


Pacific Economy Report on unpaid work and volunteering in Aotearoa

6.8% 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

16

Diverse participants



Online survey

133

Participants stratified by age, gender and region

68.4% NZ born

31.6% Born outside NZ

56% (Female icon)

44% (Male icon)

Years in NZ

10 years or less **7.1%**

11+ years **92.9%**

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

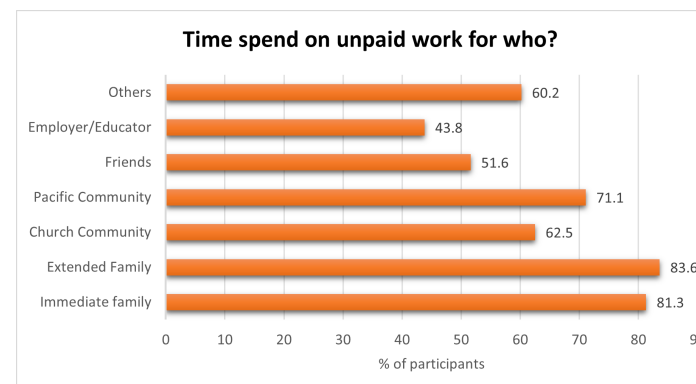
- Over the age of 25
- Identified with having a religion
- Were **not** receiving government benefits
- Had achieved a Bachelors degree or higher in education

Tokelau

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

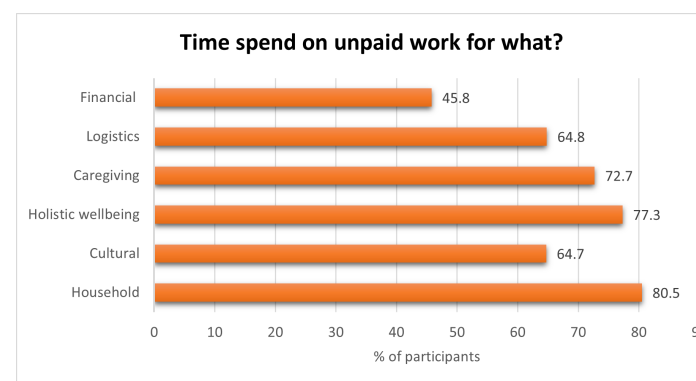


Contributed a total of over **\$6.9 million** to the Aotearoa economy annually



96.2% Took part in at least an hour of unpaid work or volunteering during the 4 months

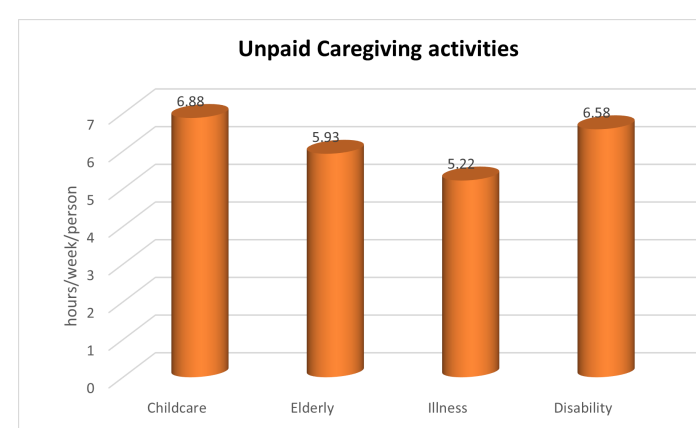
Galue fai i te alofa (work out of love). It is part of our inati – a traditional Tokelau distributive system that we are rooted in, that we share, that we distribute evenly and within this system that every single person has a role to play in that process.



116,258 Total hours spent on unpaid work over the 4 months

I am part Tokelauan, and I found that doing voluntary work in the community, adds to my wellbeing because I learn more about my culture and the Tokelau values through it. As a child I would go to things and be encouraged to do the dishes with the other kids or set out chairs. Everyone had a role to play.

