Pacific families & Children
“Thriving not just Surviving”
Canterbury Earthquake

PHA – Equity from the Start
Stream 3 – Equity, Citizenship & Rights
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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
EARTHQUAKE:
Christchurch
February 22, 2011
This has exacerbated and made worse the social determinants for our Pacific:

- Aftershocks
- 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/WHĀNAU
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
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References:


