



Joint Venture E-Update

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Introduction from Hon Marama Davidson

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to our second e-update of the year. We have got off to a great start with implementation planning underway for [Te Aorerekura – the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence](#).

I have spent much of the beginning of the year in engagements with the Kaitiaki Rōpū, Safeguarding Children, TOAHNNEST, Gandhi Nivas, the National Collective of Independent Women’s Refuges, Safe Man Safe Family, Jade Speaks Up, Whānau Awhina Plunket, SHAMA, He Waka Eke Noa, the Māori Women’s Welfare League and with the chief executives of key government agencies to name a few. Relationships and communication are central to our work together, and I will continue with these engagements throughout the year to gain valuable feedback so that we can lead a successful strategy.

In March, I was pleased to be [joined by a number of prominent women](#) to mark International Women’s Day and reinforce the need for collective action to address gender-based violence.

The Kaitiaki Rōpū has made good progress on managing the nominations for the Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group and I expect to make an announcement about these appointments in May.

I am excited to announce that we have recently published the 10 analysis papers for each of the population groups we engaged with in 2021 to develop our National Strategy. These papers highlight the priority issues for addressing family violence and sexual violence for each group. I want to acknowledge the huge effort that went into the engagements, which



informed our understanding of the issues and perspectives of each population group, to shape Te Aorerekura and the mahi ahead. As you know, engagement is continuing as we prioritise actions and ensure we have the appropriate relationships in place to enable our collective work.

Finally, I do want to acknowledge the ongoing pressures caused by COVID-19. I know many organisations and communities are continuing to struggle with people unwell and the uncertainty that the pandemic is causing. Throughout this period, it has been useful for officials to engage regularly with communities through the Systems Working Group chaired by Merran Lawler and Angelo Libeau. Thank for you all for the work you're doing and the continued efforts to work together in the best interests of those impacted by family violence and sexual violence.

Marama Davidson

Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence and Sexual Violence

Community Analysis Papers

In 2021 we held engagements with many different communities impacted by violence. From those engagements we produced 10 analysis papers that reflect the experiences of communities in the family violence and sexual violence systems. It was using these papers that we worked to develop the [Te Aorerekura](#) strategy ensuring that it is representative of the people living in Aotearoa.

These key groups are:

- [Children and young people](#)
- [Disabled people](#)
- [Ethnic communities](#)
- [LGBTQIA+](#)
- [Older people and Kaumatua](#)
- [Pacific Peoples](#)
- [People impacted by violence](#)
- [People who use or have used violence](#)
- [Sexual violence and family violence sectors](#)
- [Tangata Whenua](#)

You can view the analysis papers on the [Joint Venture website](#).



Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group

In the last update we put out a call for nominations for the Tangata Whenua Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG). This group will be independent advisors to Hon Marama Davidson. The Kaitiaki Rōpū has been interviewing the applicants and will make recommendations for appointments to the Minister.

The MAG members will bring a wide range of skills to our collective mahi as:

- Leading Māori practitioners and advocates in the family violence and sexual violence sectors.
- Māori practitioners and advocates in other whānau wellbeing-focused sectors and organisations.
- Recognised (domestic and internationally) as leading and innovative researchers and practitioners of indigenous knowledge.
- People who work intensively and extensively within and alongside whānau, hapū and iwi.
- People who are viewed within their communities and sectors as innovators and contributing to whānau Māori wellbeing.
- Experienced people working in other government-appointed advisory bodies.
- People grounded in kaupapa Māori expertise.

The next e-Update will provide information about who has been appointed and how the MAG will be working.

Action 5 Engage and value communities in collective monitoring, sharing and learning.

The successful implementation of [Te Aorerekura](#) will require the nine Joint Venture government agencies to work alongside tangata whenua, communities and the family violence and sexual violence sectors in a more coordinated and integrated way than ever before.

[Action 5 of the Action Plan](#) for Te Aorerekura outlines our intent to engage and value communities in collective monitoring, sharing and learning. This action aims to enable people and communities most impacted by family violence and sexual violence to share their experiences and learning through a respected ongoing role to guide the implementation and monitoring of Te Aorerekura.

During engagement to develop Te Aorerekura we heard that:

- communities want to be involved in decisions that affect them at all stages of policy development, service design, decision making and monitoring



- communities need to be equitably resourced to enable them to work collaboratively with government
- increasingly communities are looking for an enduring relationship with government that is more structured and sustainable, rather than one-off and transactional.

We are currently engaging with communities to inform how we develop enduring relationships with key groups in the family violence and sexual violence system. You may have already been approached or provided your views. If not, and you would like to share your ideas please reach out to us at familyviolenceandsexualviolence@justice.govt.nz

Joint Venture to become an Interdepartmental Executive Board

The Joint Venture is being established as an Interdepartmental Executive Board (IEB) under the Public Service Act 2020.

This will mean government agencies will be working together to:

- a. provide whole-of-government strategy, policy, and budgeting advice to Ministers on eliminating family violence and sexual violence, including future iterations of the National Strategy;
- b. provide analysis and evidence to support Ministers to make decisions on specific interventions;
- c. provide Ministers with an oversight of interventions and outcomes within the whole family violence and sexual violence sector, and identify any linkages, gaps, or opportunities;
- d. monitor, support, and coordinate implementation of the National Strategy, and other priority and cross-agency initiatives; and
- e. manage relationships between government and the family violence and sexual violence sectors.

Effective 1 July 2022, the Joint Venture will have a new name and identity. Watch this space! We look forward to sharing this with you.

International Women's Day

Hon Marama Davidson joined forces with other prominent women to reinforce the need for collective action to address gender-based violence, on International Women's Day (8 March).



