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# MEASURING LEVELS OF FOOD INSECURITY TO HELP END IT

A new measuring tool developed by Kore Hiakai Zero Hunger Collective is collecting valuable data about the level of food insecurity in New Zealand that will help inform responses to the problem.

A growing number of people in Aotearoa are unable to get enough quality and nutritious food because of inequities such as insufficient income, high housing and living costs, and difficulties getting access to good food.

But while it's clear that foodbanks and community food distributors are facing growing demand, made worse by the impacts of Covid-19, we don't have accurate figures about how much food is being distributed – or how many people it is reaching. In July 2021 Kore Hiakai launched the Standard Food Parcel Measure to help quantify the volume of food being distributed and provide a way of collecting consistent data.



Once that data is available it's possible to start the work needed to create a world "beyond the food parcel".

"We need a consistent way to measure the volume of food being distributed in order to know how to accurately respond," says Kore Hiakai Pou Ārahi Tric Malcolm.

The new measure has been piloted and is now being used by two of Kore Hiakai's founding partners, with other community food organisations also coming on board.

Kore Hiakai is a collective of six foundation partners – The Salvation Army, Christchurch City Mission, The Wellington City Mission, VisionWest, Auckland City Mission and the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services. The collective supports the frontline work of community food organisations across Aotearoa New Zealand, while addressing the root causes of poverty-related hunger, bringing together community, producers, retailers, philanthropy, and government to build Te Tiriti-grounded, long-term, sustainable solutions to create food security.

"Food insecurity in Aotearoa is not caused by a scarcity of food, but by inequitable systems and reasons beyond individual people's control, such as inadequate incomes and the high cost of living. Those are part of the underlying issues we need to start addressing," says Tric.

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