



ONE OCEAN



ONE PEOPLE



ONE VOICE



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- Youth definition in the Pacific: 15–34 years.
- Pacific region population 10 million (projected to be 15 million in 2035)

- New Zealand population (4.3 million)
- 6.5% Pacific
- 7.72% Maori

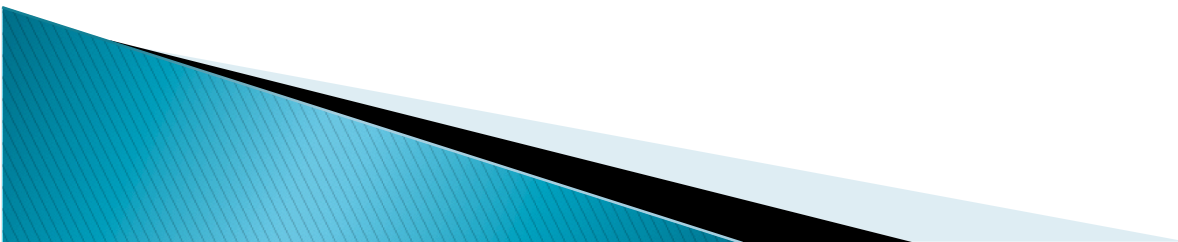


ISSUE:

Lack of representation of Pacific Island and Maori youth at forums in country and abroad.

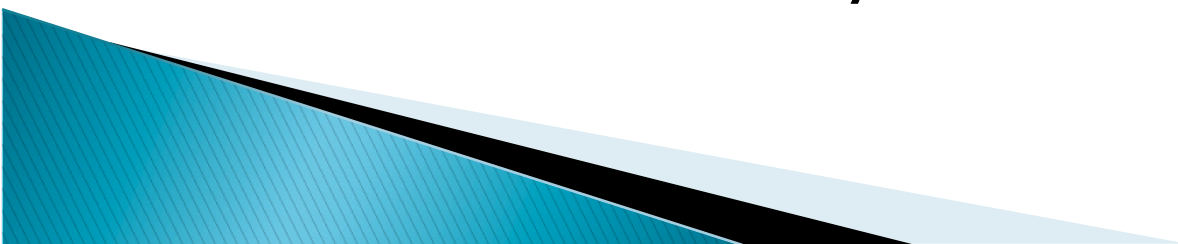
GOALS:

Increase the participation of Pacific Island and Maori youth in disaster management/ recovery in their communities and the region.



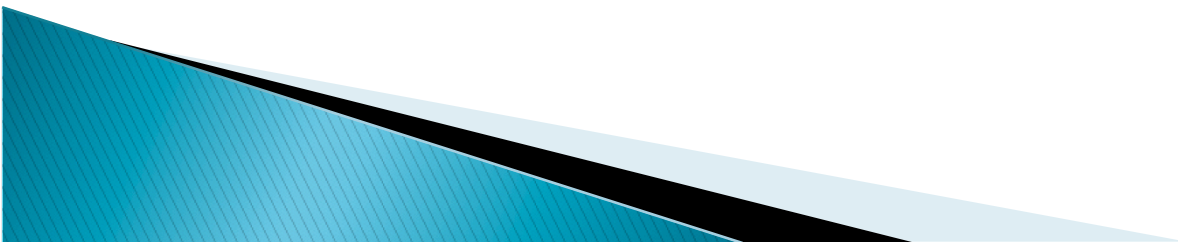
WHY?

- ▶ Culture– youth are usually expected to action plans rather than make decisions.(culture of respect)
- ▶ Networks– lack of information disseminated throughout the region about international forums.
- ▶ Pacific Context lacking– most forums do not have content that is culture specific to Pacific and Maori youth.(reluctance to attend)
- ▶ Stereotypes– negative stereotypes towards Pacific and Maori youth.



How ?

