

Regional Observations

Te Tai Tokerau

Top priorities for this region:

1. Insights have indicated some pakihi Māori chose not to apply for the Cyclone Gabrielle Business Relief Fund due to consideration of higher need in Ikaroa-Rāwhiti and surrounding areas. We suggest that any future funding announcements are followed by pakihi Māori information workshops across the region to simplify the application process and allow higher participation.

Marae

- In the last reporting period Ōtūrei marae was assessed through the Kainga Rua fund, which is currently sitting with the decision subcommittee. In addition, Waikara Marae & Whakarongotai Trust have been approved for Cyclone Gabrielle funding. Waikara and Ōtūrei marae are in the Kaipara.
- Te Tai Tokerau has exceeded their \$1.8m Cyclone Gabrielle fund.
- Total Cyclone Gabrielle investment in the Kaipara to date is \$851k, Ngatiwai \$447k, Mangakahia \$146k, Whangaroa \$160k, and the investment across other hāpori locations is \$303k.

Māori Business

- \$631,500 or 24% of the regional allocation for Cyclone Gabrielle Business Relief Fund went to Pakihi Māori, equating to 93 pakihi from a total application pool of 558 Pakihi Māori. TPK Māori Enterprise sat on the assessment panel as the “Māori Voice”, alongside Northland Inc, Northland Chambers of Commerce and MB. The fund is now closed.

Housing

- Te Tai Tokerau have a regional allocation of 7.5M (of 22M) to support critical repairs to weather-impacted Māori-owned homes. The funding will enable repairs to homes significantly affected by the North Island weather events, with a focus on supporting uninsured, low-income whānau Māori back into safe, warm and dry homes as soon as possible. Our regional team will be coordinating their response with MHUD who have a 60-cabin regional allocation.

Other Emerging Issues

- Continued weather events within the last reporting period have exacerbated flooding in vulnerable and prone communities.

Waikato-Wairiki

Top priorities for this region:

1. Continuation of whenua clean-up compounded by further flooding, and assessing and preparing whare impacted by ongoing adverse wet weather are priorities.
2. Māori Business Community affected or at risk of being affected by adverse weather events Te Whanau a Apanui, agencies and local organisations are at the planning stage of multi-day pakihi resilience training events. Key to local organisations' role at a community level, this will ensure reach into rural communities as well as building networks of support.

Community: North Waikato

- Whenua clean-up continues with the hiring of large machinery to clear debris caused by ongoing flooding. The continued adverse wet weather compounds the already flooded area and highlights the importance of protecting whare previously damaged from past weather events.
- TPK working with Te Whakaruruhau o Waikato to access MHN Cyclone Gabrielle funds to repair weather-damaged homes in Port Waikato and Tuakau.

Community: Harataunga

- Recent adverse wet weather continues to cause access issues to parts of Hauraki. Focus is on preparing and assessing whare that continue to be impacted. Funds at this stage have been directed to purchase generators, containers and scoping connectivity options to support power and internet access should communities become isolated in the future.
- TPK working with Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki to access MHN Cyclone Gabrielle to repair weather damaged homes in Harataunga and Coromandel areas.
- Te Ahi Kaa Incorporated acquired civil defence emergency management resources in preparation for any future weather events. Equipment accessed includes a generator and trailer, secured lockable storage unit, survival kits and solar power unit to support the entire community.

Māori Business Community: Te Moana a Toi

- Delivery of environmental scans and support including planning in the event of future adverse weather for up to 50 Māori businesses continues.
- The planning of multi-day resilience Pakihi training by Te Whanau a Apanui, local organisations and agencies will facilitate a number of opportunities such as access to resources including sustainable practices, training pathways and building networks of support.

Ikaroa-Rāwhiti

Top priorities for this region:

1. Public service sector visibility, agreed shared intel and decision-making in recovery to seize opportunities, avoid duplication and take an equitable approach to funding and support across the public service sector.
2. Continued support across our impacted Māori communities moving from response funding leaning into housing repairs and silt and debris.
3. Continued joint collaborative approaches to Māori communities to drive responses from their locality plans.

