



Proactive Release

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[Proactive Release] Implementation Monitoring Report and Briefing

The following documents have been included in this release:

Title of paper:

- Briefing: Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Monitoring Report for 2022
- Implementation Monitoring Report for the year ending 31 December 2022

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Coversheet

Briefing: Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Monitoring Report for 2022

Date:	23/03/2023	Report No:	DPMC-2022/23-1161
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	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Jan Tinetti Minister for Child Poverty Reduction	agree to recs	27/03/23

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Minister's Office

Status:

Signed

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Comment for agency

Attachments: Yes

Briefing

CHILD AND YOUTH WELLBEING STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING REPORT FOR 2022

To: Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister for Child Poverty Reduction

Date	23/03/2023	Security Level	IN CONFIDENCE
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Purpose

1. This briefing provides you with the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy (the Strategy) Implementation Monitoring Report for the year ending December 2022 for your approval, and seeks your agreement to forward this draft to the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee (SWC) members.

Executive Summary

2. In addition to your legislated annual reporting requirements in relation to the Strategy [DPMC-2022/23-957 refers], you are required to provide SWC with annual monitoring of progress on implementing the Strategy's Programme of Action [SWC-19-MIN-0085 and SWC-21-MIN-0047 refer].
3. You received a draft of the 2022 Implementation Monitoring Report on 3 March. We have updated the report with your feedback, and feedback following agency consultation.
4. We recommend you approve the attached 2022 Implementation Monitoring Report and forward this briefing and the 2022 Implementation Monitoring Report to SWC for their noting. 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 report to SWC. However, we recommend this happens by the end of March.
5. You may also wish to forward the report to the Minister for Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence, Hon Marama Davidson, who is the only member of the Strategy Ministerial Group who is not also a SWC Minister.
6. Previous implementation monitoring reports have been proactively released on the Child and Youth Wellbeing website. We recommend taking the same approach for the 2022 Implementation Monitoring Report. This proactive release will not require a press release from your office.
7. We recommend releasing the report on 13 April, a week after the publication of the Strategy Annual Report (which will take place on 6 April). While the two reports could be published concurrently, this could lead to them becoming conflated.


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Recommendations

We recommend you:

1. **note** the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee has directed the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to monitor the implementation of the Strategy, and to report on an annual basis to this Committee
2. **approve** the attached 2022 Implementation Monitoring Report YES NO
3. **forward** this briefing and the 2022 Implementation Monitoring Report to SWC Ministers for noting YES NO
4. **forward** this briefing and 2022 Implementation Monitoring Report to the Minister for Prevention of Family and Sexual Violence, for her information YES NO
5. **agree** to proactively release this briefing and the 2022 Implementation Monitoring Report on the Child and Youth Wellbeing website on 13 April 2023, subject to any appropriate withholding of information that would be justified under the Official Information Act 1982. YES NO

s9(2)(a) 
Hannah Kerr Director, Child Wellbeing and Poverty Reduction Group
23 March 2023


Hon. Jan Tinetti Minister for Child Poverty Reduction
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Background

8. As directed by SWC in April 2021, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) has prepared an implementation monitoring report of the Strategy's Programme of Action for the 2022 calendar year [SWC-21-MIN-0047].
9. The most recent previous implementation monitoring report, for the 2021 calendar year, was proactively released on the [Child and Youth Wellbeing website](#) in May 2022.
10. The monitoring reports cover activity across a calendar year, while the Strategy's Annual Report and the Child Poverty Related Indicators Report cover impacts and outcomes across a financial year. This means the 2022 Implementation Monitoring Report captures more recent activity (July-Dec 2022) than the other reports.

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

11. The review of the Strategy highlighted the need to refine our focus and prioritisation, to drive change more effectively and better support the implementation of the Strategy. The previous Minister for Child Poverty Reduction agreed to some changes to our approach to this year's implementation monitoring report to align with this recommendation [DPMC-2022/23-326 refers].
12. Compared to the 2021 Implementation Monitoring Report, this report delivers:
 - in-depth reporting on a small number of Programme of Action initiatives that are expected to have the greatest positive impacts on child and youth wellbeing
 - 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
 - simple and visual presentation, to help make the report accessible to a wider range of audiences.
13. The initiatives selected to profile in the 2022 Implementation Monitoring Report were agreed with the previous Minister's office and 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. We have included the latest Child and Youth Wellbeing Indicators results (total population) in the 2022 Implementation Monitoring Report. 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.
15. 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.

