

## **Appendix One – Summary of relevant existing funding by agency**

### ***Ministry of Social Development***

#### Income support

There are existing support mechanisms for people who are affected by the impact of the resurgence of COVID-19 such as the Wage Subsidy Scheme and existing income support through MSD.

The purpose of the wage subsidies has been to support businesses, including self-employed people, to contribute towards the wages of workers and protect jobs. This does not meet the needs that are outlined in this paper.

This proposed package is intended to meet the immediate needs of those who are not able or unwilling to access these support mechanisms for a range of reasons such as mistrust in government agencies, people who are required to self-isolate and main concern is food access, people who are experiencing family and sexual violence during Alert Level 4 and 3, young people and peoples who's needs fall outside of the parameters of the income support system.

In the first instance, providers and communities (through community providers and MSD) will be supported to access existing income support through MSD.

#### Access to food

The Food Secure Communities programme was funded in Budget 2020 (\$32 million over two years). This funding is to help meet the additional demand during COVID-19 lockdowns on foodbanks, food rescue and other community providers. Through this funding:

- 131 foodbanks, food rescue and community providers around New Zealand are currently getting funding to help with increased demand.
- Access to food stocks through food rescue organisations and other food hubs has increased including:
  - The New Zealand Food Network was established to distribute surplus food from large scale food producers (over 3,100 tonnes of food – about 8,972,771) distributed through 50 food hubs.
  - Local food rescue organisations are distributing 90% more food compared to pre-COVID-19, totalling nearly 8,700 tonnes (or 24,776,731 meals); this includes 16% from New Zealand Food Network.

Two umbrella groups have also had funding: Kore Hiakai Zero Hunger Collective and Aotearoa Food Rescue Alliance. These organisations continue to work MSD to strengthen the food security sector.

### Community grant funding

MSD distributed the Community Awareness and Preparedness Grant Fund (CAPG Fund), which was established by the Government to provide immediate support to communities during the COVID-19 lockdown in early 2020.

MSD was allocated \$36.0 million from Budget 2020 for the Community Capability and Resilience Fund (CCRF) for initiatives that support the rebuild and recovery from COVID-19.

### Family and Sexual Violence

The Budget 2020 Family Violence package helped to address cost pressures faced by providers in a pre-COVID-19 environment. This funding aimed to pay the existing 200 family violence providers for the work they are already doing, and the demand they were already facing (existing demand).

MSD currently contracts 40 NCIWR and 17 independent refuges nationwide. These refuges are currently providing support to New Zealanders, and are best placed to provide continued support during lockdown, as they did in 2020.