Pacific families & Children "Thriving not just Surviving" Canterbury Earthquake

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Demographics of NZ Pacific

In 2006:

• Pacific people made up 6.9% of the New Zealand population

• While the Pacific population of Canterbury (2.6%) is lower than the overall national percentage, similar to the National picture, it is the fastest growing population, it increased by 26.8% since 2001, much greater than the national rate which during the same period increased by 14.7%

The World Health Organisation (WHO)

defines health equity as

'the absence of unfair and avoidable differences in health among population groups'

For example....

Access to resources or distribution of resources

Supermarkets

- corner diaries; alcohol & fast food outlets

Governance has failed in one of its prime responsibilities:

"ensuring fair access to basic goods and opportunities that condition people's freedom to choose a life-plan they have reason to value."

(Commission on Social Determinants of Health, 2007)

What we know...

Current Health Services today

'one size fits all'

...and the outcomes have NOT improved!!

Significant Social Determinants of Health

Low income
unemployment and
low levels of education



This has exacerbated and made worse the social determinants for our Pacific

Aftershocks

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- Epidemics increase in infectious diseases
- Accommodation Crisis
- Overcrowding
- Work pressures
- Pressures for children increase responsibility

Task is beyond the capacity of the health sector alone...

THEREFORE:

Interventions aimed at reducing disease and saving lives will only succeed...



when we take the social determinants of health **ADEQUATELY** into account !!!

WHANAU ORA





EMPOWERING FAMILIES/WHANAU

Pacific Health Outreach – Christchurch City wide

- Facilitated by the Ministry of Health
- Pacific Provider collaboration
- 8 week community snapshot of needs
- Door knocking and referral
- Community workshops
- Flu vaccinations

Target individuals 4216

- 3554 individuals visited at least once
- 991 moved from last address
- 1130 not home
- 1367 individual assessments completed
- 527 household assessments completed
- 28 declined assessment

Model of Practice

- Individuals to collectives
- crisis intervention to capability building
- Results Based
 Accountability (RBA)
 - Knowing our Population Accountability
 - Performance Accountability
 - Forecasting
 - Turning the curve to improve family Outcomes

- Robust collaborative inter-sectoral relationships
 - Integrated contracting
- Robust systems & infrastructure
- Clinical & Culturally
 Competent providers
- Influential Pacific
 voices i.e. part of the
 planning rebuild Networks & Links

"Thriving not just surviving"

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