Marae

- The whareniui and wharekai at Puketawai Marae in Tolaga Bay were heavily impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle, both buildings were covered in silt and incurred other damages due to flooding. Puketawai Marae Committee has been successful in their funding request and received \$195,000 to support them to acquire the necessary tools for silt removal and clean up, engaging in technical support to provide whanau with accurate information regarding the current state of the whare and its future, and to then facilitate those conversations with whānau. They aspire to shift their whare, and the funding will help them to guide their decision-making whilst simultaneously helping them to return their marae to its original state.
- Tawhiti a Maru Marae and Takitimu Marae in Te Wairoa have both been severely affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. An architect has provided a list of needs of each marae which includes, crystallising the initial marae masterplan to allow for staged re-development in an ordered and functional manner, design and documentation for construction of the redevelopment of the wharekai, alongside helping with the repairs to the Church and the installation of a new and purpose-built effluent system and a number of other services to each marae which includes silt removal and clean-up and the costs associated with facilitation of wananga to whanau so that they are empowered to make decisions regarding their next steps. Minister Jackson visited these marae when he came to Te Tairāwhiti and has expressed that they are both considered high needs. This was the catalyst for ensuring that they could access funding. TPK Ikaroa-Rāwhiti has funded Te Wairoa Tapokorau Whanui Trust (acting on behalf of Takitimu Marae and Tawhiti a Maru Marae) \$383,656 to deliver the services that they have outlined in their application.
- Moteo and Omaha marae have been supported by Te Puni Kōkiri Takitimu Regional office to negotiate funding and support for their cleanup and recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle.

Whenua Māori

- Takapau Arero Urupā between Tokomaru Bay and Tolaga Bay was severely damaged after Cyclone Gabrielle. The urupā itself is covered under eight inches of silt which has covered the entire urupā. The headstones are almost completely covered and whānau are unable to access them to identify which graves are which as their access has been stopped by the surrounding trees falling over the accessway, broken fences which have become a health hazard and the silt being another health hazard. TPK will assess Paripoupou 1E application of \$150,000 for the clean-up of Takapau Arero Urupā and assist them identify next steps.

Housing

- Te Puni Kōkiri met with Waiohiki Community leads to discuss housing repairs to support their most vulnerable community, uninsured whanau. Te Puni Kōkiri shared how the existing housing repairs programme previously focussed on Maori owned homes that needed critical repairs support however given Gabrielle, we have now pivoted our funding efforts to support those Maori owned homes impacted that had no home insurance. Te Puni Kōkiri has asked that they provide us with the names and addresses of the whanau so that regional office can make contact to include them into our programme. They have four whanau that they with no insurance.
- One whanau advised that they had just received another month's allowance through TAS so they could continue to stay in the whare they are renting, previously she advised they had been all split up, some whanau at Tamatea (Waipatu Marae) and others with whanau, the disconnection from each other has been difficult. Being reconnected in the same home has brought a sense of relief. One whanau have moved out of their TAS hotel to go renting, her Nan and Aunty are in temporary accommodation but noted that Nan is looking forward to a TAS cabin so she can be back home on her whenua. This is an ongoing issue that regional office are prioritising.



Programme Updates



Housing

Tairāwhiti:

- Of the **109 cabins (serviced and un-serviced) 92 were in place** as of yesterday with 4 more being sited today. These cabins are spread between Wairoa in the south to Potaka in the north.
- The remaining **13 cabins will be in place by the 13th of June** and TAS has extended the accommodation arrangements for those whānau impacted by this 2 week delay.
- Gisborne District Council is working with Toitū Tairāwhiti to develop the consenting processes for temporary accommodation post 31 August. It is intended that all repairs will be completed on impacted homes by 31 August 2023.
- Toitū's cabin programme is now completed so future requests are now being managed by TAS.
- A repairs programme is now in place with three teams of trades people working through the impacted homes. This programme includes: removing damaged areas, cleaning (silt removal & sanitisation), and completing repairs
- Homeowners are also working with the power company to reconnect to power so that dryers can be installed to get moisture levels down to enable repairs to be completed – doesn't impact stages 1 and 2 being completed.
- A programme to lift a number of homes above the flood levels will start in July.
- Community members from Te Karaka got to voice their issues and concerns with Gisborne District Council at a hui held last Sunday.
- It has been noted that recovery teams are working 7 days per week and that this needs to be managed to avoid burnout.

Wairoa:

- Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa is leading the recovery efforts in Wairoa alongside Te Whare Maire o Tapuwae.
- More than **50 assessments of flood-impacted homes had been completed** at the end of last week which are being used to develop a programme of repairs with the Gisborne regional office.
- An **initial delivery of 16 cabins** has been provided to Wairoa by Toitū Tairāwhiti with Tātau now looking to deliver an additional 50 cabins to impacted whānau.
- Te Whare Maire is providing wrap-around support for whānau.

Mohaka/Raupunga:

- Ngāti Pahauwera reached out to Toitū, seeking assistance for families in their community who have been displaced due to flooding in Hawkes Bay and Wairoa. These families have returned to their homes, which require repairs, but have no other place to go. **Toitū has agreed to provide up to 30 cabins** to address this need. A follow-up program will also be implemented to assess and repair the affected homes.

Ngāti Kahungunu:

- Toitū have agreed to send through 24 flatpack cabins** to get them started on delivering to impacted whānau in Hawkes Bay.

Hawkes Bay:

- TPK Regional staff are collaborating with affected communities, as well as with TAS and HUD.
- In Porangahau, **11 impacted homes were assessed**, and a programme of repairs has started.
- Omahu has identified **33 homes that have been impacted and require assessments** to be completed. These assessments will inform the repairs needed for each home.
- In Waiohiki, **4 homes have been identified as impacted and will require assessments** to determine the necessary repairs. The number may potentially increase to 8 pending insurance decisions.
- Tangoio has identified **11 homes that have been impacted and require assessments** to determine the necessary repairs.
- Regional staff are working closely with Petane and Moteo communities to identify impacted homes requiring repairs.

Temporary Accommodation Service (TAS):

- Working with Omahu to finalise the temporary accommodation needs – looking at a mix of cabins and townhouses.
- TAS connected with Maungaharuru Tangitū to deliver temporary accommodation and provided **5 cabins into Porangahau and one in Waipawa**.
- TAS is working with Wairoa District Council and Tātau Tātau on several sites to build pod villages.
- They are also working with Rongowhakaata Iwi, Te Poho o Rawiri Marae and Gisborne District Council on several sites in Gisborne and at Whakarua Park in Ruatorea to build pod villages.

Case Study



Community of Priority: Te Aitanga a Mahaki- Marae Project

- Community of Priority: Te Aitanga a Mahaki- Marae Project Te Aitanga a Mahaki have been approved \$791,000 for their Cyclone Gabrielle Response and Recovery efforts. Three marae were severely affected during Cyclone Gabrielle, Rangatira Marae and Takipu Marae in Te Karaka and Te Wainui Marae in Whatatutu. All three marae have suffered differently with Rangatira having been most severely flood affected.
- The Trust have planned to deliver a number of services to marae which include, silt clean up, engaging specialist resource for technical, and other professional advice, assessments and options relating to damage from the cyclone; building condition assessments, geotechnical assessments, and architectural concept plans. They are also looking to hire temporary ablutions which were washed away during the cyclone.
- A project of this magnitude has many sensitivities, some of the challenges include changes to the costs associated with delivering this project, changes in umbrella organisations, low trust to work with other Government agencies and supporting kaitono through this process. The Tairāwhiti Acting Team Leader has brokered relationships with other agencies/organisations including DIA, Red Cross and MSD who are willing to come through and scaffold our funding streams so that nothing falls through the gaps and the needs of the marae are addressed. This has been successful and we have implemented this approach into a number of other projects associated with the Cyclone Gabrielle response.

