

**Te Rōpū o Ngā Toroa  
Hui Tuarima  
10 August 2021**

**Minutes**

**Present**

Linabel Hadlee (cbm), Julianne Hickey (Caritas Aotearoa NZ), Keryn Banks (Save the Children NZ), Anna Mosley (OXFAM Aotearoa), Philippa Smales (CID)

**Apologies**

Finau Leveni (Pacific Koloa Collective)

**MFAT Attendees**

Salli Davidson, Pete Williams, Mehaka Rountree, Rebecca Stewart, Nick Borthwick

*Chair:* Salli Davidson

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Key discussion points and actions</b>
Welcome	
Te Rōpū o Ngā Toroa Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key change reflecting discussion at last Hui – Pg2 clause 5. Accepted.</li> <li>• Adjusting tenure from 12 to 24 months - end of term for current cohort March 2022. Accepted, but noted that a staged rollover could also be useful. PKC and CID representative would remain.</li> <li>• Noting PKC and CID remain – membership continuity could be discussed next meeting if still required.</li> </ul>
Toroa member updates and discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before the meeting, Toroa members shared views on aspects of Negotiated Partnerships and Manaaki, including on adaptive management, COVID-19 adaptation, PFID-NP transition, and Partnerships in Practice. Suggestions for continuous fund improvement were noted. The comments on positive comments on the Partnering for Impact approach and engagement with MFAT staff together in the design and delivery of activities were appreciated.</li> <li>• MFAT acknowledged the importance of Toroa as a strategic reference group to assist MFAT to design, implement and adapt P4I. Some Toroa members noted that the P4I approach could contribute to partnership learning and practice internationally.</li> <li>• At a strategic level, the discussion focussed on the importance of reflecting on and documenting our journey and achievements in the areas of partnerships and localisation so that others can learn. Joint work, approach and impact will contribute to public diplomacy efforts too and can be emphasised.</li> </ul>
<b>Partnering for Impact strategic updates and discussion</b>	
Manaaki Rounds 2, 3 and 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update provided to Toroa regarding Round 3 application numbers and the breakdown of the Manaaki portfolio by geographic and thematic areas.</li> </ul>
Due diligence review findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manaaki Round 4 is expected to be launched late in 2021. Timelines and deadlines likely will be similar.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnerships Unit intends to work with CID to provide capacity/strengthening areas related to the due diligence process.</li> </ul>
Partnerships Unit key reflections from last f/y  Monitoring P4I efficiencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over the last financial year, new agreements with 15 partners across Manaaki and NP – worth \$103m over the next 5 years. Through this we'll see benefits for 400,000 people directly and over 1.8m people indirectly – inclusive, sustainable impact.</li> <li>Thematic and Sectoral engagement through the year, have brought people together on conversations on Pacific resilience, Covid-19 vaccine roll-out and Myanmar, with 2-way engagement and strategic dialogue.</li> <li>Lessons include benefits of partnership approach; need to focus on MERL, communications and outreach; and adaptation to remote design approaches given travel restrictions. Efficiencies gained for both sides include shorter appraisal process; fewer activities/projects; more open communication; and less approval uncertainty for NGO partners.</li> <li>Critical for all to now get programme management/MEL systems and capabilities, with local partner inputs, up and running smoothly</li> </ul>
The P4I Big Picture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MFAT tested a visual P4I map-based tool which will increase transparency, insights and public engagement/diplomacy. Useful for joint analysis and strategic discussions.</li> </ul>
Follow up Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partnerships Unit to check consistency of NP guidance doc versions, and NGOs to check back in with relationship managers if needed</li> <li>Partnerships Unit will update IP Schedule 2 changes for NP pilots</li> <li>Covid-related contract amendments – website to be updated</li> <li>Next meeting by Zoom mid-late September, to focus on Hui</li> </ul>