- ▶ Launch a campaign at the Pasifika Festival using Pacific champions to draw the target group to be part of the Youth Forum.
- ▶ Hold a Pacific Island and Maori youth forum incorporating sports, music, culture, performing arts to deliver the message.
(Disaster Management/Preparedness/etc)
Eg/FOOD > FUN> FELLOWSHIP approach



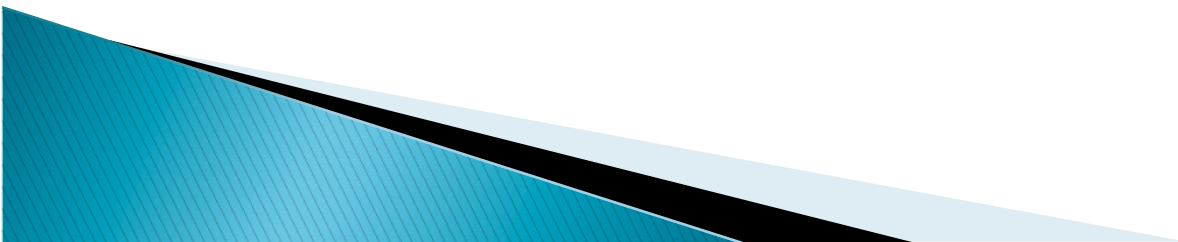
- ▶ New Zealand has the largest Pacific island population in the world and makes it the ideal location to launch the campaign and host the Forum.
- ▶ Opportunity for PI and Maori youth to exchange experiences, best practices in disaster management to inspire others to make a difference in their communities.

NZ population– 4.368 million(2010)

Pacific people in NZ 265,974, 6.5%
Pacific, 7.72% (2006) Maori

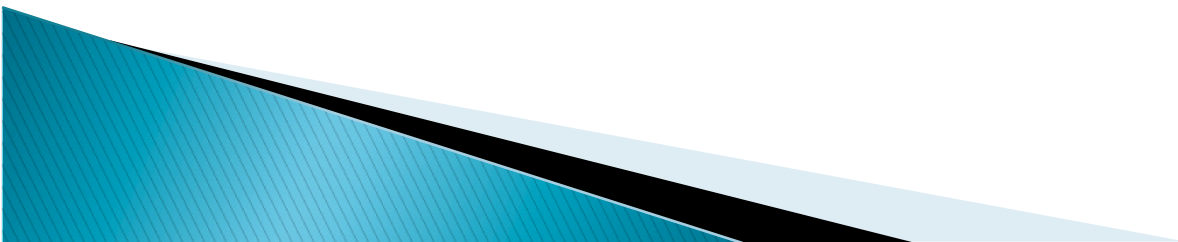
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- ▶ Establish a regional youth volunteer scheme.
 1. Inter island disaster response teams.
 2. NZ based Pacific Island youth volunteering to return to the islands (getting to know their roots and contributing back to their communities on the island–self discovery)
- ▶ Return to our communities and share the lessons learnt.



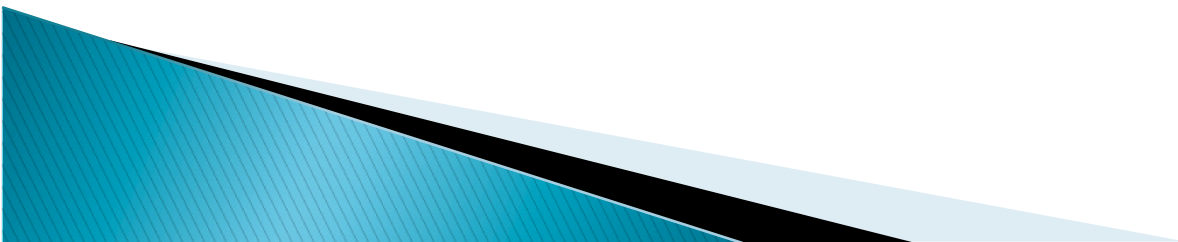
Partnerships / potential donors

- ▶ Governments
- ▶ Pacific Youth Council (PYC)
- ▶ Micronesian Youth Services Network(MYSN)
- ▶ Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)
- ▶ Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS)
- ▶ Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs (MPIA)
- ▶ NZ AID
- ▶ AUSAID (Pacific Leadership Program)
- ▶ UNESCO
- ▶ UNISDR



Sustainability

- ▶ Get the support of the Pacific Youth Council to seek potential donors.
- ▶ Lobby governments to support the project.
- ▶ Find alternative funding avenues.
- ▶ Consider fund raising initiatives.





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