

# Office of Ethnic Communities

Our Future Together

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The Office of Ethnic Communities

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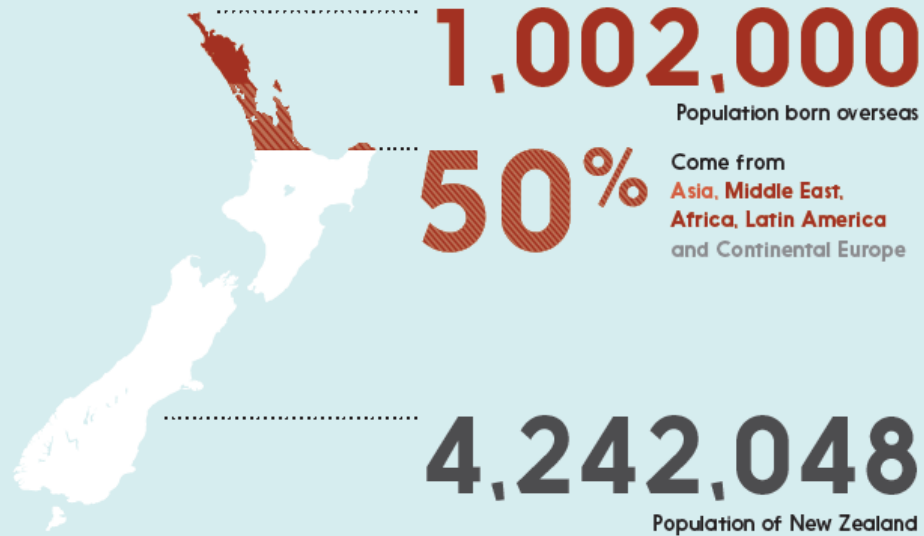
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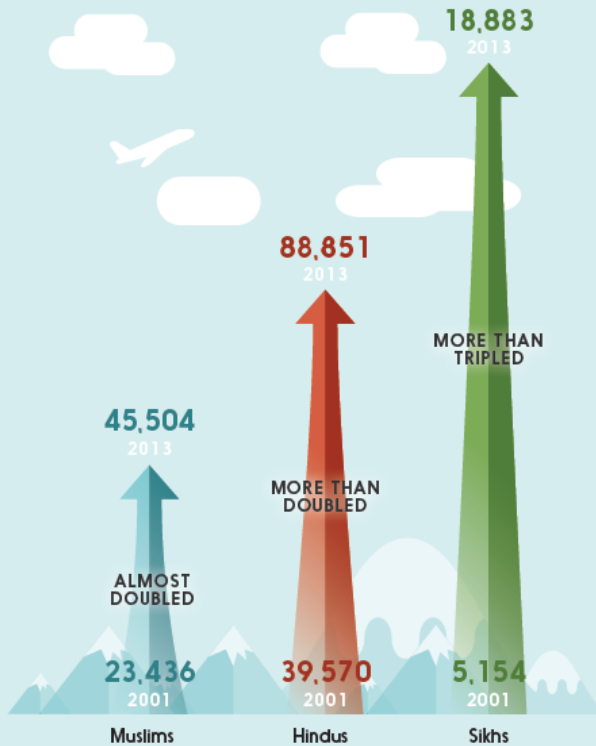
New Zealand is home to 213 ethnic groups– that's more than the 196 countries in the world!



