

Regional Observations

Te Tai Tokerau

Top priorities:

1. **Housing repairs** - There has been an increase in demand for housing repairs as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle.
2. **Kai security** - Communities are anxious about the cost of living, including the affordability of kai. E.g. seedlings for next season's crop will be less given there are no seed banks e.g., Kumara in Kaipara (includes onions and rīwai).
3. **Climate change** - Carbon zero - Due to the inflation rates, whānau traveling across the rohe are impacted by the high cost of planned travel given the closures on SH1 roads in **Tai Tokerau** e.g., Dome Valley, Brynderwyn, Mangamuka.

Marae

- Marae and hapū continue to be our priority focus through our Cyclone Gabrielle response and recovery efforts. In this reporting period we have invested in one collective community response (**Tai Timu Tai Pari**) that will assist six marae, one kura Māori and a Māori provider to prepare for future weather events. **50+ marae** have been directly supported to date between February and April 2023. We currently have one Iwi application covering five Marae and a co-funded marae application with DIA in assessment. We expect to have allocated the \$1.8m by the end of April.

Housing

- Iwi and community providers who have been providing support to whānau during Cyclone Gabrielle have highlighted the need for housing repairs in the **Kaipara**, and on the **Ngāti Wai Coast**. A plan is being drafted to prioritise repairs funding for whare affected and damaged by CG. The majority are requiring roof repairs and replacement before winter sets in.

Other Emerging Issues

- Increased interest from whānau wanting to return to their whenua to live. Sustainable, affordable housing solutions are the priority for whānau who live in rural, isolated communities.
- No insurance coverage is becoming a common issue.

Waikato-Wairiki

Top priorities:

1. **Māori Business community recovery** across **Te Whānau-ā-Apanui** and the wider **Eastern Bay of Plenty** supported via environmental scans and recovery plans (assessment, development and implementation) for up to 50 Māori Businesses impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle.
2. **Community Recovery focused on housing assessments damaged by cyclone**, and building resilience consists of purchasing critical resources including generators, temporary water infrastructure and water storage units, containers for the purpose of self-reliant evacuation centres, and scoping/planning an Iwi satellite communication centre.

Māori Business Communities

Te Whānau-ā-Apanui & the wider Eastern Bay of Plenty

- Toi EDA (administrators of Kānoa) will work with up to 50 Māori Businesses and undertake i) project management, ii) complete environmental scans and reports, iii) FTE resource for the purpose of data collection and compilation, and funding liaison, iv) hireage of heavy machinery for clean-up and to protect against future extreme weather events, v) purchase of a generator to continue operations and services to community where power supply affected.

Hauraki

- **Te Whāriki Manawāhine O Hauraki** will support hapori and marae in **Manaia, Harataunga, Koputauaki, Whangapoua** and **Paretu** via the i) purchase and distribution of generators, purchase and install of temporary water infrastructure and/or water storage units, ii) damage assessment on 25 houses, iii) scope cost and plan for Iwi Kainga satellite communication centre, and iv) purchase 6 containers for the purpose of building self-reliant evacuation centres.

Port Waikato

- **Te Whakaruru 2013** incorporated will work with whānau and kaumatua living in Port Waikato on i) cyclone clean-up, ii) assess damaged whare, iii) restoration of damaged access ways and water and waste systems, and iv) complete minor works to protect whare from future adverse weather events.

Harataunga

- **Te Ahi Kaa Training and Social Service Centre** Incorporated will continue to support **Harataunga Marae** and the surrounding community via cyclone recovery activities and building resilience. Specifically, this includes i) purchase of generator and mobile storage equipment, ii) project management and administration costs associated with planning and assessments for future emergency events, and iii) 'by kaumatua for kaumatua' - cultural expertise and advice to ensure specialised care and needs of community kaumatua are met in emergencies.

Te Tai Hauāuru

- Te Tai Hauāuru are currently supporting **Wairarapa and Tararua regions**. \$200,000 is available, however, according to our assessment the impacted areas have utilised their own insurance, or another means to cover their losses.
- There is potentially one whānau in the Tararua rohe that might be eligible for funding, however we are still waiting to see if they meet all the requirements.

Tāmaki Makaurau

Top priorities:

1. **Cyclone Gabrielle Māori Communities Response Fund** – expecting to fully deploy the fund in the next few weeks.
2. **Auckland Recovery Group** - understanding the 'new' Minister for Auckland's priorities, advocating for Māori and equitable resourcing.

Infrastructure

- **Hapori Māori in Te Pūaha O Waikato** alongside power and water outages were isolated due to road closures. The Port Waikato Holiday Park (now operated by local Māori) was able to provide services due to their previous investment in solar energy.

Marae

- **Haranui Marae** in South Kaipara suffered a 4-day power outage but was still able to offer accommodation and support to affected whānau. We continue to work with other marae who have sustained moderate to light damage.

Māori Business

- **Whāriki (Māori Business Network)** continues to provide linkages and resources to support Māori businesses. An earlier survey delivered by Whāriki alongside the Auckland Chamber of Commerce found that under-insurance and no insurance was a priority issue for Māori businesses.

Community / Whānau Wellbeing

- **Tuwhera Trust**, a small provider in Waiuku South Auckland received referrals from Auckland Emergency Management (AEM) and delivered direct response services (mainly kai and supporting whānau access to services) without capability or capacity support. This strained BAU delivery.
- The **Huakina Development Trust** used drone technology to do a scan of marae and communities out to **Te Pūaha O Waikato** (Waikato River mouth).
- **Taikura Trust (TT)**, a not-for-profit organisation provided support to whānau with disabilities across Tāmaki Makaurau. Support included the provision of planning and coordination for emergency response and direct support to tangata whaikaha.

Ikaroa-Rāwhiti

Top priorities:

1. **Facilitation and brokerage** – access to services and communities
2. **Marae physical infrastructure and future planning**
3. **Whenua Māori**

Whenua Māori

- **Takapau Arero Urupā** in Tokomaru Bay is covered under 8 inches of silt from Cyclone Gabrielle. Whānau have mobilised and are meeting to mark out headstones and identify whānau of the tūpāpaku. The whānau of Takapau Arero require specialist advice to support their decision-making around the restoration of their urupā as well as funds to assist the clean up. Regional staff are exploring options to enable whānau.

Marae

- Regional Advisors met with **Trustees of Taihoa Marae** who have been actively supporting and housing whānau in Wairoa since Cyclone Gabrielle, 8 weeks ago. Whilst they have received financial support from DIA it does not cover the ongoing costs of the marae such as power, food, utilities etc. The whānau of **Taihoa Marae** feel as though they've picked up the responsibilities of various agencies and have been expected to do so for free. TPK and DIA are working together to see how more funds can be made available to support Taihoa Marae to continue to provide refuge for whānau who have been adversely affected by Cyclone Gabrielle.
- Tairāwhiti Regional Advisors met with trustees of **Hinemaurea ki Mangatuna Marae** which was badly damaged following Cyclone Gabrielle. TPK and DIA are working together to provide a collaborative approach to support **Hinemaurea ki Mangatuna**. They are now looking to amend their application to reflect financial support from their insurance and other funds.

Housing

- Whānau of 7 evacuated from their home in Ruatoria during Cyclone Gabrielle. They moved to **Heopera Marae** and have been at the marae ever since. They are fearful of moving home because the river and neighbouring stream have eroded the land their home is on. They have fears that the next rain will take the house completely. They have been referred to **Kainga Ora, TAS and Toitu Housing**. Toitu Housing will be delivering temporary accommodation to Tikapa in 2 weeks time.

Other Emerging Issues

- **Ngāti Porou** has been facilitating a number of community debriefs within its tribal boundaries to review the Cyclone Gabrielle Response with the Local Civil Defence Teams and their hapū Leads. The conversations are framed towards developing and resourcing a Ngāti Porou recovery plan that focuses entirely on all whānau who live within the Ngāti Porou rohe.
- **Te Aitanga a Mahaki** are also taking the same approach and looking to develop, manage and implement their own recovery plan.



Programme Updates



Other Agency Update

Each fortnight we will provide an update from a different agency

Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

- MBIE through their Regional Skills Leadership Group (RSLG) has shared with Te Puni Kōkiri Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery insights and initiatives that they are involved with.
- The Hawke's Bay Region is focused on recovery that reflects the needs and priorities of the local community. Te Matau a Māui Hawke's Bay Councils, Iwi leaders and the Government are working to ensure a coordinated recovery and rebuild that is locally led.
- MBIE reported that 1,147 whānau homes across the Hawke's Bay region are yellow stickered and 107 red stickered. A significant number of marae have also reported damage, three citing moderate damages and one citing major damages.
- Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa event "Thrive, Kai and Kōrero" gave 200 whānau the opportunity to engage with agencies, iwi and community providers. The kōrero with whānau highlighted key issues impacting the community, including: Temporary Accommodation Services (TAS) placements creating transport challenges; the desire for recovery efforts to move at the pace of the community; and the need for coordinated cross-agency communication. An 'all government hub' was put in place in Wairoa to engage with the business community and link to business recovery support mechanisms.



Housing

Tairāwhiti:

- Toitū Builtsmart have completed the first 6 of the 50 whare āwhina (non-serviced cabins) which are going out to sites this week. These will now be rolling out on a regular basis.
- More serviced cabins are arriving this week from out of the district – 2 will be located in Wairoa.
- Ngāti Porou have added 12 more whānau needing temporary accommodation (Tokomaru to Ruatorea). Uawa (Tolaga) have added 9 whānau.
- Budget allocation for silt removal (160 whare) and repairs (65 whare) were approved.
- Repairs will start on the first 6 homes on Monday (subject to moisture levels) - have reached out to the Army to support with repairs programme – awaiting decision.
- Minister Allan in Te Karaka along with whānau were interviewed on TVNZ Breakfast show last week.

Wairoa:

- Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa has signalled that they now want to lead the recovery process in Wairoa.
- Need human resourcing and a close partnership with both Te Whare Maire (WO provider) & Enabled (CHP) – TPK staff now seconded to Tātau Tātau to support the recovery process.
- Need to identify the temporary housing need for whānau that require urgent repairs to their homes, and whānau now awaiting homeownership (Enabled can support here).
- Two more serviced cabins are being delivered this week (mentioned above) with an additional 9 potential cabins allocated for Wairoa, based on need (still to be identified).
- Regional staff engaging with Tātau Tātau regarding the repairs programme.
- Early indications are 189 Māori homes impacted with 69 of these uninsured (36%).

Takitimu

- In **Pōrangahau**, a coastal settlement in Central Hawkes Bay, 33 Māori homes were impacted. 11 of whom are uninsured (33%).
- In **Omahu**, inland from Hastings, 153 Māori homes were impacted, 61 of whom are uninsured (40%). A temporary accommodation proposal from the community is lodged with TAS. These include cabins and townhouses located on the marae and on individual whānau properties.



Enterprise

Wairoa

- The Māori Enterprise (ME) team attended the government event at the Wairoa Community centre on Wednesday 5 April.
- This event was arranged by Tātau Tātau ki Te Wairoa, a community Trust based in Wairoa who expressed there was little visibility of government agencies post the cyclone.
- It was an opportunity for government agencies to answer questions and advise what support is available for whānau and businesses in Wairoa.
- TPK joined MPI, MSD, MBIE, IR and Stats with each agency having its own table set up and local advisors based in the region.
- The main themes for Māori businesses were seeking help with insurance applications, a suggestion that business workshops with professional advisors be held in Wairoa rather than travelling to Gisborne and also advice on re-setting their business needs was required.
- The theme for TPK in general was the housing matters with whānau still living in stickered homes and seeking advice on repairs and housing accommodation options.

Hawke's Bay

- The local Regional Business Partner is the Hawkes Bay Chamber of Commerce which was selected by MBIE to distribute the MBIE cyclone and flood funds to support businesses that have been impacted and are unable to operate their businesses in the region. TPK supported Māori businesses to access and apply for funds to the HB Chamber. TPK also advocated for Māori representation on the assessment panel to ensure that Māori applications were considered.
- The ME team has been managing a contract with a local business service provider who has been commissioned to provide professional services to pakihi Māori who have been impacted by the cyclone and floods in Hastings and Napier.
- The ME team continues to be involved with facilitating businesses to government agencies, insurance companies and other business providers.

