency representatives from the MFEC, the Ministry of Social Development and Te Puna Aonui.

The Network has since strengthened to 32 members, including ethnic specific researchers and subject matter experts, as well as agency representatives from the Ministry of Justice, Police and the Ministry for Women.

The Network is currently working on further establishing itself with a purpose statement and terms of reference. For more information about this kaupapa, contact Sheetal.Samy@tepunaaonui.govt.nz

Research highlights experience & support needs of Pacific SV workforce

A joint research project between Pacific researchers at the University of Auckland and MSD sheds light on how to best support Pacific people affected by sexual violence.

The research found that Western models of practice were ineffective and, in some cases, even traumatic to Pacific peoples. The Pacific sexual violence workforce is key to providing culturally responsive support to Pacific people affected by sexual violence. This can be found most likely within people of Pacific ethnicity, according to the research.

The project was funded by MSD as part of a wider four-year sexual violence research and evaluation work programme. One of the main objectives was to better understand how to support those affected by sexual violence, with a focus on priority groups such as Pacific peoples.

Main findings from the research included:

- More support is needed to achieve culturally responsive sexual violence support
- Pacific peoples and Pacific values, models, frameworks, and language should be prioritised in sexual violence workforce development; and
- MSD can better support Pacific communities in this space by helping the Pacific workforce to connect across the sexual violence sector.

The research involved a literature review, online survey, and talanoa sessions, and is the first of its kind to focus on the Pacific sexual violence workforce. The researchers produced three reports which you can get at [experiences and support needs of the Pacific sexual violence workforce](#)

Oranga Tamariki survey identifies training opportunities

Oranga Tamariki (Ministry for Children) has shared key takeaways from a survey of their [Family Start](#) workforce.

Family Start providers are a mix of dense urban to isolated rural, Iwi, Māori, Pasifika and more. Some 73% of respondents were frontline kaimahi employed by Family Start Providers and work directly with whānau, while most others were in supervisor or senior practitioner roles.

The findings showed that, as a whole, kaimahi were more confident in their levels of knowledge and working with whānau experiencing family violence than sexual violence.

- Knowledge rated as ‘Good’ or ‘Very good’: 67% on family violence, 45% on sexual violence
- Feel ‘Somewhat, fairly or completely confident’ in working with affected whānau: 59% on family violence, 38% on sexual violence.
- Report receiving ‘Advanced’ or ‘Extensive’ training: 26% on family violence, 15% on sexual violence.
- Report receiving “No training at all”: 8% on family violence, 26% on sexual violence.

The survey was designed to provide a baseline understanding of kaimahi knowledge and confidence. This will allow Oranga Tamariki to measure progress against Action 32 of Te Aorerekura, “Improve the Family Start service”.

The responses will help set out a clear direction for professional training and support. They provided recommendations and a list of topics that the Family Start workforce would like to learn more about, ranging from being able to better recognize signs and indicators of violence and coercion, to trauma-informed healing processes and de-escalation training.

ACC perspective – one year into Te Aorerekura



We are working with communities to eliminate sexual violence in Aotearoa New Zealand.

ACC is one of 10 government agencies working and learning together to understand how we can strengthen families, whānau and communities under Te Aorerekura, the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence [Action-Plan-30-Nov.pdf \(acc.co.nz\)](#).

Te Aorerekura is our roadmap for a 25-year journey to eliminate family violence and sexual violence with Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi woven throughout it.

Tangata whenua, Pacific, rainbow, older people and ethnic communities are helping us shape how the Strategy will be implemented.

It's been a year since the launch of the Strategy, and our focus so far has been on learning how best we can make lasting, sustainable change, by collaborating across government and communities. We are working towards a system shift, with long-term solutions. ACC is responsible for 10 of the Strategy's 40 actions and is supporting 12 more.

The photo above was taken at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds with our Te Tai Tokerau evaluation panel members, who are helping us to find kaupapa Māori design partners, to provide whānau with solutions for healing and prevention. ACC is proud of the collective work we are doing and the foundations we are building with our partners.

Ka pō, ka pō, ka ao, ka awatea.

Tihei mauri ora ki te whei ao! Tihei mauri ora ki te ao Mārama

The first rays of the dawn herald the transition from night to day.

Behold it is the living environment! Behold it is the world of light!



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About Te Puna Aonui – the Joint Venture for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence

[Te Puna Aonui](#) brings 10 government agencies together to align whole-of-government strategy, policy and investment to eliminate family violence and sexual violence.

*Te Puna Aonui includes:

- [Ara Poutama Department of Corrections](#)
- [Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga Ministry of Education](#)
- [Manatū Hauora Ministry of Health](#)
- [Te Tāhū or te Ture Ministry of Justice](#)
- [Te Manatū Whakahiato Ora Ministry of Social Development](#)
- [Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa New Zealand Police](#)
- [Oranga Tamariki Ministry for Children](#)
- [Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission](#)
- [Te Puni Kokiri Ministry of Māori Development](#)
- [Te Kaporeihana Āwhina Hunga Whare ACC](#)

[Te Tari O Te Pirimia Me Te Komiti Matau](#) (Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet), [Manatū Wāhine](#) (Ministry for Women), [Te Manatū mō Ngā Iwi o Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa](#) (Ministry of Pacific Peoples) and [Te Tari Mātāwaka](#) (the Ministry for Ethnic Communities) are associate agencies of Te Puna Aonui.

Te Puna Aonui reports to the Minister for Family Violence and Sexual Violence, Hon Marama Davidson.

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