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**Working Together to
Prevent and Reduce
Homelessness**

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Introduction

The Aotearoa New Zealand Homelessness Action Plan (HAP) Phase One (2020-2023) (action plan) was launched in February 2020 and sets out a multi-year approach to deliver on the vision that 'homelessness is prevented where possible, or is rare, brief and non-recurring'.

This report shows progress made on the implementation and delivery of the immediate and longer-term actions over the six months from September 2021 to February 2022.

Key progress in immediate actions

Prevention: Individuals, families, and whānau receive the support they need so that homelessness stops happening in the first place

- **increasing the number of Sustaining Tenancies places:** at the end of December 2021 there were 1,051 participants engaged in the programme and 583 who have completed the programme. An additional 200 Māori and/or Iwi places have been identified and work is underway to secure these.
- **new accommodation places to support young people leaving Oranga Tamariki care:** 95 places were secured as of February 2022.
- **implementing pilots to support people leaving acute mental health and addiction inpatient units:** the Auckland and Waikato pilots are in place with 23 people supported to date across both sites, 17 placed into housing, and 6 are transitioning from the hospital setting.
- **developing new accommodation places to support women leaving prison:** 22 women have entered the service across Te Aroha and Hamilton since the initiative commenced.
- **developing new accommodation places to support returned overseas offenders:** 18 men have received or are receiving support through the initiative since 1 March 2021. Participants can stay in each whare for up to 6 months.

Supply: All New Zealanders have a place to call home and the number of individuals and whānau staying in emergency accommodation is reduced

- **a continued increase in transitional housing:** 1,005 places were delivered as of February 2021, achieving the target set in the HAP. A further 2,000 new transitional housing places were committed to in Budget 2020 to be delivered by June 2022 and 1,561 of these additional places have been delivered as of February 2022.
- **investment delivered through He Kūkū ki te Kāinga:** 100% of funding has been allocated to He Kūkū ki te Kāinga providers, with 70 new houses delivered for 158 individuals/whānau, exceeding the target of 50 new houses for 100 individuals/whānau.
- **establishing a progressive home ownership scheme:** is in place through implementation of the Progressive Home Ownership Fund (PHO). Applications for the PHO opened in October 2021 with 414 applicants meeting the eligibility criteria, and more than 2,500 people have started the application process. Since October 2021, four homes have been purchased with the assistance of First Home Partner.

In the Te Au Taketake and Provider pathway, 16 loan facility agreements have been made available to providers to support the development of 227 PHO homes around the country. To the end of February 2022, 58 households have moved into new PHO homes.

Support: Individuals and whānau experiencing homelessness move quickly into stable accommodation and access wider support to address needs

- **piloting a rapid rehousing approach:** as of February 2022, 735 people engaged in the service and 278 people have been housed.
- **established Housing Brokers:** 21 housing broker roles are currently in place and since 1 July 2021, 824 whānau have been assisted in accessing private rental housing. 555 people in this cohort were previously housed in emergency housing. A further 269 preventive outcomes were achieved where a possible entry into emergency housing was prevented.
- **embedded Ready to Rent courses:** are being delivered across all 13 MSD regions.
- **established Flexible Funding package for whānau with children in emergency housing:** providing the flexibility to help families with children in emergency housing with a range of needs where other government support is not available.
- **expanded supports to more people in emergency housing:** over 90% of all MSD clients in emergency housing having been allocated a case manager or intensive case manager.
- **continue to roll out Housing First:** as of January 2022, 4,289 households have been accepted and 1,326 households have been housed by the programme. An evaluation of Housing First is currently underway.

System enablers: The system supports and enables our vision and together we can address homelessness

- **investment delivered through He Taupua:** to support projects that add to the capability of whānau trusts, Ahuwhenua trusts, hapū, Iwi, and registered Māori housing providers. In addition, investment through Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga has continued to support the growth of Iwi and Māori housing providers.
- **completion of round one of the Local Innovation and Partnership Fund:** round one of the fund was oversubscribed and \$4.1m was committed through seven round one grants. Round two fund applications opened from November 2021 to February 2022.
- **ongoing involvement of people with lived experience of homelessness:**

Te Matapihi, with Community Housing Aotearoa, in their role as Homelessness Sector Services have been commissioned to design and implement a sustainable framework that gives integrity to the voices of whānau with lived experience. Insights from those voices will inform policy and service design to fulfil the needs of future generations . There is a collective commitment to establish this work as a priority over the next 18 months.

