




Pacific Economy Report on unpaid work and volunteering in Aotearoa

2.8% of total sample

The research was guided by five research questions:

- What constitutes volunteering and unpaid work from currently available literature and data?
- What constitutes volunteering and unpaid work from the perspectives of Pacific peoples?
- How do volunteering and unpaid work contribute to the wellbeing of Pacific peoples and the creation and development of their wealth?
- How do Pacific volunteering and unpaid work contribute to the Aotearoa economy?
- What are the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic during the past on Pacific volunteering and unpaid work?



Qualitative focus groups and individual talanoa

12

Diverse participants

Online survey

50

Participants stratified by age, gender and region

6% NZ born

94% Born outside NZ

48% Female

50% Male

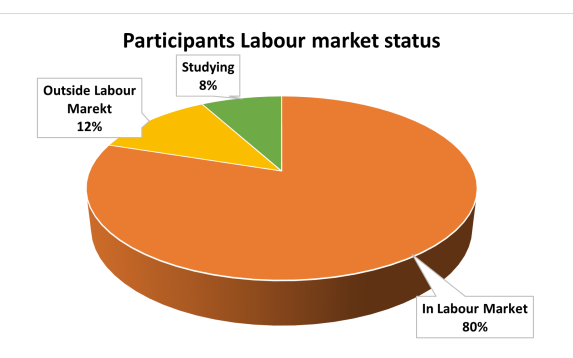
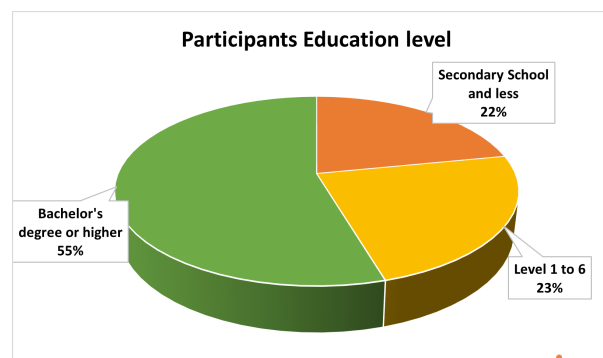
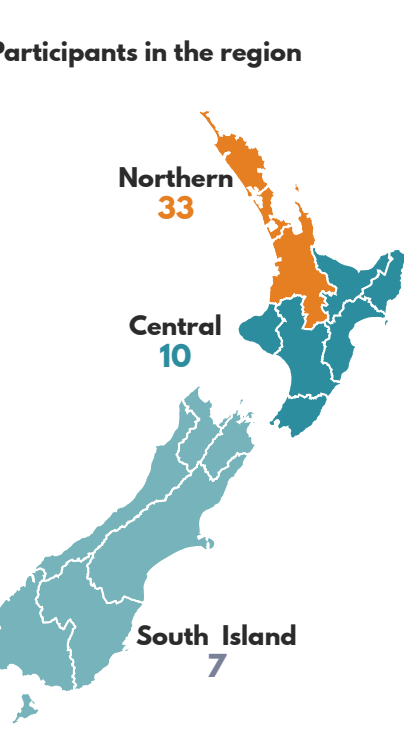
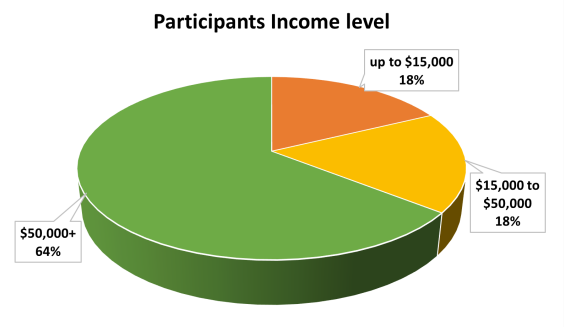
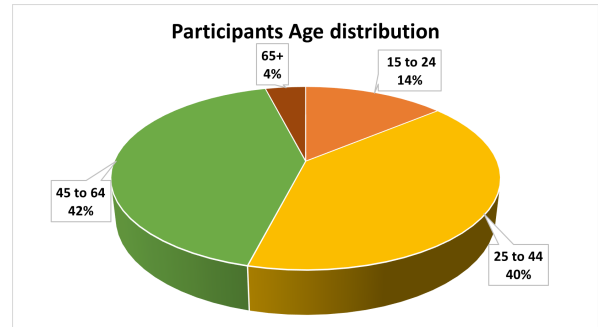
Years in NZ

10 years or less: 27.7%

11+ years: 72.3%

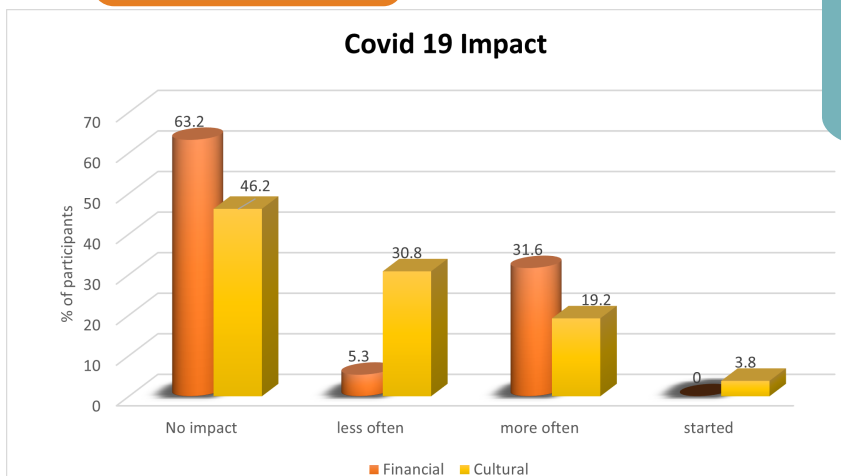
Participants were more likely to participate in unpaid work if they were:

- Over the age of 25
- Identified with having a religion
- Were **not** receiving government benefits
- Had achieved a Bachelors degree or higher in education



Rotumans will be essential to improving the social, cultural, financial, and environmental wellbeing of Aotearoa in a post-COVID19 environment.

COVID-19 lockdown really did shine the light on the importance of staying connected. We learned that if there is anything that threatens our elderly or threatens our livelihoods, people will stand together and help regardless. We have had several people in our community who were struggling, people just wrapped around them to support. There was no shame in it.



Rotuma

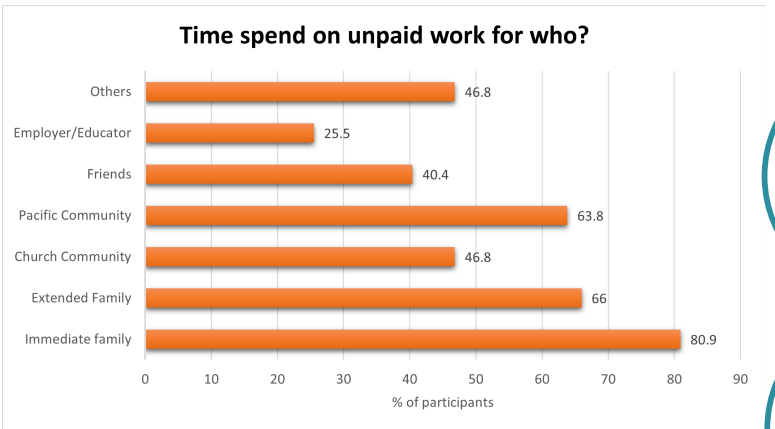
Rotuman involvement is values-based, culturally driven, and connected to faith and vā.

Garue hanisi work with love

Contributed a total of over **\$1.19 million** to the Aotearoa economy annually

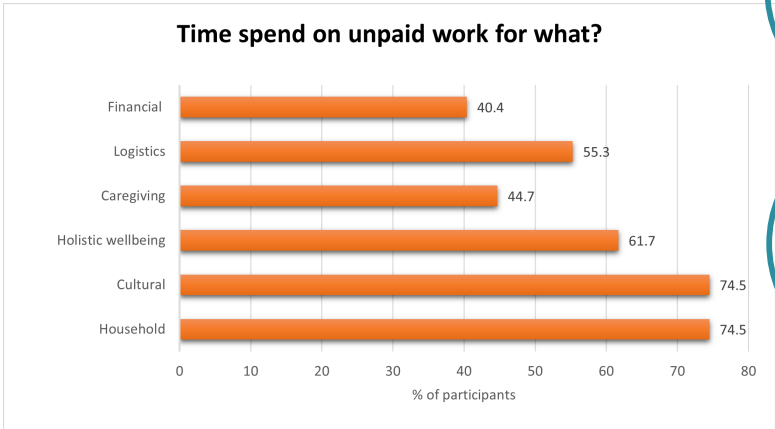
For as long as I can remember, maybe from the age of nine, we were always the ones serving, food, making cup of tea, listening out for our elders. There was a lot of that. I think also transitioning from a child to you youth, being able to speak on behalf of your community was really important, being translators for our elders those were all part of our unpaid work.