Other Government Agency Updates*

**Each fortnight we will provide an update from a different agency*

Ministry of Housing and Urban Development

- HUD has generously provided 60 cabins for Taitokerau and an additional 40 cabins for Waikato-Port Waikato and Hauraki, which is in addition to the already allocated cabins for Tairāwhiti, Wairoa, and Hawke's Bay as mentioned in the Housing Programme updates section.

Ministry for Primary Industries

- The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is supporting the purchase of vital seed stock to assist in the recovery of Northland's kumara industry.
- The Northern Wairoa Vegetable Growers Association and Vegetables New Zealand will receive \$269,500 to buy bins of kumara. The seed kumara will be distributed to growers affected by Cyclone Gabrielle to use for the 2023/24 season.
- More than 90 per cent of the country's commercially grown kumara is sourced from the area based around the Northern Wairoa River, but during Cyclone Gabrielle many suffered significant crop losses, making it difficult to get enough seed stock from their own farms.
- Funding for the Seed Contingency Plan came from the \$4 million set aside to help rural communities with immediate recovery needs in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle.

Ministry of Social Development

- The Ministry of Social Development (MSD) Response Team is working with primary industry growers that are at risk of ceasing operation due to the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle on their land and crops.
- MSD is utilising their products and services, such as Flexi-wage to support affected business owners, they are also contracting resources to liaise with the business sector to help broker solutions for the retention and redeployment of affected employees.
- There is currently around a 60 per cent uptake from Māori for MSD's Industry Partnership programmes indicating the rebuild could provide more opportunities for Māori.
- Civil defence payments show that Māori were heavily affected by the severe weather events as they were a higher proportion of recipients than non-Māori.



Cyclone Gabrielle Māori Communities Response Funding

Committed (Approved)

\$8.90m

94 kaitono supported

Pipeline

\$0.1m

1 kaitono

Remaining

\$0m

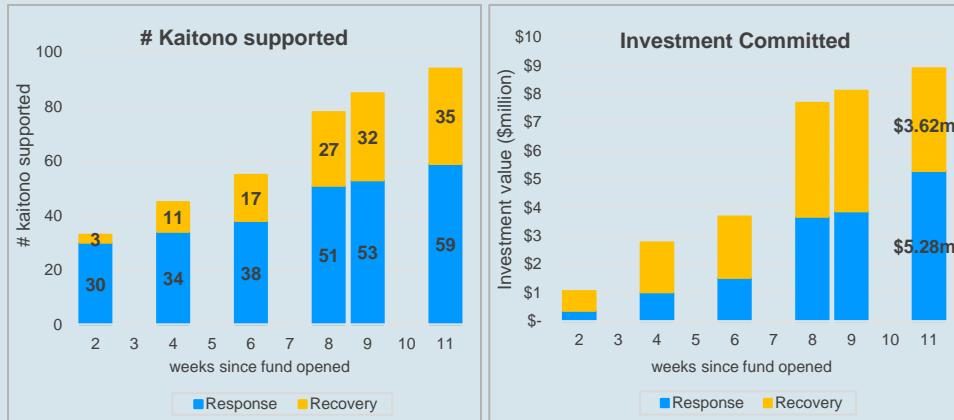
As of 2 June 2023 **\$9.0 (100%)** of the \$9m allocation is either committed or pipelined across **95 kaitono**; no funds remain. This is **\$0.79m** new investment in **9** new kaitono since the previous report. The pipeline consists of 1 application for **\$0.1m**, which is expected to be the final investment for the Fund.

The highest value project is **\$0.79m** (to support the recovery of Rangatira Marae, Takipū Marae, and Te Wainui Marae). The average contract value is \$95,000.

Te Puni Kōkiri has currently invested an additional **\$1.14m** across 5 kaitono in projects to support future emergency preparedness and resilience from other investment funds. There is a strong pipeline of kaitono seeking support for future emergency preparedness planning.

