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Meeting

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For: Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister for Social Development and
Employment
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Meeting with Hon Poto Williams on Resilience to Organised Crime in Communities

Meeting details 2.30 pm -3.00 pm, Monday 21 February 2022

Expected attendees Hon Poto Williams, Minister of Police
Hon Carmel Sepuloni, Minister of Social Welfare and Employment
Serena Curtis, General Manager, Pacific and Community Capability, Ministry of Social Development

Purpose of meeting Meeting with Hon Poto Williams regarding the Resilience to Organised Crime in Communities work programme.

Suggested talking points I am aware that Serena Curtis from MSD has been engaged with Resilience to Organised Crime in Communities (ROCC) at a working group level over the past two years.

The MSD E Tū Whānau team work closely with and alongside many of our most marginalised communities including whānau affiliated to gangs and provide a transformative kaupapa Māori strategy based on tikanga and Māori values.

The E Tū Whānau team has helped bridge the gap and reconnect people in relation to identity, relationships, culture, and the support and services they may not have otherwise engaged with.

MSD have been supporting whānau affiliated to gangs who want to create positive change. It has been a longstanding feature of

the mahi at MSD and this experience has informed the engagement with the support of the ROCC programme.

I understand MSD are one of the participating agencies in supporting the multi-agency initiative, the Gang Intelligence Centre (GIC) and its efforts to understand and address the harms being caused by, to and within the New Zealand adult gang community.

MSD's Pasefika Proud Family Violence Prevention Programme actively partner with our colleagues across the NZ Police, Affirming Works Ltd and the Tongan Methodist Church. The focus of that is to identify ways to arrest the targeted gang recruitment of Tongan youth in Otara and to develop an Otara focussed Youth Development Strategy.

Key issues

Operational decisions around continued funding and sustainable resourcing to support the partnership group beyond June 2022.

Next steps

We will continue to engage in monthly partnership working group meetings and expand community stakeholder's representation.

We intend to draw on the evaluations to Affirming Works and Tongan Methodist Church's work in this area to inform and strengthen the direction these community-led interventions take to prevent youth recruitment into gangs.

We will also engage with the Ministry of Youth Development and discuss what if any, contribution they may be able to make in regard to work.

MSD will be looking at initiatives that have been supported through the Community Capability and Resilience Fund that may also support the intentions of the ROCC work programme. It is exploring opportunities to work more collaboratively with community groups and organisations that work with whānau who are impacted by organised crime.

Responsible manager: Serena Curtis, General Manager Pacific and Community Capability