

A close-up photograph of a green leaf with prominent red veins. The leaf is covered in small water droplets, and the veins are a vibrant red color. The background is a solid dark red color.

kore hiakai

Zero Hunger Collective

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End of Year Report



2020 – 2021 End of Year Report

Our vision: A Food Secure Aotearoa

*...e kore, e kore, e kore hiakai!**

Throughout 2018 and 2019 Social Service organisations came together to voice their concern at the increasing number of people seeking Food Parcels and food assistance to address the food insecurity they were experiencing. After engaging in wānanga across Aotearoa they decided to create a collective with a clear focus – uplift the mahi that community are doing across Aotearoa to combat food insecurity and to do the long, slow, deep work of addressing the root causes of food related poverty in Aotearoa.

The Kore Hiakai Zero Hunger Collective team began in November 2019 supported by six foundation partners – Auckland City Mission, VisionWest, Salvation Army, The Wellington City Mission, Christchurch City Mission and the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services. This mahi was possible through funding partnerships with the Ministry of Social Development (Food Secure Communities), Todd Foundation and the Lloyd Morrison Foundation.

In our first reporting year Kore Hiakai went from a series of engagement hui, a clear kaupapa, a partnership with MSD and a pathway forward to supporting our countrywide response to food insecurity in the midst of a pandemic. Beginning with community food organisation [COVID-19 guidelines](#) and regular surveys, Kore Hiakai reached further and further into the community food space gaining insight and ensuring that whānau could access food in the most mana enhancing way (despite the pandemic) and engaged in creative cross-sector conversations advocating for an accessible food supply for all in Aotearoa. We mihi to *Curative* who helped develop our voice and brand with integrity, including our [Kore Hiakai website](#), and [Kore Hiakai Theory of Change](#).

We also mihi to MSD and the work of the emerging *Food Secure Communities* team during the 2020 alert level 4 lockdown, and to the standing up of the *New Zealand Food Network (NZFN)* and *Aotearoa Food Rescue Alliance (AFRA)* during this time. Together we thrive!

Nau te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi

With what you have and what I have the people will thrive

In this second reporting year our mahi has increased. We have developed our [Mana to Mana Practice of Community Food Distribution](#). This whakaaro grounds our work in Te Ao Māori and is the foundation for all we do. We are now offering workshops with community food organisations engaging deeper in this work. A mihi to Alannah Marriott and all our Māori partners who helped us craft this, and to Ariki Creative for their incredible graphics work.

We have responded to the lack of understanding of how much food is being distributed across Aotearoa through Food Parcels with the ['What is a Food Parcel?' Research and the Aotearoa Standard Food Parcel Measure \(that includes a nutritional guide for community food distributors\)](#).

We have reached out and connected community food organisations across Aotearoa through our [interactive Community Food Organisation map](#), including 553 sites, 350 organisations, 200+ Foodbanks, 30 Food Rescue, 23 Pātaka Kai, 25 community meals, 220 Community gardens (205 are in schools), 5 fruit & veg co-ops, 32 New Zealand Food Network hubs.

We have supported the practice of community food organisations through a series of [webinars](#) in partnership with the MSD Food Secure Communities team, and a Kore Hiakai lead [Academic Symposium](#).

We have begun the journey of developing a Food Security Measure for Aotearoa including exploring the difference between [food insecurity/dependency and food security/sovereignty](#).

We continue to dig away at the other aspects of the root causes of food related poverty collaborating on the [Fairer Future Campaign](#) to increase base-line benefits, developing our own paper on 'Ka Mākona – income adequacy for low incomes' and contributing to the Mana Kai Initiative exploring a National Food Strategy/movement, this work is led by Aotearoa Circle and KPMG.

All of this mahi is shaped around our three Pou:

Systems Change, Mana Enhancing Practice of Community Food Distribution, & Relationship Building

framed through our values:

Systems Change Focused, Sustainability, Manaaki, Te Tiriti Grounded & Collaboration.

grounded in Te Ao Māori through:

ūkaipōtanga, whanaungatanga, manaakitanga,
kaitiakitanga, wairuatanga, kotahitanga, rangatiratanga.

All of this has been in the backdrop of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemics, which has seen a variety of community lockdown levels over the last 18 months. Each lockdown has presented unique challenges for those engaged in providing food assistance to those who experience moderate to severe food insecurity. Aotearoa New Zealand has consistently continued to export high quality food across the world, highlighting we do not have a food deficit but a lack of access, including affordability, to food for those on low incomes. Each subsequent lockdown has exacerbated the number of people who experience food insecurity as personal and whānau resources become exhausted. Whilst there have been some incredible community responses and a shift to creating kai sovereignty, the reality in many communities is that much of Aotearoa New Zealand still cannot access affordable, nutritious kai. Kore Hiakai will continue to collaborate to work towards a Food Secure Aotearoa.

Nga mihi nui ... Thank you to the Kore Hiakai kaimahi team.

Thank you to the governance group, past and present – Helen Robinson & Murray Edridge co-chairs, Zucchi Leonard, Jono Bell, Nikki Hurst and Sam Bogusz, and to Jodi Hoare, Brook Turner and especially to Trevor McGlinchey for calling us all together in the beginning.

Thank you to the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services for being our host organisation, and to our funders – MSD, Todd Foundation & Lloyd Morrison Foundation, to the Todd Kai Sovereignty Community of Practice and the PMP & Todd Systems Change Community of Practice, to our Food Secure Communities partners – MSD, NZFN & AFRA, to the numerous community food organisations who share their wisdom and dream of a different future, all who innovate to find more mana enhancing and sustainable ways of doing kai in our communities, and to all those who have had meaningful and often uncomfortable conversations with us about realising a *Food Secure Aotearoa*.

He kai kei taku ringa: I have food / abundance at the end of my hands.

He kai kei tātau ringa: We have abundance amongst us

*Nga manaakitanga,
Tric Malcolm*

Pou Ārahi, Kore Hiakai Zero Hunger Collective

Kore Hiakai Zero Hunger Collective Governance Group



Zucchi Leonard, Sam Bogusz,
Murray Edridge (Co-Chair), Wayne Paaka (Pou Māori)
Helen Robinson (Co-Chair), Nikki Hurst (absent).

Kore Hiakai Zero Hunger Collective Team



Tric Malcolm, Tammie Stroman, Wayne Paaka,
Jennie Sim, Barbara Annesley
*Mihi to Chriss Bull who was part of the
Kore Hiakai team from April 2020 to Feb 2021.*

Ngā mihi to the Kore Hiakai Funders



and MSD Food Secure Communities Partners



*The name Kore Hiakai was gifted to us by Trevor McGlinchey and Hana O'Regan of Ngāi Tahu.
It comes from whaikorero claming "e kore, e kore, e KORE HIAKAI!"
"there will be no, absolutely no, NO HUNGER!"



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