There is a **significant** migrant population in New Zealand



Some religions have seen some **rapid growth** between 2001 and 2013



**50%** of the population are **Christian**

More young people identify with multiple ethnicities than older people



CHILDREN AGED 0 - 14 IDENTIFY WITH MORE THAN ONE ETHNICITY



ADULTS AGED 65+ IDENTIFY WITH MORE THAN ONE ETHNICITY

**English** 96.1%

**Te Reo Māori** 3.7%

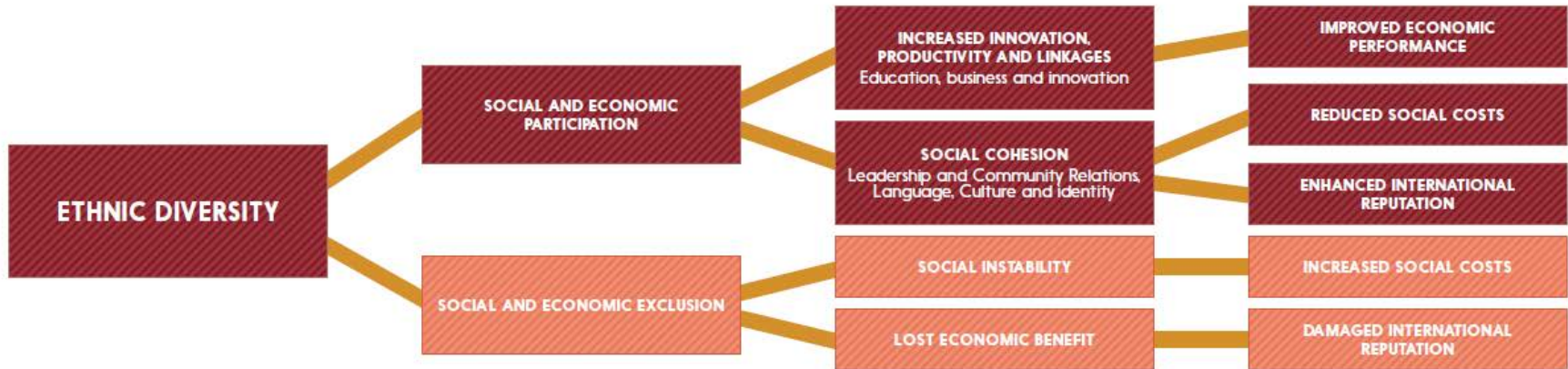
**Samoan** 2.2% **Hindi** 1.7%

**Northern Chinese** 1.3% Including Mandarin

**French** 1.2%

# Making Ethnic Diversity work for New Zealand:

We take a strengthens-based approach that emphasises participation and inclusion.



# Our Work Programme

Our Vision  
Capable, inclusive communities for a better New Zealand

## Focus

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY  
RELATIONS

EDUCATION, BUSINESS  
AND INNOVATION

LANGUAGE, IDENTITY  
AND CULTURE

## Outcomes

Improve New Zealand's reputation  
for social cohesion and meet needs  
in new locations

Maximise economic growth through  
the wealth of knowledge, experience  
and international connections of  
ethnic communities

Increase public sector capability to  
respond to ethnic communities and  
work cohesively towards the same  
outcomes

## Work Streams

Community Leadership Programme  
Young Leaders Programme  
Community Engagement and  
Strengthening (inc Alliance of  
Civilisations dialogue)  
Nominations Service

EPIC NZ  
Conference  
Stakeholder Capability Programme (inc  
partnership programmes with Philanthropy  
NZ & Community Mentors)  
Settling In funding and administration

Language Line and supporting policy  
work (inc. Community Language  
Framework development)  
Intercultural Competency Training  
Faces of our Future Research project  
Ethnicity Matters policy support tools

## OUTPUT MEASURES AND WORK STREAM DELIVERABLE MILESTONES

## Value

WE INFLUENCE GOVERNMENT, INSPIRE ACTION, AND INCLUDE DIVERSITY

## Proposition

We make it easy  
We make it work

We're stronger  
together

We take pride in  
what we do

# OEC's Role

- Different roles within Government – MBIE leads in Refugee and Settlement area, while OEC is part of the supporting agencies
- Refugees are an integral part of New Zealand's growing ethnic communities
- OEC's work is focused on long term outcomes in integration and social cohesion





## Leadership:

Youth programme

Women's programme

Pan ethnic leadership programme

## Capability building:

Settling In funding

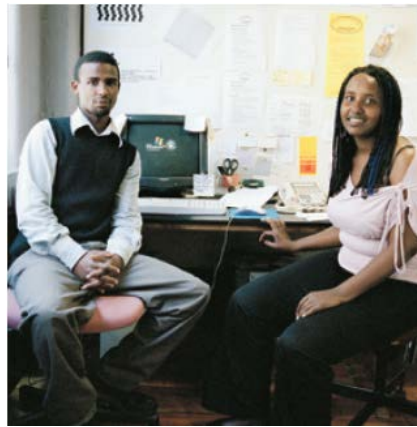
Money Matters workshops

Community Mentors

## Responsiveness:

Language Line

Faces of our Future



# Future Research

1. Sports and recreation as a tool for social cohesion
  - The role of sports and recreation in helping ethnic communities (including refugees) to effectively integrate into New Zealand society
  - The role of sports and recreation in creating a sense of belonging and building social cohesion amongst different groups.





# Future Research

## 2. Intra-community issues and conflict resolution

- With a specific focus on:
  - The common causes of intra-community conflicts in former refugee communities;
  - how are they resolved through community and/or government intervention.
  - Best practices in managing intra-community conflicts
- The research could include both domestic and international based case studies.

# Questions & Answers



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