Agencies made good progress in delivering key actions in 2022

16. Several major initiatives commenced.

- The Oranga Tamariki Action Plan was launched in July 2022. Governance and monitoring frameworks have been established and four in depth-assessments have been delivered.
- The Ministry of Education's Attendance and Engagement Strategy was launched in June 2022 and a school attendance public campaign 'Every School Day is a Big Day' was completed.
- Kahu Taurima, jointly led by Te Aka Whai Ora and Te Whatu Ora, was launched as part of Te Pae Tata – the Interim New Zealand Health Plan, in October 2022. Kahu Taurima will take significant steps to change the commissioning of maternity and early years services to support whānau and eliminate inequities in the first 2,000 days of life.
- Te Aorerekura – the National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence, held its first annual hui 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.

17. Key programmes and services increased their reach to more children and young people.

- 23 Access and Choice Youth Mental Health Services were contracted across 18 districts.
- Counselling support is now in over 200 schools, for around 25,000 learners.
- Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches programme is now in 960 schools and reaching 220,000 learners every day.
- 1,187 more public housing occupied homes and 1,088 more transitional housing places were delivered (in 2021/22), and 2,202 Sustaining Tenancies places were contracted to help individuals, families and whānau keep their homes.
- Nine new He Poutama Rangatahi programmes were funded, providing opportunities for over 880 rangatahi not in employment, education or training.

Treaty of Waitangi considerations and te ao Māori perspectives

18. 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 Implementation 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).

19. 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

20. Once you have approved the 2022 Implementation Monitoring Report, we recommend you forward this briefing and the attached draft 2022 Implementation Monitoring Report to SWC Ministers for their noting.
21. While there is no requirement to publish implementation monitoring reports, previous reports have been proactively released. We recommend taking the same approach with the 2021/22 Implementation Monitoring Report.
22. The Strategy Annual Report will be published on 6 April. While, the Implementation Monitoring Report could be released concurrently with this, there is a risk that doing so could lead to the two reports becoming confused. The focus of the reports is different, and they cover different timeframes (see paragraph 10), which means that there are differences in content. In previous years, the implementation monitoring reports have been released shortly after the publication of the Strategy Annual Report.
23. We recommend proactively releasing this briefing and the 2022 Implementation Monitoring Report on 13 April.

Attachments:	Title	Security classification
Attachment A:	Attachment A: Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Monitoring Report for 2022	IN-CONFIDENCE

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Attachment A: Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Monitoring Report for 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. It details activity and progress on key initiatives and policies within the wider Programme of Action for the January - December 2022 period, that help achieve the Strategy's vision and outcomes.

It's 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](#)

Progress in the Programme of Action

There has been good progress made in implementing the Programme of Action.

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 incomes since 2017.
- The Ministry of Education's Attendance and Engagement Strategy was launched on 9 June 2022 and a school attendance campaign was completed. Work is underway to deliver Attendance Turnaround Package announced in February 2023, which introduces new attendance officer roles to work with kura and schools, and more funding for Attendance Services and to improve and standardise attendance data.
- 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.

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](#)

- Agreements are in place for new primary mental health and addiction supports in all eight universities, 16 subsidiaries (part of Te Pūkenga) and three wānanga.
- Monitoring and evaluation of Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches programme shows that it's having a significant impact. The Ministry of Education is monitoring 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 new approaches to the design and delivery of services.

- Te Pūkotahitanga (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.
- The Kahu Taurima programme of work led by Te Aka Whai Ora and Te Whatu Ora will take significant steps to change the commissioning of services that support whānau and materially improve wellbeing in the first 2,000 days of life. This includes working with whānau, communities and service providers to design and commission integrated models of care for culturally appropriate, holistic health and social support for all whānau. These new models of care will be intensified according to need and local aspirations to optimise child development, establishing the building blocks for a positive life course.

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:

- provides detail 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 this 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.



Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Indicators

Indicator	Feeling loved	Family wellbeing		Quality time with parents	Harm against children		Feeling safe	Injury prevalence	Mortality
Latest result	90%	73%	81%	74%	29,298	13%	89%	118	686
Measure	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years who feel they are loved by the people who look after or care for them (7+/10)	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years rating their families as doing well (7+/10)	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years who rate their family as doing well (7+/10)	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years who feel they get to spend enough time with the people who look after or care for them (7+/10)	Number of children and young people with notifications to Oranga Tamariki who were referred for further assessment or investigation	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years that in the last 12 months have experienced or witnessed physical violence at home	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years who agree they feel safe at home	Rate of serious non-fatal injuries per 100,000 children and young people (aged 0-24 years)	Number of deaths of children and young people (aged 0-24 years)

Please see the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Annual Report for 2021/22 for a full analysis of the Indicators including trends over time

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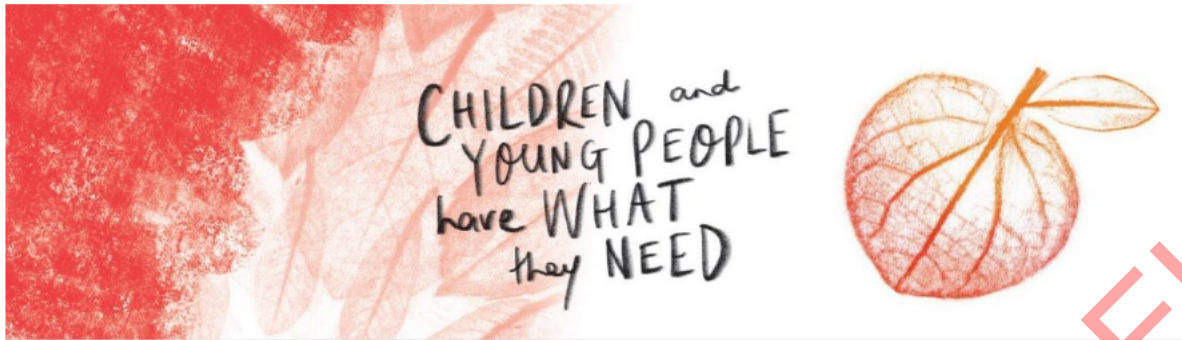
Current Programme of Action Initiatives

- **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-led 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
- 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
- All In For Learning Strategy | Kia kotahi te ū ki te ako to improve school attendance
- Family Violence Prevention: Increased investment
- 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'

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 – the National Strategy and Action Plan to 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"> • Implementation of the first Te Aorerekura Action Plan got underway, with progress made on all 40 actions. • Family violence workforce capability frameworks were developed to support the sector • Te Pūkotahitanga (the tangata whenua Ministerial Advisory Group) was appointed in June 2022 • The first Te Aorerekura Annual Hui took place in July 2022. • Budget 2022 invested a further \$114.5 million to address family violence and sexual violence, including \$37.6m over three years to strengthen and expand current prevention initiatives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the second Action Plan to be published in 2024. • Establishing a network of practice leadership in the regions. • Delivering an outcomes framework and a measurement framework. • Developing a first investment plan to underpin delivery of Te Aorerekura. • Delivering the second Te Aorerekura Annual Hui, scheduled for June 2023. • An Expert Advisory Group for Children and Young People will be established.
Integrated Community-led Responses (Te Puna Aonui)	To support and enhance community-based responses to family violence and sexual violence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through Budget 2022, a \$38.1 million boost was provided to deliver and support Integrated Community-led 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with existing ICR localities that have been impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle (Tairāwhiti, Waikato, and Tai Tokerau). • Developing and investing in relational commissioning approaches in localities, to better support community needs and decision-making.
Oranga Tamariki Action Plan (Oranga Tamariki)	To develop and drive a cross-agency approach to improve the wellbeing of core populations of interest to Oranga Tamariki.	<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 four in-depth assessments to be delivered. • Deliver COVID-19 Care in the Community evaluation final report. • Start delivering cross agency initiatives to address the unmet needs identified in the in-depth assessments.



Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Indicators

Indicator	Material Wellbeing	Child poverty			Food insecurity	Housing quality	Housing affordability
Latest result	87%	12%	15%	10%	13%	6%	34%
Measure	Percentage of children (aged 0-17 years) living in households experiencing good material wellbeing	Percentage of children (aged 0-17 years) living in households with less than 50 percent median equivalised disposable household income before housing costs (BHC)	Percentage of children (aged 0-17 years) living in households with less than 50 percent median equivalised disposable household income after housing costs (AHC)	Percentage of children (aged 0-17 years) living in households experiencing material hardship	Percentage of children (aged 0-14 years). living in households where food runs out sometimes or often	Percentage of children (aged 0-17 years) living in households with a major problem with dampness or mould	Percentage of children (aged 0-17 years) living in households spending more than 30 percent of their disposable income on housing

Please see the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Annual Report for 2021/22 for a full analysis of the Indicators including trends over time

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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 ▪ The Fale mo Aiga - Pacific Housing Strategy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthen Housing First ▪ Emergency Housing System Review ▪ 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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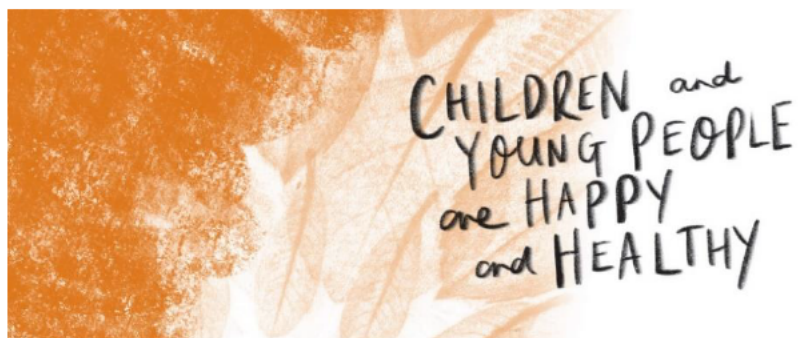
NB: Bold indicates initiatives covered in more detail in this report – see information presented below.

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 of Social Development and Ministry of Business, Innovation 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased thresholds will be implemented from 1 April 2023.
Income support (Ministry for Social Development and Employment)	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.	<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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Support Pass-On implementation. Main benefit rates will be indexed adjusted to wages on 1 April 2023.

Working for Families Review (Ministry for Social Development and Employment)	To evaluate and review the current Working for Families system to ensure it is fit for purpose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public consultation on Working for Families changes complete. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministers to explore options for change.
Homelessness Action Plan (Ministry of Housing and Urban Development)	To take action to prevent homelessness by increasing housing supply and providing support services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2,202 Sustaining Tenancies places contracted 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.
Ka Ora, Ka Ako (Ministry of Education)	To reduce food insecurity by providing access to a nutritious lunch in school every day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of Nov 2022, there are approximately 220,000 ākonga receiving lunches, with an additional 3000 ākonga joining the programme in early 2023. It is currently funded at \$264 million per annum until the end of the 2023 school year. Over 2,300 jobs created or retained as a result of the programme. The independent Impact evaluation was completed which shows the positive impact of Ka Ora, Ka Ako on health, mental wellbeing and school functioning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted consultation with schools, kura, and external suppliers on current suppliers and model of lunch delivery. New nutrition standards implemented, informed by results of Nutrition evaluation. Release the Independent kaupapa Māori evaluation.

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Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Indicators												
Indicator	Prenatal wellbeing			Subjective health		Potentially avoidable hospitalisations	Mental distress		Self-harm and suicide			
Latest result	94%	74%	9%	85%	91%	48	24%	28%	34%	26%	12%	17
Measure	Percentage of people registered with an LMC, among all people giving birth	Percentage of people registered with an LMC in their first trimester of pregnancy, among all people registered with LMCs	Percentage of people giving birth who reported smoking two weeks after the birth of their child	Percentage of students 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 young people (aged 15-24 years) who with high or very high levels of psychological distress in the last four-weeks (K10 = 12+)	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years who with high or very high levels of psychological distress in the last four-weeks (K6 = 19+)	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years that in the last 12 months who have deliberately hurt themselves	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years that in the last 12 months who have seriously thought about killing themselves	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years that in the last 12 months who have attempted suicide	Rate of deaths from suspected intentional self-harm per 100,000 young people (aged 15-24 years)
Please see the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Annual Report for 2021/22 for a full analysis of the Indicators including trends over time												