It is about engaging with the community, getting together. I am a proud Rotuman and if we can get together through unpaid work it helps to preserve culture and pass on the skills that we learn wearing our personal, community, and professional hats to each other.

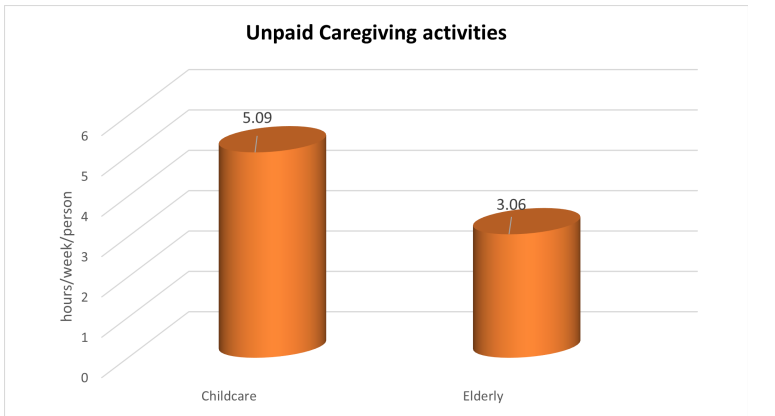


94% Took part in at least an hour of unpaid work or volunteering during the 4 months

20,089 Total hours spent on unpaid work over the 4 months



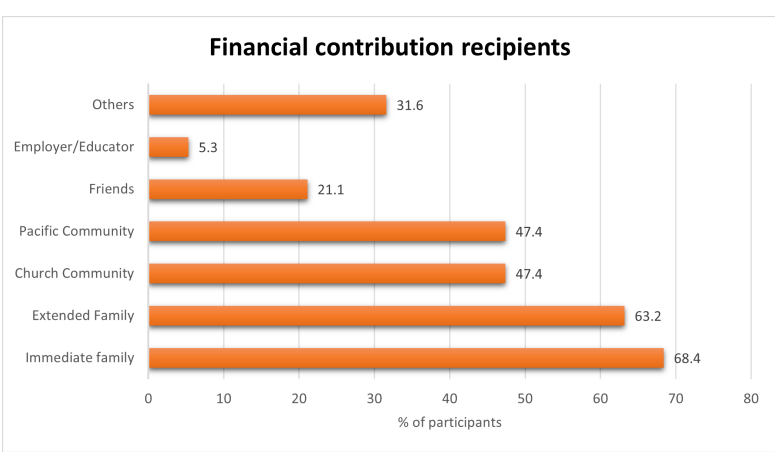
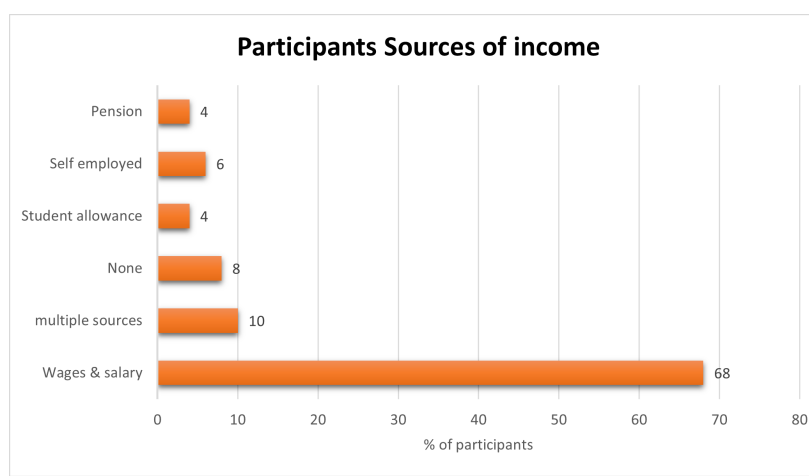
1,149 hours Spent per week on unpaid work and volunteering 23 hours /person/week



40.4% Rotumans reported giving cash or funds to others

\$3,104 Given to others a week

Contributed a total of over \$54,272 Over a period of 4 months \$163 /person/week