Gisborne

- The ME team has been managing a contract with a local business service provider who has been commissioned to provide professional services to pakihi Māori who have been impacted by the cyclone and floods in the Gisborne region.
- The ME team continues to be involved with facilitating businesses to government agencies such as IR, MPI, insurance companies and other business providers.



Whānau Ora

Tairāwhiti

- A total of \$250,000 in cyclone relief funds has been disbursed to Ngāti Porou Oranga, with the allocation divided between providing consumable resources (40%) and structural support (60%). Additionally, \$10,000 from the whānau direct fund has been redirected toward purchasing essential items to provide further assistance.

Wairoa

- \$250,000 has been allocated to support families to purchase household items and equipment to support the clean-up of Wairoa. Priority items from this expenditure include clothing, followed by kai, bedding, kitchen and pēpi supplies.

Ikaroa

- As part of the Cyclone Gabrielle relief efforts, Ikaroa has been allocated \$250,000 in funding, which has been divided equally between Te Kūpenga and Te Taiwhenua to enable both regions to provide tailored support to their respective communities. In response, Te Kūpenga and Te Taiwhenua have mobilized a team of over 30 staff and volunteers each day to assist whānau with cleaning up their homes and restoring them to a safe and habitable condition.

Te Pae Herenga o Tāmaki

- In response to the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle, a total of \$865,000 has been invested so far to provide immediate support to affected communities, with a shift towards rebuilding now underway. According to reports, the top three support services that have been provided are mental health assistance, medical support, and advocacy. As for recovery efforts, the top five investments made thus far include provisions such as food, bedding, generators, essential items, and home repairs.

Officials anticipate additional insights on the investment and support provided to whānau, as well as further updates on the rebuilding phase in the next round of reporting.



Cyclone Gabrielle Māori Communities Response Funding

Committed (Approved) \$3.68m 55 kaitono supported	Pipeline Applications being assessed \$1.73m, 9 kaitono Applications under discussion \$2.43m, 16 kaitono	Remaining \$1.16m
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As of 28 April 2023 **\$5.41m of the \$9m allocation** is either committed or being assessed for funding across 64 kaitono.

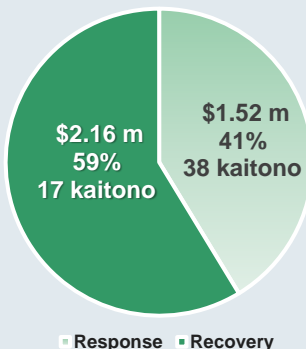
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Since the 14 April fortnightly update:

- **\$0.91m** of new investment has been committed.
- **19** new kaitono have been supported with funding.
- **25** new kaitono have applications in the pipeline.
- **13%** of the fund allocation (**\$1.16m**) is remaining.

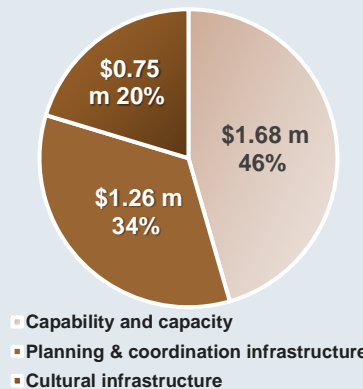
Investment Committed in Response and Recovery

Most applications have supported kaitono in the immediate response to the Cyclone (e.g. provision of food, water, generators). However the amount of investment in recovery is greater (e.g. procurement of specialist advice for repairs and planning, and future preparedness support). The distribution between response and recovery activities is similar to the previous fortnight's report.



Investment Committed across Focus Areas

The fund invests across 3 focus areas:
 • Capability and capacity
 • Planning and coordination infrastructure
 • Cultural infrastructure
 Most investment to date has supported capability and capacity (where applications address more than one focus area, the contract value has been average across the focus areas).



Tāmaki-Makaurau

Allocation:	\$0.50m
Committed:	\$0.09m, 4 kaitono [\$0, 0 kaitono*]
Applications being assessed:	\$0.34m, 3 kaitono
Remaining:	\$0.08m
Applications under discussion:	4 kaitono

No new projects were funded this fortnight, although there are 3 applications under assessment with kaitono seeking to build their future emergency preparedness capability and capacity, including Tuwhera Trust, Huakina Development Trust Board and Te Kotahi a Tāmaki.