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 ▪ Counselling 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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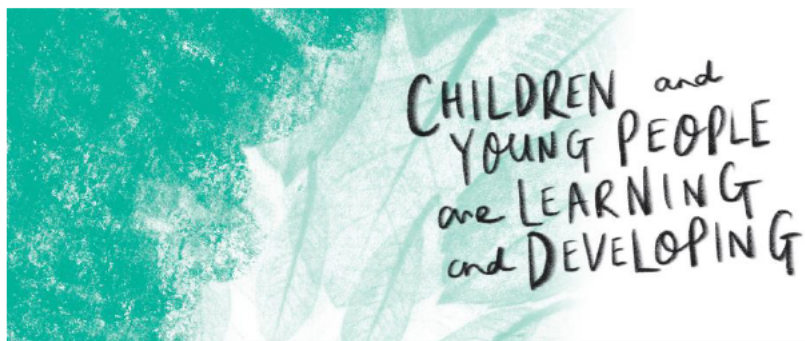
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Priority Initiative Implementation Update 2022

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 Porou Hauora’s E Tipu, E Rea - 29 whānau enrolled. \$13m Budget 2022 funding for Kahu Taurima. 	<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. As of 31 December 2022, Mana Ake has supported over 14,200 tamariki through individual and or in group programmes and is available in all 219 schools across the Canterbury district area. 	<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) and continued delivery of Mana Ake services in Canterbury.

<p>Access and Choice Primary Mental Health Services (Te Whatu Ora)</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 19 districts as at December 2022 (including Piki). • 26,275 sessions have been delivered over 2021 and 2022 by Access and Choice youth services. Young people (12 to 24 years) have also received services through integrated, kaupapa Māori and Pacific primary mental health and addiction services. • Agreements in place for new and expanded primary mental health and addiction supports in ten Tertiary Education Institutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External programme evaluation final report due. • Continued expansion and delivery of youth, kaupapa Māori, Pacific and integrated primary mental health and addiction services.
<p>Counselling 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"> • \$44 million investment to support over 200 primary, intermediate, area and small secondary schools over four years. • Services rolled out to over 200 schools and delivered by 38 community-based providers. • A range of evidence-based, developmentally appropriate, and culturally sustaining counselling support using a range of therapeutic modalities and frameworks including but not limited to Play therapy, Art therapy, Strengths-based Approach are available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second phase of the ERO evaluation on upkeep and intake to be completed in Term 1, with a report ready from 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	67%	74%	40%	81%	78%	82%	88%
Measure	Percentage of 3-year-old children attending early childhood education for 10 or more hours a week on average	Percentage of 4-year-old children attending early childhood education for 10 or more hours a week on average	Percentage of students (aged 6-16 years) who are regularly attending school (attended 90% or more of half days in Term 2)	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 who are participating in education, training, or employment
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Current Programme of Action initiatives

- **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
- Oranga Tamariki Transition Support Service
- Pastoral care code for domestic tertiary students
- Reform vocational education
- Youth Employment Action Plan
- Pacific 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 through Budget 22 to help address current Attendance Service cost pressures and allow providers to increase capacity to support schools. Redesign of the Attendance Service was completed in December with 79 new contracted providers commencing service in Term 1 2023. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Delivery of School Attendance Turnaround Package to assist kura and schools to support ākonga to re-engage with their learning.
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.
Programmes for young NEETs (Pae Aronui, Taiohi Ararau) (Ministry of Social Development)	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35 He Poutama Rangatahi programmes were approved or renewed funding in 2022, providing support and opportunities to 3889 rangatahi over the next 3 years. \$8 million in Budget 2022 for delivering employment and training services through Tupu Aotearoa. Jobseekers supported into work through Mana in Mahi (64% of participants are under 24 years of age). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new ‘Better Pathways’ package, which aims to place more young people in education, training or work, was announced in September 2022 and will take effect from 1 January 2023.