Longer-term actions – priority areas of focus

The next period of implementation will prioritise work on five actions:

- strengthening the Homelessness Sector to be more responsive to the needs, issues and challenges experienced by Māori and building the capacity of Māori organisations to provide Kaupapa Māori approaches and solutions to reduce homelessness for Māori
- ongoing delivery of public and transitional housing supply
- support for rangatahi young people experiencing, or at risk of homelessness
- improving access to health and mental health and addiction support for people experiencing homelessness
- strengthening prevention measures aimed at reducing the use of emergency housing over time.

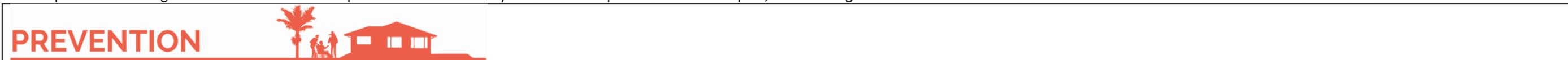
Key progress in other longer-term actions

Work continues on other longer-term actions throughout 2022.

- **Strengthening homelessness early intervention and prevention measures:** work is being undertaken to identify further early intervention and prevention measures, including those that connect to other pieces of work already underway across government, particularly other HAP initiatives.
- **Strengthening supported housing approaches:** progressing work alongside a review of the Housing First programme and work on emergency housing to ensure that people can access the type of support they need and that funding meets current and future demand. One component is the development of a framework for Single Site Supported Housing, with the first application of this Framework being at the Kāinga Ora Greys Ave project in Auckland scheduled to open this year.
- **Supporting the capability and capacity of providers delivering services:** supporting capability and capacity of the sector remains key to delivering effective homelessness responses, working alongside the sector to support providers.
- **Developing homelessness responses for cohorts at risk of homelessness including Pacific peoples, disabled people and older people:** progress to develop responses for Pacific peoples includes to finalise a Pacific Housing Strategy and action plan and as part of the Ministry for Pacific People's (MPP) Pacific Housing Initiative, two organisations are being supported to increase their capacity and capability to become community housing providers.
- **Review the effectiveness of existing support services:** continuing to understand the effectiveness of existing supports, and how homelessness initiatives informed by international models can be best tailored to meet needs in Aotearoa New Zealand.
- **Strengthening place-based homelessness assessment, referral, and information processes:** developing enhanced referral processes between agencies and providers, with a focus on prevention and early intervention.

Status of Immediate Actions as at February 2022

The 18 immediate actions will support over 10,000 individuals and whānau with an investment of over \$300 million, in addition to the significant investment in increasing public housing and MAIHI Ka Ora – Māori Housing Strategy. The plan includes longer-term actions to be developed over the next three years and future phases of the action plan, summarizing the 18 immediate actions in the Aotearoa New Zealand Homelessness Action Plan.



Individuals, families and whānau receive the support they need so that homelessness stops happening in the first place

Prevention actions work to ensure individuals and whānau receive the support they need so that homelessness stops happening in the first place. Pathways into homelessness are varied, and there are many touch points where people are interacting with other government agencies or other organisations in their communities. Support at the right time can prevent someone from becoming homeless or needing emergency housing. Immediate actions will help people address issues that put their tenancies at risk and support people at points where they are at risk of homelessness. In the longer-term, agencies will continue to embed prevention responses and work to better coordinate services so that no one falls through gaps in support.

