

# Are we closer to eliminating child poverty in Aotearoa?

Every child in Aotearoa New Zealand deserves to have the opportunity and support they need to live a good life. To make this a reality, big bold changes are needed.

## Access to essentials

148,000 children, or 13%, live in households experiencing material hardship, which means going without six or more essentials for a decent standard of living.

By 2028, the Government has committed to reduce the number of children living in material hardship by 80,000 – from 13% to 6%.

## Adequate income

254,000 children, or 23%, live in low-income households. These are households that have disposable equivalised income less than 50% of the national median income after housing costs.

By 2028, the Government has committed to reduce the number of children in low-income households by 130,000 – from 23% to 10%.

## Good health

Children living in areas with the highest deprivation scores are three times more likely to end up in hospital than children in areas with the lowest deprivation scores.

## A place to call home

High housing costs contribute to many families living in poverty. More than 30% of the lowest income households with children spend more than half of their income on housing costs.

## Healthy food

174,000 children live in households that can't always afford to put enough healthy food on the table.

56% of children living in families receiving financial assistance don't always have enough healthy food to eat, compared to just 12% of children living in families not receiving financial assistance.

## Hope for the future

Current and future Governments can invest more in solutions to unlock the constraints of poverty. We can have a future that delivers freedom from poverty and sustainable well-being for all New Zealanders.

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