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Summary of key findings

Rotuma

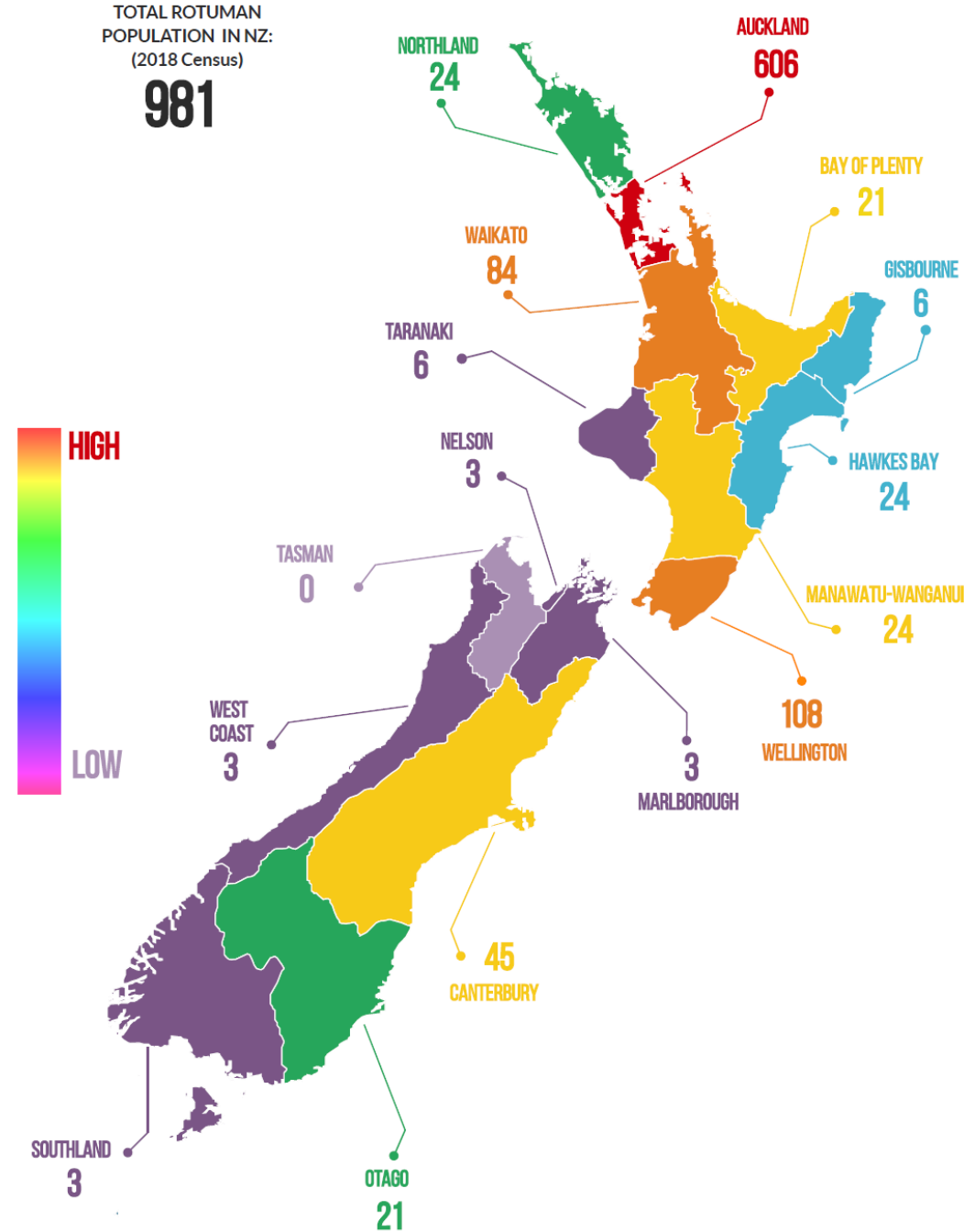
Kakala framework



"Garue hanisi (work with love). That's how we identify volunteering. You do it out of the goodness of our heart"

TOTAL ROTUMAN POPULATION IN NZ: (2018 Census)

981



"I think 'os ag fakhanua, it's a way of life, it's the way we do things, that's our culture. 'Os ag fakhanua is our island way. Because when something happens, 'os ag fakhanua we must do this, because it is part of who we are."