Investment Committed to Response and Recovery

Most investments (63%) have supported kaitono in their immediate response to the Cyclone (e.g. provision of food, water, and power) to a total of **\$5.28m**. The proportion of investment in recovery activities (e.g. procurement of specialist advice for repairs and planning for future preparedness) is **\$3.62m**. Recovery activities cost more (average project value is \$103,500) compared with response activities (average project value is \$89,500). Tairāwhiti has invested the majority (97%) of their allocation in response activities.



Investment Committed across Focus Areas

The funding invests across 3 focus areas:*

- Capability and capacity
- Planning and coordination infrastructure
- Cultural infrastructure
- Most investment (44%, **\$3.88m**) has supported capability and capacity, and planning and coordination infrastructure (35%, **\$3.12m**).

*Where applications address more than one focus area, the contract value has been averaged across the focus areas.

- Capability and capacity
- Planning & coordination infrastructure
- Cultural infrastructure



Tāmaki-Makaurau

Allocation:	\$0.50m
Committed:	\$0.50m, 9 kaitono
Remaining:	\$0 (fully committed)
Response investment	\$0.24m (48%)
Recovery investment	\$0.26m (52%)

No new projects were funded this fortnight as the allocated funds have been fully committed.

Waikato-Wairiki

Allocation:	\$0.50m
Committed:	\$0.50m, 4 kaitono
Remaining:	\$0 (fully committed)
Response investment	\$0.31m (61%)
Recovery investment	\$0.19m (39%)

No new projects were funded this fortnight as the allocated funds have been fully committed.

Te Tai Tokerau

Allocation:	\$1.92m
Committed:	\$1.92m, 35 kaitono [+ \$0.10m, 2 kaitono*]
Remaining:	\$0 (fully committed)
Response investment	\$0.53m (28%)
Recovery investment	\$1.39m (72%)

Two new projects have been funded this fortnight:

- Waikara Marae and Whakarongotai Trust have been supported to improve their emergency preparedness for future extreme weather events through the purchase of emergency preparedness equipment including power generators, battery inverters and modules, and solar power infrastructure.
- Te Pouna Marae has been supported to secure appropriate assistance to repair damage surrounding the Marae.

Ikaroa-Rāwhiti - Tairāwhiti

Allocation:	\$3.05m
Committed:	\$3.05m, 21 kaitono [+ \$0.21m, 2 kaitono*]
Remaining:	\$0 (fully committed)
Response investment	\$2.83m (93%)
Recovery investment	\$0.22m (7%)

Two new projects have been funded this fortnight:

- Paripoupou 1E has been supported to repair and restore the Takapau Arero Urupā. This will include earthworks and associated machinery, silt removal, support for workers and volunteers, site surveying and engineer assessments, and project management support.
- Tātau Tātau Horticulture Limited Partnership have been supported with the coordination of repair to orchards damaged by the cyclone and provide additional management support to recover from the disruption to business operations.

Ikaroa-Rāwhiti - Takitimu

Allocation:	\$3.03m
Committed:	\$2.93m, 25 kaitono [+ \$0.48m, 5 kaitono*]
Pipeline:	\$0.1m, 1 kaitono
Remaining:	\$0.1m
Response investment	\$1.37m (47%)
Recovery investment	\$1.56m (53%)

Five new projects have been funded this fortnight:

- Wharariki (Flax) Trust has been supported to provide emergency preparedness equipment (such as medical supplies, communication equipment and survival resources) for the Ocean Beach (Waipuka) community.
- The recovery efforts of Maungaharuru Tangitū Charitable Trust have been supported with FTE for a Recovery Manager, Recovery Analyst and two Kaiāwhina, and a temporary Kōhanga Reo site and relocatable outdoor play equipment.
- Te Kupenga Hauora-Ahuriri have been supported to assist whānau in addressing the spiritual, mental and physical impacts of the cyclone through the practice of Mirimiri and workshops.
- Timi Kara Marae were supported to hold a whānau wellbeing day at the Marae and to collect data from the whānau and community to inform future emergency planning and preparedness.
- Te Priinga Manatapu Incorporated were supported with a contribution towards costs incurred by Māori Wardens supporting the cyclone response across Tairāwhiti and Hawkes Bay.