“We want to see government agencies, iwi, faith-based groups, businesses, news media and communities working together to achieve the social change and systemic change needed to deliver Te Aorerekura.”

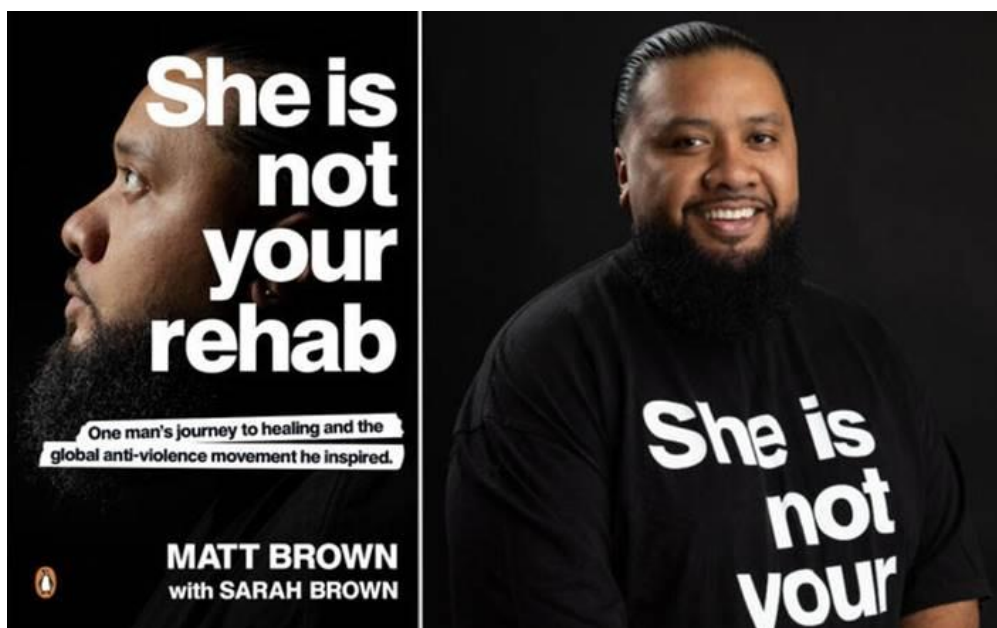
The women joining this call include Dr Huhana Hickey MNZM (lawyer, Ngāti Tāhinga, Whakatōhea), Paula Tesoriero (Disability Rights Commissioner), Dr Kim McGregor (Chief Victims Advisor), Theresa Gattung (Chair, Global Women), Sinead Boucher (Editor, Stuff NZ), Traci Houpapa MNZM, Mary Haddock-Staniland (Global DEI Executive), Lisa Smith (National Network for Stopping Violence Services), Tabby Besley (InsideOut), Fariya Begum and Silvana Erenchun Perez (SHAMA), Jennifer Khan-Janif MNZM (Human Rights Advocate), Dr Charlotte Moore (Kaiwhakahaere, Family Violence Clearinghouse), Ali’imuamua Sandra Alofivae MNZM (Barrister), Rolinda Karapu (Kaitiaki-a Whare Wahine), Adeline S. Greig (Gender Minorities Aotearoa), Merran Lawler, (Kaiarahi – Te Kupenga Whakaoti Mahi Patunga – National Network for Stopping Violence Services), and Hera Pierce (Tu Wahine Trust).

You can find the full press release on [The Beehive website](#).

She is Not Your Rehab – books in prisons programme

The Ministry of Social Development and Police recently funded the distribution of 7,000 copies of Matt and Sarah Brown’s book [“She Is Not Your Rehab”](#) to men in prison, particularly those in therapeutic programmes.

“*She Is Not Your Rehab*” is based on Matt’s own life of growing up in a home with violence, along with his own experience of being sexually abused as a child. The book demonstrates the power of vulnerability and honesty in addressing pain and shame, and shows how anyone can empower themselves by taking responsibility for their own healing.





Matt and Sarah have been receiving daily letters from men in prison who have read the book and these reinforce the power of Matt's words:

"I have treated women badly throughout my life especially while under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Your book makes so much sense, with the root of the problem being our own insecurities and how we felt let down by those who should have been there for us when we needed them most. It still doesn't excuse our choices as adults but does help us to help ourselves in the future. Thank you, brother."

"Stories you wrote about of guys you've had a hand in helping over the years certainly hit home in some of my own mistakes I've made in the past and have made me think about how to move forward once I'm out of this place again in order to never return."

"Bro just want to thank you for all the wisdom you have shared in the book so that I can ensure I don't transmit the hurt and trauma onto my son and carry on the cycle."

"You have positively influenced another broken man and helped him to get on the path of healing, much love, brother."

About the Joint Venture

[The Joint Venture](#) brings together 9 government agencies in the family violence and sexual violence system. This joint way of working helps agencies provide a whole-of-government approach to the complex issues of family violence and sexual violence. The Joint Venture agencies are:

- Te Kaporeihana Āwhina Hunga Whare (Accident Compensation Corporation)
- Ara Poutama Aotearoa (Department of Corrections)
- Te Tāhuhu o Te Mātauranga (Ministry of Education)
- Manatū Hauora (Ministry of Health)
- Tāhū o 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 Puni Kōkiri (Ministry of Māori Development)

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) are associate agencies of the Joint Venture.

The agencies aim to stop the intergenerational nature of this violence, improve our Māori-Crown partnership associated with this violence, and transform how Government operates.

The JV reports to the Minister for Family Violence and Sexual Violence, Hon Marama Davidson.



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