Waikato-Wairiki

Allocation:	\$0.50m
Committed:	\$0.50m [\$0.50m, 4 kaitono*]
Applications being assessed:	\$0, 0 kaitono
Remaining:	\$0m (fully committed)
Applications under discussion:	0 kaitono

The full allocation was committed this fortnight. Funded projects this fortnight include:

- Toi Economic Development Agency has been supported to work with up to 50 Māori businesses within the coastal communities of Te Whānau a Apanui (Pōtaka to east of Opotiki) and wider Eastern Bay of Plenty (including Murupara and Ruatāhuna) to undertake clean-up and to develop and implement recovery plans.
- Te Ahi Kaa Training and Social Service Centre Incorporated has been supported to continue to support Harataunga Marae and the surrounding community with cyclone recovery activities and future resilience through the purchase of generators, storage equipment and assessment and planning for future emergency events.
- Te Whakaruruahu 2013 Incorporated have been funded to support whānau and kaumatua living within the Port Waikato rohe with clean-up activities, assessment of damaged whare, restoration of damaged access ways, water and waste systems, and to complete minor works to protect whare from further damage.

Te Tai Hauāuru

Allocation:	\$0.20m
Committed:	\$0m [\$0, 0 kaitono*]
Applications being assessed:	\$0m, 0 kaitono
Remaining:	\$0.20m
Applications under discussion:	0 kaitono

No projects were funded this fortnight. Kaimahi continue to meet with communities to identify future emergency preparedness and resilience needs. No immediate needs have been identified and the funds can be reallocated to other regions for the immediate response.

Te Tai Tokerau

Allocation:	\$1.80m
Committed:	\$1.59m, 28 kaitono [\$0.08m, 4 kaitono*]
Applications being assessed:	\$0.04m, 1 kaitono
Remaining:	\$0 (fully committed)
Applications under discussion:	\$0.22m, 3 kaitono

Funded projects this fortnight include:

- Waimarie o Whatitiri Marae have been funded to support whānau/hapū and hapori within Poroti with services, resources, and machinery to support emergency preparedness to respond to future severe weather events. This will include wananga to prepare for future events and understand whānau needs, and purchase equipment for future energy, storage and clean-up events in the future emergency events.
- Korokota Marae have been funded to support local whānau/hapū with resources and training to support future emergency preparedness such as generators water pumps, emergency medical supplies, and wananga to use emergency equipment and develop the marae emergency response plan.

Ikaroa-Rāwhiti - Tairāwhiti

Allocation:	\$3.00m
Committed:	\$0.27m, 7 kaitono [\$0, 0 kaitono*]
Applications being assessed:	\$1.22m, 3 kaitono
Remaining:	\$0.79m
Applications under discussion:	\$0.73m, 5 kaitono

No new projects were funded this fortnight, although there are 3 applications under assessment with kaitono seeking to support for immediate clean-up costs, and seeking specialist support for assessment of taonga (including Takipu Marae, Rangātira Marae, Te Wainui Marae, Takitimu Marae and Hinemaurea Marae) damaged during the cyclone. Facilitation of wānanga with whānau/hāpu to capture whānau needs is also sought. Applications are in development with other marae in Wairoa (Taihoa Marae, Tawhiti-maru Marae) and with Te Whare Maire o Tapuwae to support the Wairoa Emergency Hub.

Ikaroa-Rāwhiti - Takitimu

Allocation:	\$3.00m
Committed:	\$1.24m, 13 kaitono [\$0.33, 4 kaitono*]
Applications being assessed:	\$0.14m, 2 kaitono
Remaining:	\$0.20m
Applications under discussion:	\$1.42m, 4 kaitono

Funded projects this fortnight include:

- Moteo Marae to support its hapori and community recovery through the purchase of replacement furnishings for the wharenui, repair of water drains, and equipment to provide future emergency preparedness, including generators and portable toilets.
- Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotu to continue operating their community wellbeing hub for the impacted marae, whānau and community of Ahuriri. This includes providing water testing for eight marae, and support for the food hub operations, such as the call centre, food parcel preparation and distribution, as well as purchasing communications equipment to provide resilience to future emergency events.

*indicates increase since previous update on 14 April 2023