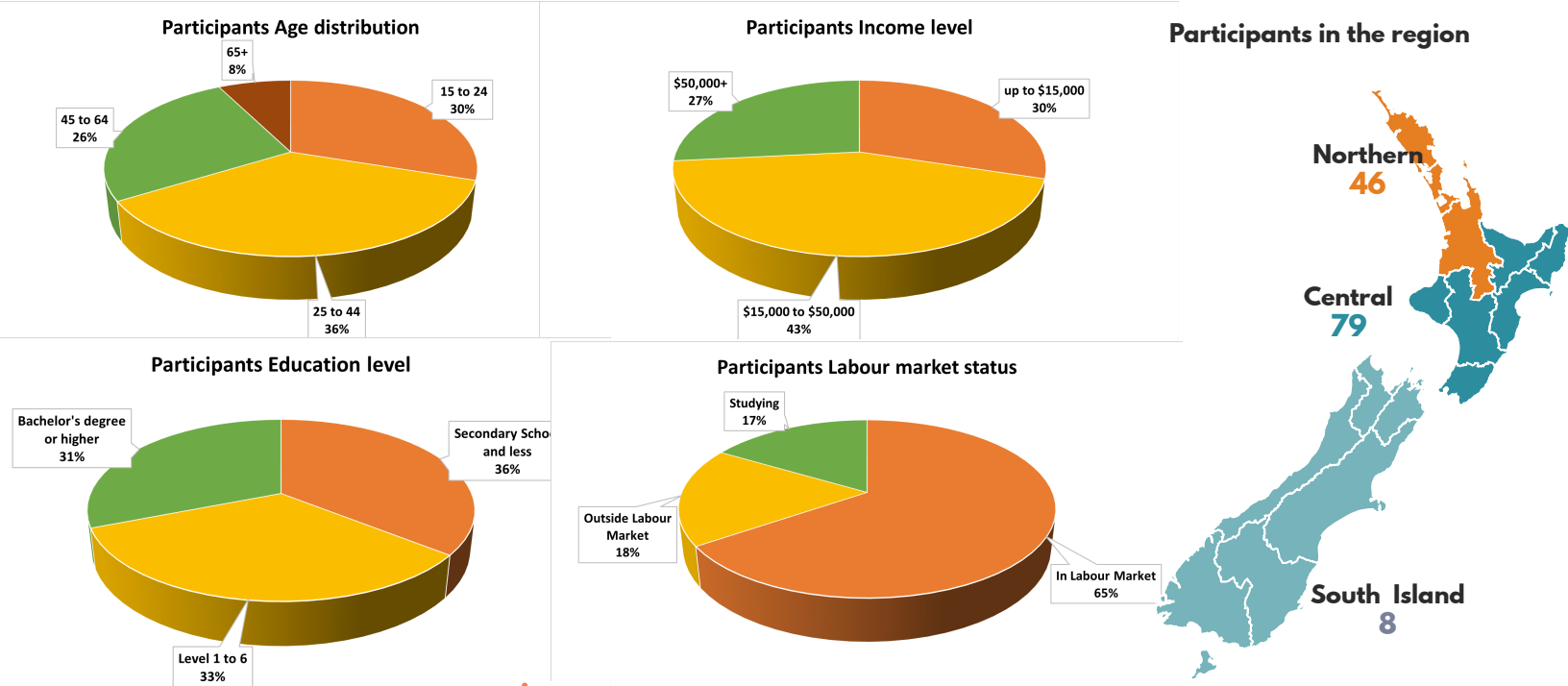
6,649 hours Spent per week on unpaid work and volunteering **49.9 hours** /person/week



