

The work of the Ministry for Ethnic Communities, Te Tari Mātāwaka - since 2021

Influencing policy

Implemented recommendations from the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Terrorist Attacks on Christchurch Mosques:

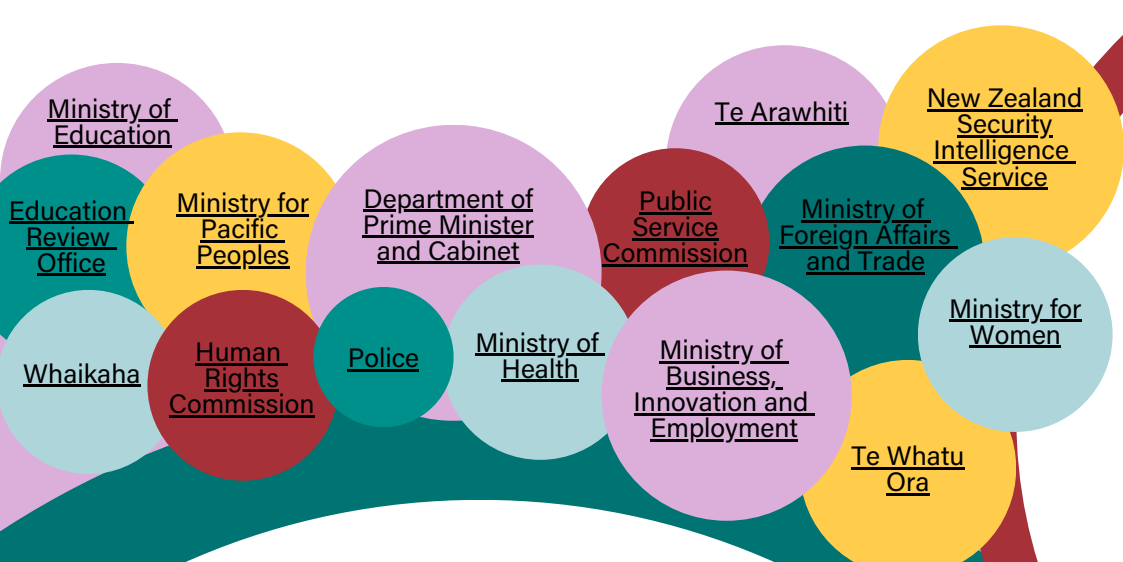
- Set up the Ministry
- Established a team to provide information about ethnic communities and help shape policy

We have:

- Partnered with the Education Review Office on the needs of ethnic communities and the challenges they face in education (**8** engagement workshops)
- Worked with the Ministry of Health on COVID-19
- Participated in efforts to improve diversity, inclusion and reduce ethnic pay gaps in the Public Sector
- Organised the Ministerial Business Roundtable with ethnic businesses, listening to their priorities and needs.
- Worked to strengthen relationships with tangata whenua and increase understanding of te ao Māori

We are working with:

- Statistics NZ, the Social Wellbeing Agency and other Government agencies to improve data regarding ethnic communities
- Ministry of Justice on the National Action Plan against Racism
- Ministry for Social Development on social cohesion
- A range of Public Sector Agencies including:



Ethnic Communities Graduate Programme

- **37** graduates across the first two intakes of the Graduate Programme
- **15** secured permanent roles in the public sector
- Intake 3 begins August 2023 with **17** graduates
- **21** host agencies across all intakes

Ethnic Communities Development Fund

We distributed approximately **\$8.4m** to about **450** organisations to help build social cohesion and community connections.

We took over administration of the fund from Department of Internal Affairs

We redeveloped the online Ethnic Communities Development Fund hub to make it more accessible and to highlight the use of the fund.

Celebrating the contribution of ethnic communities

Our Ethnic Advantage conferences brought ethnic communities together to be informed, inspired and form new connections. Over **550** people attended in Dunedin, Christchurch and Auckland.

Our Cultural Kōrero event explored early connections between Māori and Indians, and ethnic communities' contributions to the cultural and arts sector.

In May 2023, we held an EthnicBiz Forum, which **120** ethnic business representatives attended.

In 2022 we celebrated Eid al-Adha and Diwali, attended by **450** people.

In 2023 we celebrated Eid uh-Fitr and Chinese New Year, attended by **356** people.

Emergency response

We worked across **21** district health boards, and distributed **\$4m** to **78** organisations supporting the COVID-19 vaccination uptake.

15,000+ self-reported vaccinations by ethnic communities.

We engaged with **62** community organisations in support of Cyclone Gabrielle and the Auckland floods. We helped them secure access to funding, connect with ethnic service providers and facilitated the translation of communications.

Continuing to participate in cross-agency Caring for Communities CE and Deputy CE, NEMA and Regional forums to ensure the welfare needs of ethnic communities are met.

Connecting and supporting ethnic communities

We have engaged with more than **3500** community organisations, agencies, and individuals.

Supported Government initiatives such as:

- Census 23 (90% completion for ethnic communities and 27 languages included on the Census website)
- COVID-19 vaccination response
- The development of the New Zealand Health Strategy.
- Reducing family and sexual violence

Facilitated consultation on issues including:

- Barriers to participation by ethnic businesses and women
- Refugees' needs
- Response to crime affecting ethnic communities
- **26** Health Strategic engagements across **14** regions

We have:

- Produced **11** health education videos in **19** languages
- Worked to support the settlement of Afghan evacuees
- Co-led the consultation on the memorial to the victims of the Christchurch Mosque attacks
- Worked with the Muslim community, NZ Security Intelligence Service, Corrections and Police on the rehabilitation of youth vulnerable to extremism within the corrections system.

Increasing ethnic representation on public sector boards

- Currently **245** people in the Nominations Service database
- Nominated or endorsed **402** candidates

3 Te Hāpai Hapori - Spirit of Service Awards

- Prime Ministers Award 2022
 - Afghanistan Response
- Care in the Community
 - Welfare Response
- Covid 19
 - DPMC Strategy & Policy Group