Action (and responsible Agency)	Description and expected outcome areas	Status update August 2021	Status update February 2022
Partner with Māori, Iwi, hapū, and marae to prevent homelessness through whenua-based initiatives (HUD)	The focus of this initiative is on prevention of homelessness among Māori through whenua-based initiatives. These whenua-based activities aim to identify and reduce system barriers at the local level, enable further housing delivery and support whānau Māori into housing solutions. Expected Outcome Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient housing supply Responsive, appropriate support system 	In place HUD continues to work with a number of Iwi and hapū who own or have access to whenua Māori. Investment is being delivered through the He Taupua fund to support projects that adds to the capability of whānau trusts, Ahuwhenua trusts, hapū, Iwi, and registered Māori housing providers. These groups utilise kaupapa Māori approaches to deliver housing related services that assist whānau experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. One hundred percent (100%) of funding has been allocated, with 58 of the 106 contracted deliverables achieved to date. There has been an increase from 9 Māori housing providers at the start of 2019, to 19 as of August 2021.	In place Existing He Taupua funding has supported Iwi, hapū and Māori entities to build their capability to develop housing initiatives and homelessness responses on their whenua. One hundred percent (100%) of the funding has been allocated to He Taupua providers, with 108 contracted deliverables achieved to date. Funding guidelines have been developed for the next round of He Taupua to build capability of Iwi and Māori providers and this round is now open. Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga has allocated \$30 million for the continued capability building of Iwi and Māori housing providers, with a focus on supporting Iwi, hapū and Māori entities to develop their whenua for housing. This funding is intended to strengthen Māori capability to deliver housing supply in the present and into the future. Cabinet approval of the MAIHI Ka Ora Implementation Plan operationalises the MAIHI Ka Ora – National Māori Housing Strategy, providing guidance on affecting further positive change with Iwi, hapū, whānau and Māori.
Redesign and expand Sustaining Tenancies (HUD)	This initiative redesigns and expands Sustaining Tenancies. Sustaining Tenancies provides tailored support to assist people with a range of needs such as mental health and addiction, budgeting, or homecare to maintain existing tenancies. Expected Outcome Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to support Responsive, appropriate support system 	In place The revised target of creating 2,150 additional Sustaining Tenancies places by June 2021 has been achieved. As at the end of July 2021, there were 1,056 participants engaged in the programme and 396 who had successfully completed the programme. Funding to support 200 additional places has been identified within the original budget and work has commenced to progress this opportunity. These additional places will prioritise areas with little or no service coverage for whānau Māori tenants.	In place Redesign and initial expansion of Sustaining Tenancies is complete. In the previous reporting period, 2150 places were contracted, but this has been reassessed down to 2075 places as at the end of December 2021, to reflect capacity of providers related to impacts of Covid through the second half of 2021. It is expected the target of 2,150 will be met in the coming months. There are 1,051 participants engaged in the programme and 583 positive exits from the programme. An additional 200 Māori and/or Iwi places have been identified and work is underway to secure these.

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Expand housing support for young people leaving Oranga Tamariki care (OT)	This initiative extends supported living placements to eligible young people leaving Oranga Tamariki care, or youth justice, to support them into adulthood. Expected Outcome Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient housing supply Responsive, appropriate support system 	In place As of August 2021, Oranga Tamariki have delivered 77 placements. Up to 30 additional places are due to come online in the coming months. More places are due to be rolled out in the next 6 months, predominantly in the South Island to better address the previously mentioned low availability areas. COVID-19 and the constraints of the housing market continue to impact delivery.	In place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oranga Tamariki have delivered 95 placements for young people leaving care. Supported Accommodation (part of the Transition Support Service) is delivered by community providers who facilitate the development of life skills and interpersonal skills needed for independent living and is designed to have a long-term relationship-based focus.
Improve transitions from acute mental health and addiction inpatient units (MOH)	This initiative seeks to develop a pilot programme to help strengthen and improve housing and wraparound responses of Mental Health Inpatient Units when discharging service users who have experienced or are at risk of homelessness back into the community. Expected Outcome Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient housing supply Improved access to support Responsive, appropriate support system 	In Place In the last six months this initiative has come into place, with the Auckland and Waikato pilot services now operational following delays experienced due to the COVID-19 Delta outbreak further impacting the health system. In the three months it has been operational, the Auckland service has engaged with 11 clients.	In place Twenty three (23) Tangata Whaiora are being supported across both pilot sites. Despite significant challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Waikato DHB Rapua Te Ahuru Mowai – Mental Health Transitions pilot service became fully operational in October 2021. The Auckland DHB pilot has also continued with service delivery through the current COVID-19 resurgence. The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted on service delivery at both sites affecting staffing levels, client engagement, access to housing and the availability of appropriate housing for Tangata Whaiora using the service. It is likely that the Omicron variant of COVID-19 will also impact negatively on service delivery and the Ministry will need to understand its impact over the next six (6) months.
Support women/wāhine who are leaving prison (Corrections)	This initiative seeks to provide safe and stable accommodation with reintegration support services for women/wāhine leaving prison. Expected Outcome Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient housing supply Responsive, appropriate support system 	In place Since the February 2021 report, four additional clients have entered the service bringing the total to 17 women across Te Aroha and Hamilton. The number of women in prison has been steadily reducing over the past year. With the prison population dropping, this cohort of eligible women is also reducing.	In place Twenty two (22) women have entered the service across Te Aroha and Hamilton since initiative commencement. Two of these women have come back into the service from the community, rather than prison, as they are supported through RAW's (the provider RAW 2014 Ltd) 'Alumni' programme which is ongoing support for women who have previously completed the RAW programme and transitioned out of the service. This initiative has been funded for nearly two years, with the third, and final, year commencing 1 March 2022. The number of women entering the service continues to be lower than the target, 20 per annum. The number of women in prison has been steadily reducing over the past year with the prison population dropping, this cohort of eligible women is also reducing.
Support returned overseas offenders who are homeless (Corrections)	This initiative provides accommodation and support for returning overseas offenders with high and complex needs deported or returned to New Zealand. Expected Outcome Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient housing supply Responsive, appropriate support system 	Underway Twelve (12) men have been placed with the Auckland and Lower North services, following 1 March 2021 commencement dates. The third service, Christchurch, is on track to be in place before the end of the 2021 calendar year. There is also work being done towards expanding the Auckland service. Securing appropriate and suitable locations that fit with local planning requirements remains a challenge currently.	In place/Underway Eighteen (18) men have received or are receiving support with the Auckland and Lower North services through this initiative since 1 March 2021. A suitable property has been identified for a Christchurch service, with activity ongoing to secure this. Work to establish a second Auckland service has been affected by the recent COVID outbreaks.