<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"> • First stage of Highest Needs Review. completed. • Phase three of the evaluation of Learning Support Coordinators completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement short-term improvements to the current system based on the findings from phase three of the evaluation of Learning Support Coordinators. • 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.
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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	67%	78%	25%	24%	37%	85%	73%	26%
Measure	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years who agree that is easy for them to express their identity (7+/10)	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years who feel a sense of belonging to Aotearoa/New Zealand as a whole (7+/10)	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years who report experiencing discrimination in the last 12 months	Percentage of young people (aged 18-24 years) who reported experiencing discrimination in the last 12 months	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years who experienced bullying in the last 12 months	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years who have an adult they could turn to if they were going through a difficult time and needed help (7+/10)	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years who have someone they could ask about their culture, whakapapa or ethnic group	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years who in everyday conversation speak a second and/or third language
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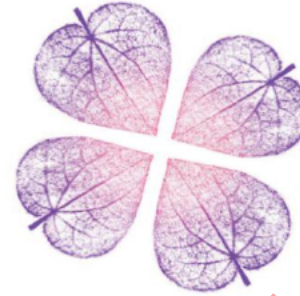
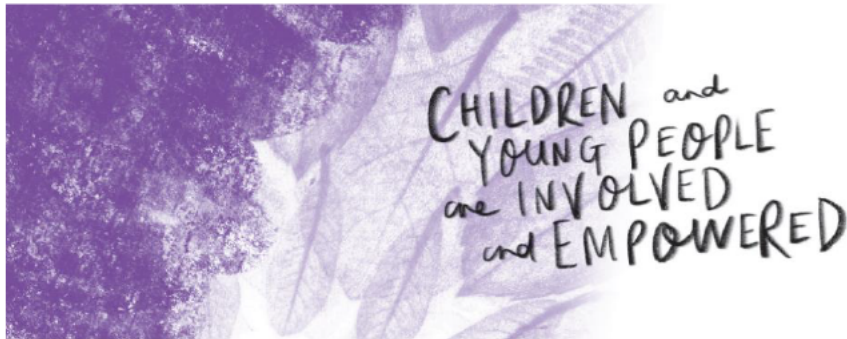
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Cohesion Work Programme ▪ Develop a National Action Plan Against Racism ▪ Bullying Prevention and Response Work Programme ▪ Strengthen Human Rights Commission to respond to hate speech, racism and discrimination ▪ 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 ▪ The Pacific Languages Strategy 2022–2032 includes funding to support Pacific realm languages ▪ Pacific language support – includes innovation fund, pilot and tech fono ▪ Changes to teaching NZ history ▪ Action Plan for the All-of-Government Pacific Wellbeing Strategy including the Pacific Wellbeing Outcomes Framework ▪ 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 |
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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"> Positive Behaviour for Learning Schoolwide (PB4L-SW) Refresh Working/Advisory Group established. Identify part of the PB4L-SW framework to be reviewed and revised. Established the research questions required to inform the refresh of PB4L-SW. New Wellbeing@School (W@S) survey items on experiences of racism/fairness and resilience strategies added to W@S surveys in Term 2022. Bullying-Free New Zealand Week 16-20 May. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated PB4L-SW framework and guidance and begin user testing. Revise the role of PB4L-SW Practitioner in line with the refreshed PB4L-SW framework and plan for the recruitment of an additional 14 Practitioners to begin from July 2023. Engagement with schools, parents and whānau, and ākonga for evaluation of Bullying Free NZ. Completion of evaluation report for Bullying Free NZ website. Develop new cross-Ministry bullying prevention and response working group.



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Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy Indicators								
Indicator	Involvement in community	Representation of young people's voices		Making positive choices				Criminal offending
Latest result	47%	78%	39%	24%	6%	19%	28%	143
Measure	Percentage of students aged 12-18 years who report helping others in the neighbourhood or community	Percentage of young people aged 18-24 years enrolled and voting in the 2020 New Zealand General Election	Percentage of young people reporting holding trust in parliament (aged 18-24 years) (7+/10)	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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Youth Plan (Ministry of Youth Development - Te Manatū Whakahiato Taiohi)	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 initial 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 Refresh of the Youth Plan. • Engagement with young people, the youth sector, and the cross-agency working group to contribute to Phase 2. • Updating the Youth Plan Measurement Framework to align with Refreshed Youth Plan to monitor impacts of the Plan's actions and focus areas. • Cabinet approval of Refreshed Youth Plan, and next steps.
Youth Voice (Ministry of Youth Development - Te Manatū Whakahiato Taiohi)	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 appointed and participated in the Phase 1: Review of the Youth Plan. • The 10th New Zealand Youth Parliament held from March to August 2022. • Youth Week held in May 2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-design of Phase 2: Refresh of the Youth Plan engagement with MYD Youth Advisory Group in March 2023. • Engagement with other agencies with Youth Advisory Groups. • The Beehive Roadshow: 27-29 March featuring pop-up youth engagement spaces with current members of The Hive.

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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 aligned with the four priority areas and five enablers, as part of the evolution of our overall measurement and monitoring approach.