

Pasifika Futures: Progress Update

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Overview of investment approach & activities



'Supporting Pacific families to shape a better future'

Target population: Pasifika families across New Zealand

Core Commissioning
Navigation-based approach to working directly with families to achieve their priority outcomes through family assessment and planning. Families are a mix of high, medium and low-needs families.

Innovation projects
Investment in new, innovative projects to support families to achieve their aspirations in one or more of Pasifika Futures' priority outcome areas

Small grants fund
Investment to enable community organisations to support families to achieve targeted outcomes

Investment update (as at 16 June 2016)

4,670 Pacific families or **18,780 Pacific individuals** are engaged across New Zealand with the majority of families identifying with one of seven Pacific ethnic groups: Samoan, Tongan, Cook Island, Tuvaluan, Fijian, Niuean and Tokelauan.

Core Commissioning

2,778 families (13,249 individuals) are engaged through **12 partners** across the country.

Innovation projects

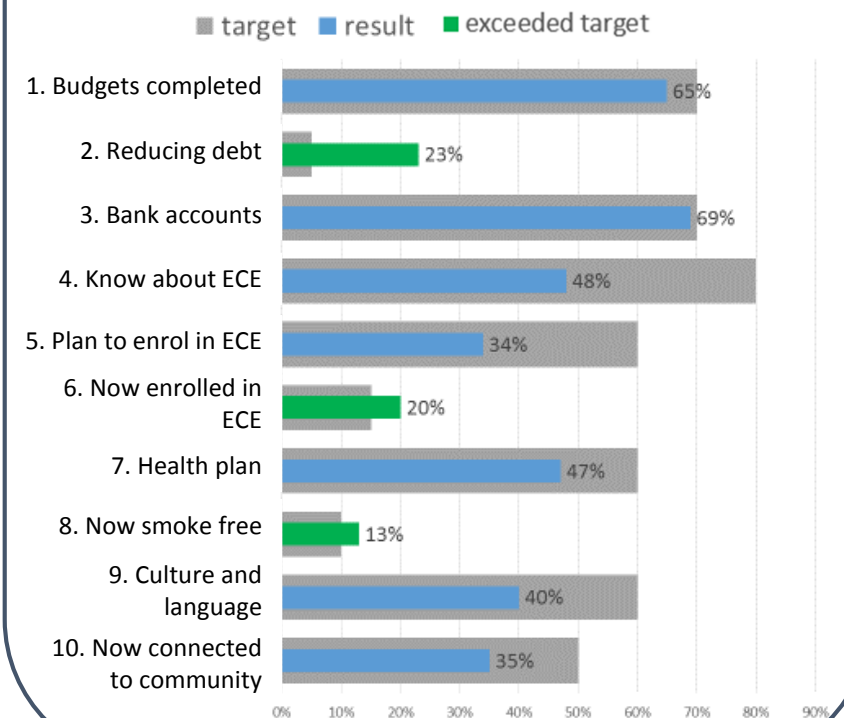
1,350 families (3,988 individuals) are engaged in **9 innovation projects** delivered by churches, schools and other community groups working on a range of outcomes, including:

- Fostering entrepreneurial skills and supporting families to start businesses and develop their leadership capabilities;
- Creating a pipeline between schools and trade apprenticeships; and
- Inspiring and supporting students to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Small grants fund

542 families (1,543 individuals) have engaged in **12 small grants projects** delivered by community organisations targeting specific outcomes, including educating families through homework centres and computer literacy, supporting families struggling with obesity to lose weight and mentoring young men on pathways to employment.

Highlights of performance: Core Commissioning results



Engagements & research activities

Recent and upcoming engagements

Pasifika Futures holds National Collaborative Meetings every quarter, involving both Core and Innovation partners. The collaborative meetings are a platform to:

- Facilitate knowledge exchange amongst partners and Pasifika Futures' team;
- Share best practice and progress towards outcome targets; and
- Provide focus for the quarter.