SUPPLY



All New Zealanders have a place to call home, the use of motels for emergency housing is reduced

There needs to be enough houses for people to call home. Increasing public housing and affordable housing is a key part of any response to homelessness, and crucial to the success of the plan. Despite the significant investment already made, demand for public housing is increasing faster than new supply and, in some locations, new supply is needed urgently. Action is needed now to reduce the number of individuals and whānau currently staying in emergency accommodation. Immediate and longer-term actions will focus on increasing supply of different types of housing, with a focus on working with Māori Community Housing providers and other Māori and Iwi providers.

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Urgently increasing supply to reduce the use of emergency accommodation (HUD, KO, MSD)	This initiative seeks to urgently increase the supply of transitional housing places to help reduce the use of emergency accommodation such as motels. Transitional housing provides individuals, families, and whānau with a warm, dry, safe place to live and wraparound services while they are supported in finding longer-term accommodation. Expected Outcome Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient housing supply 	Delivered This action was delivered in February 2021 with 1,005 places made available across New Zealand. Continuing to increase new build housing is one of the longer-term actions in the action plan and agencies continue to work at pace to increase supply. Through the Public Housing Plan 21-24 we have committed to delivering another 2,000 transitional housing places by June 2022. One thousand (1,000) of these additional places have been delivered as of November 2021. Agencies are continuing to work at pace to deliver the next 1,000 places by June 2022.	Delivered Continuing to increase new build housing is one of the longer-term actions in the action plan and agencies continue to work at pace to increase supply. Through the Public Housing Plan 2021-24 (PHP) the Government has committed to delivering another 2,000 transitional housing places by June 2022. Fifteen hundred and sixty one (1,561) of these additional places have been delivered as of February 2022. Agencies are continuing to work at pace to deliver the remaining places by June 2022.
Support Māori Community Housing providers and other Māori and Iwi providers (HUD)	The focus of this initiative is on supporting Māori Community Housing providers to expand their services and use land for transitional housing and long-term housing in areas of greatest need of homelessness support. Expected Outcome Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient housing supply Responsive, appropriate support system 	In place Investment delivered through He Kūkū ki te Kāinga to support Māori housing providers and other Māori and Iwi providers to expand supply. Ninety seven percent (97%) of funding has been allocated to He Kūkū ki te Kāinga providers, with 67 new houses delivered for 156 people/whānau. Some examples of funding contributions under this action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment in an Iwi social housing project that includes providing wrap-around support that attends to homelessness Support for the necessary investigations, project establishment, feasibility concept design, building consents, resource consent and financial feasibility required for funding applications needed to support the building of six homes Assistance to support project management of a hapū social housing project using a kaupapa Māori approach to working with whānau to increase housing supply and help address homelessness. 	In place Investment continues to be delivered through He Kūkū Ki Te Kāinga to support the increased supply of housing. Funding allocated to providers from the He Kūkū Ki Te Kāinga fund has led to 70 new homes delivered for 158 individuals, exceeding the original fund targets of 50 new homes and 100 individuals. 100% of funding has been allocated, with all 78 contracted He Kūkū ki te Kāinga deliverables completed.

SUPPORT



Individuals and whānau experiencing homelessness move quickly into stable accommodation and access wider social support to address needs.

Through the action plan more support will be provided for individuals and whānau experiencing homelessness to move as quickly as possible into stable accommodation and access wider social agencies. Some individuals and whānau require more support to navigate through the system of organisations and services designed to help. Support provided should involve identifying and addressing a range of individuals' needs, including any need for on-going assistance. The approach to working with people will be culturally appropriate and tailored to individuals and whānau. Housing First will continue to be the core response to chronic homelessness.

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Pilot a rapid rehousing approach (HUD)	<p>This initiative pilots a Rapid Rehousing approach. The Rapid Rehousing Trial aims to help individuals, family, and whānau quickly exit homelessness, return to permanent housing in the community, and maintain their tenancies. The Rapid Rehousing approach is being trialled by existing Housing First and homelessness support services providers.</p> <p>Expected Outcome Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to support • Responsive, appropriate support system 	<p>In Place</p> <p>The Rapid Rehousing initiative is in place as of August 2021. With 524 people engaged in the service and 159 people housed, the initiative is on track to meet the target output of 549 contracted places within the Rapid Rehousing pilot by December 2021. Services were delayed due to COVID, and as experienced with previous new services, there has been a slow uptake. Most providers have completed contracts to deliver the service. Two new regions have been added since the last public report – Rotorua and Gisborne were contracted from 1 July 2021.</p>	<p>In Place</p> <p>As at end of December 2021 there were 735 individuals/whānau engaged in service, with 278 individuals/whānau housed. 39 individuals/whānau have graduated from the programme. Five hundred and forty four (544) of the target 549 contracted places have been achieved, with more places due to be confirmed in the coming months. Services were delayed due to COVID, and as experienced with previous new services, there has been a slow uptake. The pilot is due to end in September 2022.</p>
Expand supports to all people in emergency housing (MSD)	<p>This initiative extends Intensive Case Management services and navigation services to a broader cohort of people who are receiving Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants over 7 days.</p> <p>Expected Outcome Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to support • Responsive, appropriate support system 	<p>In place</p> <p>This action is now operating as business-as-usual within MSD, with 25 Intensive Case Manager (ICM) roles in place. Over 11,700 unique clients accessed either the ICM or Navigator services (or both) between September 2019 and June 2021. Early findings from the initiative evaluation confirm that clients in Emergency Housing see obtaining a secure rental as the biggest goal and success factor (whether that be public housing or private rental). The fact that there is limited housing stock available meant MSD received mixed reviews in relation to how effective the service is. However, staff and contracted support agencies can see the difference it makes in clients who are generally more confident engaging with the system (as difficult as it is), maintaining their current accommodation, and are able to access their entitlements and necessary supports to maintain some level of wellbeing.</p>	<p>Delivered</p> <p>This action is fully implemented and operating as business-as-usual within MSD. Over 90% of all MSD clients in Emergency Housing have been allocated a case manager or an Intensive Services Case Manager (ICM). Ready to Rent programmes are provided in every region and all regions have dedicated housing broker services. Flexi funding is also utilised in all regions to support people in Emergency Housing. Findings confirm that clients in Emergency Housing see obtaining a secure rental as the biggest goal and success factor (whether that be public housing or private rental). With limited housing stock available, MSD have received mixed reviews in relation to how effective these services are.</p>

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Introduce housing broker roles (MSD)	This initiative will help people in emergency housing and on the public housing register who cannot sustain a tenancy. Expected Outcome Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to support • Responsive, appropriate support system 	In place This action is now operating as business-as-usual within MSD. Twenty one (21) Housing Brokers roles were implemented by May 2020, and they continue to work to find properties for clients. Housing Brokers have built connections with local landlords and property managers, promoting MSD clients as potential tenants, and matching clients with housing opportunities in the private rental market. Approximately 3,600 clients were referred to the Brokers by staff, though not all of these were ready to sustain a rental. Over 1,200 households were assisted to secure a private rental by the Housing Brokers over the 2020/21 financial year.	Delivered This action is fully implemented and operating as business-as-usual within MSD. All regions have dedicated Housing Broker services in place except for Northland, where it was identified that there is not enough housing stock available to make it a viable service to run. From 1 July 2021, 824 whānau have been assisted in accessing private housing and 555 people in this cohort were previously housed in emergency housing. A further 269 preventive outcomes were achieved where a possible entry into emergency housing was prevented.
Better prepare people for private rental (ready to rent programmes) (MSD)	The Ready to Rent initiative aims to prevent homelessness by partnering with NGOs to deliver a nationally recognised and standardised programme; providing clients with the necessary education, practical skills, and confidence they require to secure and sustain tenancies in the private rental market. Expected Outcome Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to support • Responsive, appropriate support system 	In Place This action is now operating as business-as-usual within MSD. A total of 51 courses were run between 1 April 2020 and 30 June 2021. These programmes were spread across 9 regions. Nearly 800 clients were referred as a potential candidate for the course, and over 350 clients completed a course. Since then, courses have now been run in all 13 MSD regions. Generally, all attendees of the course are staying in Emergency Housing, and a significant number have gone on to secure private rentals in the weeks or months following. For example, five Taranaki families were able to secure a home before Christmas 2020 after taking part in the region's first Ready to Rent programme in November.	Delivered This action is fully implemented and operating as business-as-usual within MSD. Courses have now been run in all MSD regions and generally, all attendees of the courses are staying in Emergency Housing, and a significant number have gone on to secure private rentals.
Flexible funding package for whānau with children in emergency housing (MSD)	The flexible fund initiative gives the flexibility to help families with children in emergency housing with a range of needs, where other government support is not available. It will help keep children connected with school, early childhood education and other activities important for their wellbeing – for example by paying for transport to school Expected Outcome Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to support • Responsive, appropriate support system 	In place Initial intentions in 2019 were for this fund to be used for one-off needs or payments specific to one child or family. Over time, this has been adapted to recognise the wider-scale challenges and disadvantage children staying in motels are facing. Flexible funding has covered extra-curricular activities, or activity packs for children during lockdown. The impacts on families and the increased expenses that come from being dislocated from usual networks are wide ranging and always changing. Flexible funding allows for provision of things 'out of the ordinary' to the usual benefit system that help children engage positively and enable moments of 'normality' amongst the challenges of living in EH.	Delivered This action is fully implemented and operating as business-as-usual within MSD.

SYSTEM ENABLERS



The system supports and enables our vision and together we can address homelessness

Preventing and reducing homelessness, requires everyone to work together to respond to the different challenges faced in communities around New Zealand. The system needs to support and enable the action plan vision and together we can address homelessness. Actions focussed on building the capability and capacity of the workforce are a crucial component of any response, along with collaboration and better data and information on homelessness.

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Create a local innovation and partnership fund (HUD)	<p>This initiative creates a local innovation and partnership fund (LIPF). The LIPF supports local initiatives to respond to and prevent homelessness.</p> <p>Expected Outcome Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to support • Enabled housing system 	<p>In Place</p> <p>Six of the seven applicants for round one of the Local Innovation and Partnership Fund have their initiatives underway. The Minister agreed to a revised timeline for opening round two, due to the impact of the August 2021 COVID-19 community outbreak and the subsequent alert level changes on homelessness and social care providers capacity to respond to the fund and develop applications. The opening of the Fund has been delayed and will now open for applications in November 2021.</p>	<p>In Place</p> <p>All seven grants for round one of the Local Innovation and Partnership Fund have been signed off and initiatives are underway. Examples of grant recipients and the work they are doing are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Rotorua, Te Taumata o Ngati Whakaue Iho Ake Trust is working with individuals and whānau experiencing homelessness or at risk of being homeless to develop and design a Te Arawa centric financial education support package (wananga). • In Tamaki Makaurau, Kahui Tu Kaha is working with a takatapui advisor group (with lived experience of homelessness) to co-design and develop a wrap-around service tailored to support the needs of takatapui in shared or individual tenancy. <p>Round Two of the Fund was open for applications from November 2021 to February 2022.</p>
Build capacity and capability of Māori providers (HUD)	<p>The focus of this initiative is to build the capacity and capability of Māori providers and services working with Māori experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>Expected Outcome Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient housing supply • Responsive, appropriate support system 	<p>In place</p> <p>HUD has continued to support Iwi and Māori providers and organisations with funding to build capability. Investment is being delivered through the He Taupua fund to support projects that build the capability of whānau trusts, Ahuwhenua trusts, hapū, Iwi, and registered Māori housing providers. These groups utilise whānau-centred kaupapa Māori approaches to deliver housing related services that assist whānau experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.</p> <p>One hundred percent (100%) of funding has been allocated, with 58 of the contracted deliverables achieved to date. There has been an increase from nine Māori housing providers at the start of 2019, to 19 as of August 2021, because of He Taupua funding.</p>	<p>In place</p> <p>Existing He Taupua funding has supported Iwi, hapū and Māori entities to build their capability to develop housing initiatives and homelessness responses on their whenua. One hundred percent (100%) of the funding has been allocated to He Taupua providers, with 108 contracted deliverables achieved to date. Funding guidelines have been developed for the next round of He Taupua to build capability and capacity of Iwi and Māori providers and this round is now open.</p> <p>Whai Kāinga Whai Oranga has allocated \$30 million for the continued capability building of Iwi and Māori housing providers, with a focus on supporting Iwi, hapū and Māori entities to develop their whenua for housing. This funding is intended to strengthen Māori capability to deliver housing supply in the present and into the future.</p> <p>Cabinet approval of the MAIHI Ka Ora Implementation Plan operationalises the MAIHI Ka Ora – National Māori Housing Strategy, providing guidance on affecting further positive change with Iwi, hapū, whānau and Māori.</p>