45.3% Tokelauans reported giving cash or funds to others

\$9,599 Given to others a week

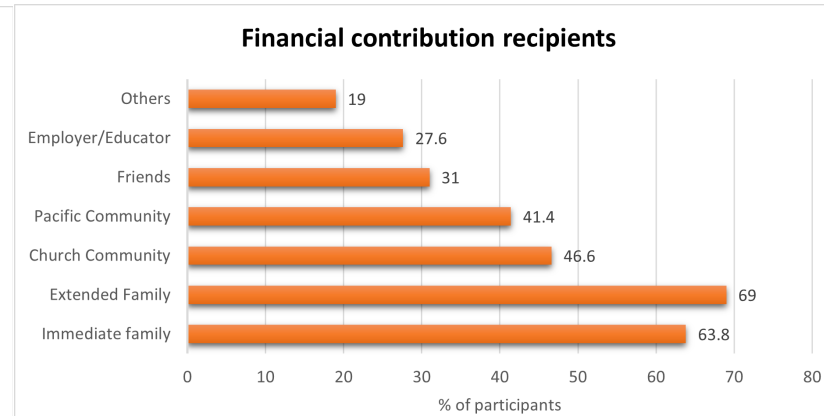
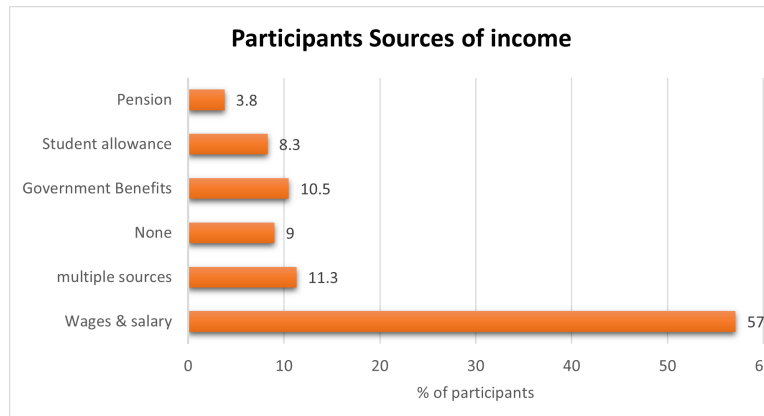
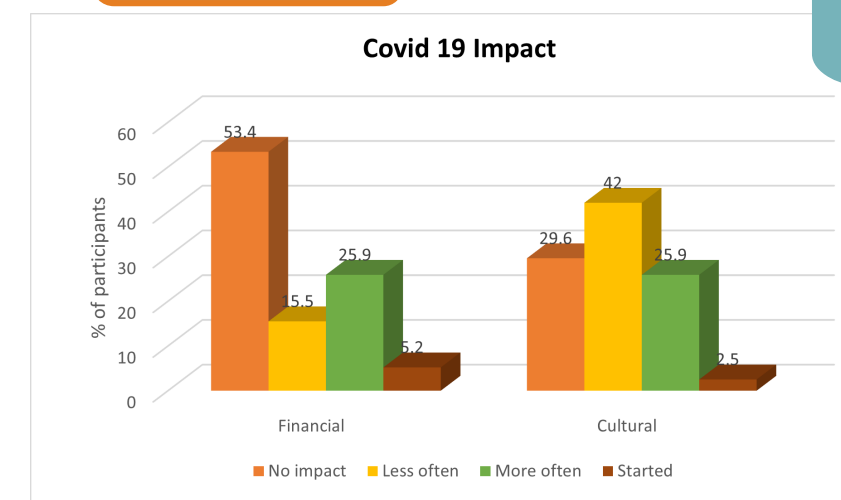
Contributed a total of over **167,846** Over a period of 4 months **\$166** /person/week



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

It challenged us to improve our IT skills. Zoom with mum, friends, siblings. It opened doors as well as to how we could better connect, but also there were other families I know who didn't have internet, so it was just trying to challenged us to look at how we can be better prepared. Zoom became our best friend. keep everyone with IT connected. And it also challenged us to look at how we can be better prepared. Zoom became our best friend.

Service is imbedded within all of us. Strengthened by our religious values. Not only do we hear the gospel, but we live the gospel. Through the things that fall under unpaid work, we serve our families, church, honour culture, parents, and God.