Research and evaluation activities

In 2016, Pasifika Futures:

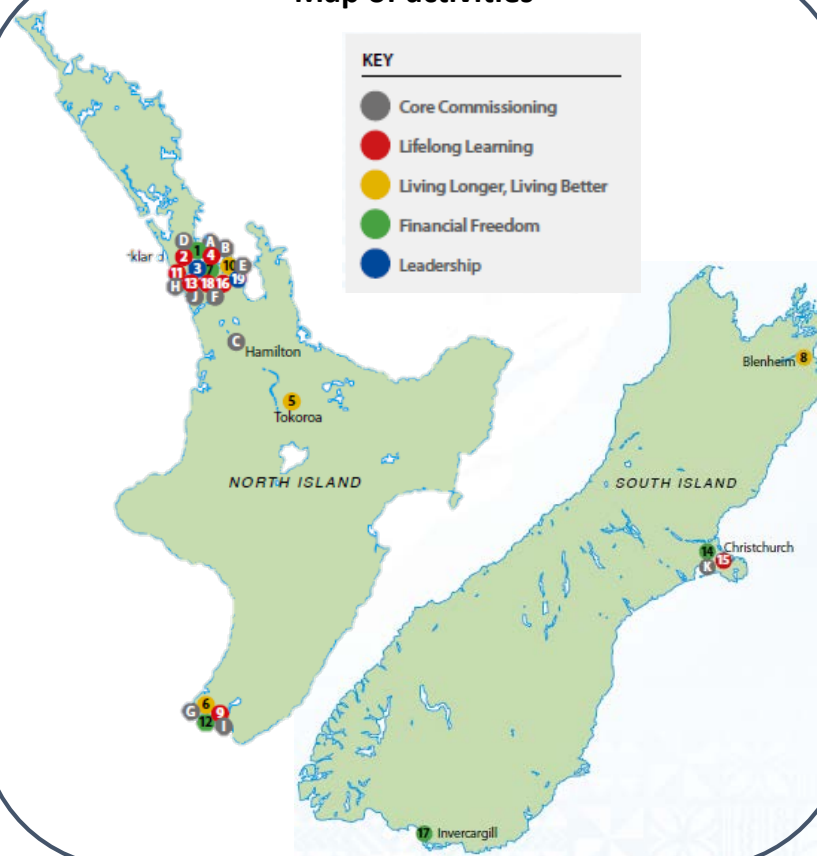
- Presented at the third Data Hui convened by Statistics NZ and the Treasury; and
- Hosted an online session on systems thinking and Pasifika Whānau Ora with the American Evaluation Association (AEA) Systems Evaluation Group.

Pasifika Futures will be presenting later this year at the:

- Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association (ANZEA) conference in July 2016; and
- Australasian Evaluation Society Conference (AES) in Sept. 2016.

In 2015, Pasifika Futures presented to the AEA Conference, the ANZEA conference and the AES conference on Pasifika Futures' performance and evaluation models and practice.

Map of activities



Family profiles & experience

Family assessments and priorities

Families are assessed by partners using the Measurement Assessment Scoring Tool (M.A.S.T.) which identifies families' needs across four outcome domains on a scale from 1-5 (or low to high-needs). Family priorities include: debt reduction, increasing income, home ownership, early childhood education, health, language and culture, business ownership and increasing savings.

Innovation and small grants projects focus on specific cohorts who prioritise the outcome domain relevant to the project.

Family experience

A family of nine enrolled in Pasifika Futures Whānau Ora with a goal to establish a catering enterprise. The family of nine had a background of welfare dependency, high debt and low education levels.

The family have been supported to develop their commercial skills, completing a business plan and working with experts to increase the standard of their food products in preparation for market.

To date the family have appointed a manager and chef and have run over a dozen successful catering jobs. The family are on the pathway to achieving their aspirations and goals: increasing family income, reducing their debt and owning and operating their own businesses.