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Enable and support Kaupapa Māori approaches (HUD)	The focus of this initiative is on enabling organisations to take Kaupapa Māori approaches in developing and delivering services to achieve Māori housing and wellbeing outcomes. Expected Outcome Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient housing supply Responsive, appropriate support system 	In place One hundred percent (100%) of funding has been allocated, with 58 of the contracted deliverables achieved to date. There has been an increase from 9 Māori housing providers at the start of 2019, to 19 as of August 2021, as a result of He Taupua funding. Investment is delivered through the He Taupua fund to support projects that build the capability of whānau trusts, Ahuwhenua trusts, hapū, Iwi, and registered Māori housing providers. These groups utilise whānau-centred kaupapa Māori approaches to deliver housing related services that assist whānau experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. The current contracts are progressing well and continue to provide support to whānau Māori. HUD continues to socialise MAIHI and the value of kaupapa Māori approaches with other agencies associated with the implementation of the Homelessness Action Plan.	In place He Taupua provides funding support to Iwi, hapū and Māori entities to develop Kaupapa Māori approaches to building housing on their whenua. One hundred percent (100%) of the funding has been allocated to He Taupua providers, with 108 contracted deliverables achieved to date. Funding guidelines have been developed for the next round of He Taupua to build capability and capacity of Iwi and Māori providers. This round is now open. Cabinet approval of the MAIHI Ka Ora Implementation Plan operationalises the MAIHI Ka Ora – National Māori Housing Strategy, providing guidance on affecting further positive change with Iwi, hapū, whānau and Māori.
Ongoing involvement of people with lived experience of homelessness (HUD)	This initiative will set up meaningful ongoing engagement of people with lived experience of homelessness to provide insights, views and voices within Government policy, evaluation, design, and delivery work on homelessness at a local, regional, and national level. Expected Outcome Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsive, appropriate support system Enabled housing system 	Under development HUD continues to work with Homelessness Sector Services to develop and progress towards implementation of this initiative. A proposal to design and deliver a model to gather voices of lived experience has been agreed to, with procurement activity planned. This activity will commence in February 2022.	Under development This activity will commence February 2022.
Improve evidence and data on homelessness (HUD)	The data and evidence initiative seeks to build a comprehensive, fit for purpose, evidence, and data system for homelessness, and deepen understanding of what responses work, for whom and under what circumstances. Expected Outcome Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsive, appropriate support system Enabled housing system 	Underway / Under development HUD continues to progress the Data & Evidence work programme to deliver improved evidence and data on homelessness. This includes developing the tools to measure progress towards the action plan's vision.	Underway The Data & Evidence initiative is underway. Activity in the past six months includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> development of measurement tools to determine progress the HAP is making towards its vision designing HUD's approach to homelessness measurement including work to identify evidence gaps, and development of a plan to ensure the right data is collected to effectively measure homelessness preparation for the development of a Homelessness Strategic Outlook report that will progressively tell a richer story over time as more information is available.