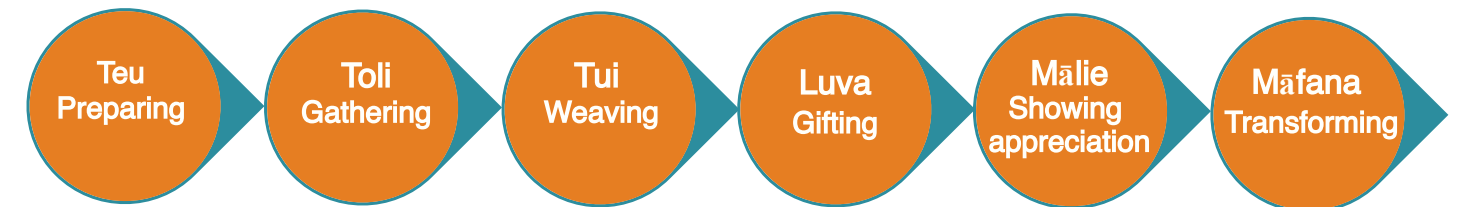


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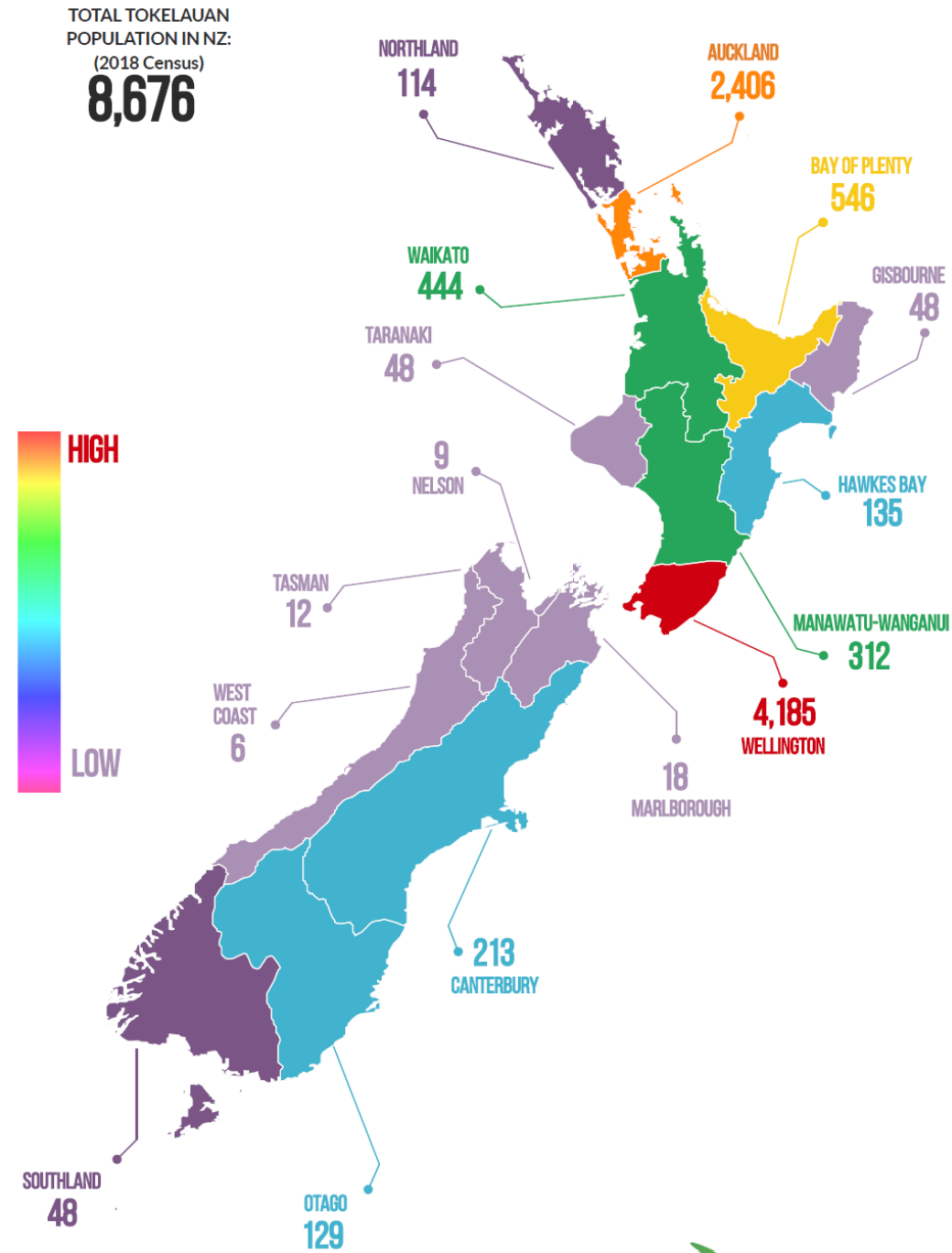
Summary of key findings

Tokelau

Kakala framework



"We are givers, we 'alofa' that is how we operate in Tokelau, because everyone is there and that is just the way of life." Galue fai I te alofa (work for the sake of love)



"It's part of the 'inati' - a traditional Tokelau distributive system that we are rooted in, that we share, that we distribute evenly and within this system that every single person has a role to play in that process. We all help to share the load, to support each balance the 'na pulou'- the many hats and the different aspects of life"