



Pacific Economy Report on unpaid work and volunteering in Aotearoa

9.8% of total sample

The research was guided by five research questions:

- What constitutes volunteering and unpaid work from currently available literature and data?
- What constitutes volunteering and unpaid work from the perspectives of Pacific peoples?
- How do volunteering and unpaid work contribute to the wellbeing of Pacific peoples and the creation and development of their wealth?
- How do Pacific volunteering and unpaid work contribute to the Aotearoa economy?
- What are the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic during the past on Pacific volunteering and unpaid work?

Qualitative focus
groups and individual talanoa
16
Diverse participants

Online survey
199
Participants stratified by age, gender and region

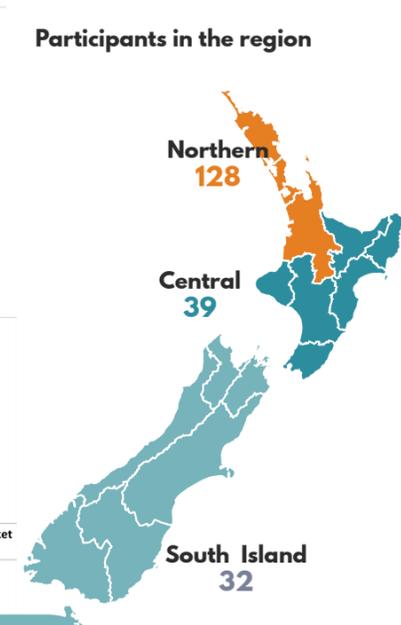
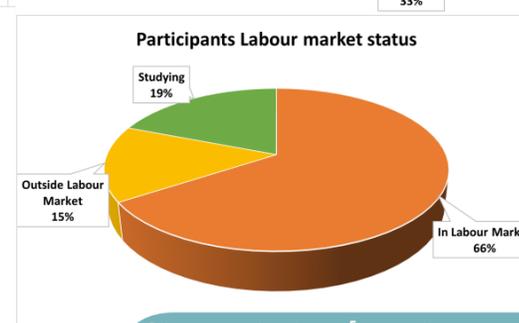
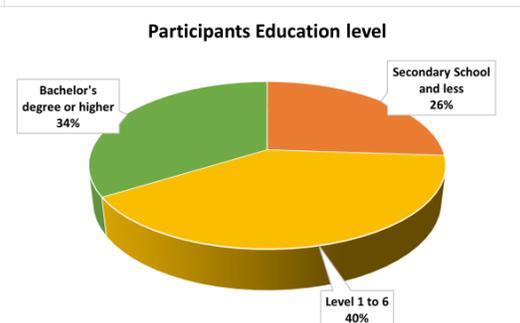
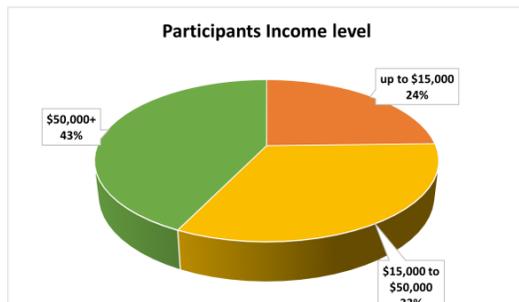
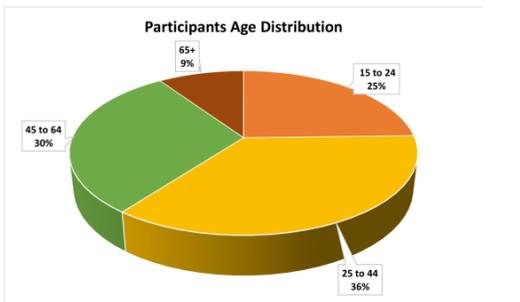
13.6% NZ born
86.4% Born outside NZ

46% Female
54% Male

Years in NZ
10 years or less **40.1%**
11+ years **59.9%**

Participants were more likely to participate in unpaid work if they were:

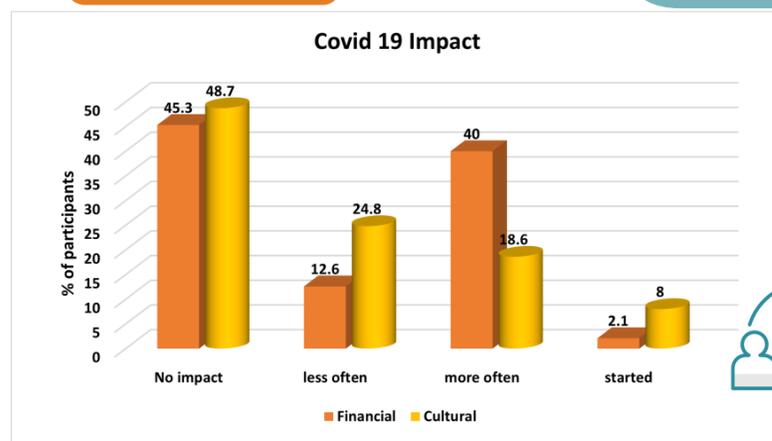
- Over the age of 25
- Identified with having a religion
- Were not receiving government benefits
- Had achieved a Bachelors degree or higher in education



Fijian will be essential to improving the social, cultural, financial, and environmental wellbeing of Aotearoa in a post-COVID19 environment.

I love to do them [unpaid work activities] and see the benefits that it brings to individual lives, my family, my friends, the community, and the nation... I feel that I should voluntarily give back to others in recognition of what they contributed to my life. I consider it as my responsibility to reciprocate the love and care that was given to me during my upbringing until I was self-sufficient.

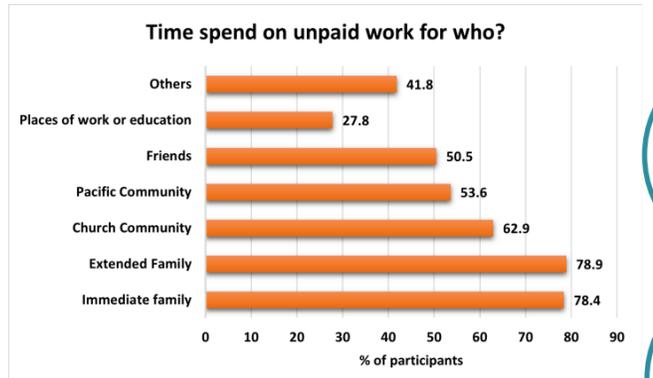
My role as a mother increased, especially working from home. I had to be with my daughters to help them with their online learning and digital technology which I had to familiarise myself with. At the same time, we still have to work from home, help our community adjust via zoom and tend to all the domestic stuff. It was not easy.



Fiji

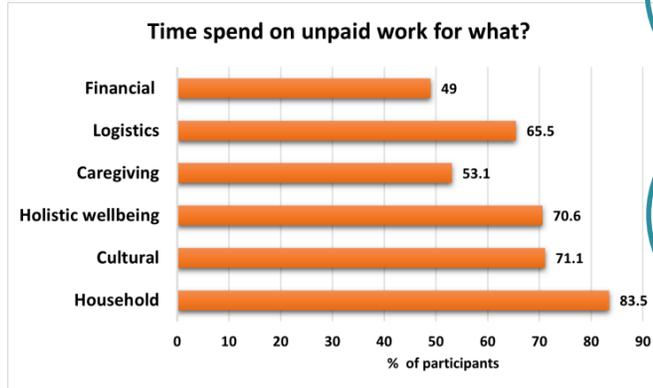
Fijian involvement is values-based, culturally driven, and connected to faith and vā.

Contributed a total of over **\$6.5 million** to the Aotearoa economy annually



97.5% Took part in at least an hour of unpaid work or volunteering during the 4 months

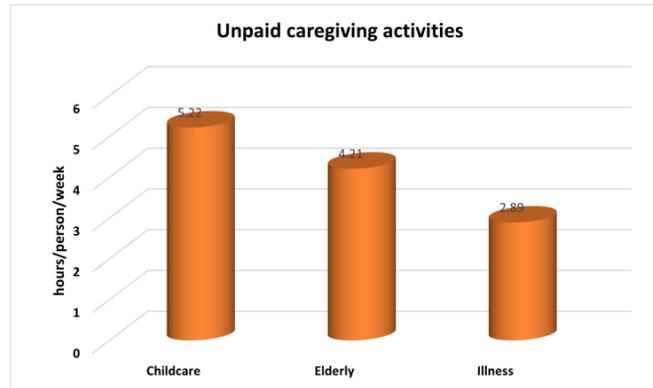
I think the Fijian word "itavi" would fit the definition. It is a word that encompasses community (vanua) personal, family, and religious wellbeing. The underlying beliefs and commitments to the notion that my family will be "blessed" when I perform those duties is strong. There is also a strong belief and general commitment to the principals of reciprocity.



109,409 Total hours spent on unpaid work over the 4 months

6,257 hours Spent per week on unpaid work and volunteering
31.4 hours /person/week

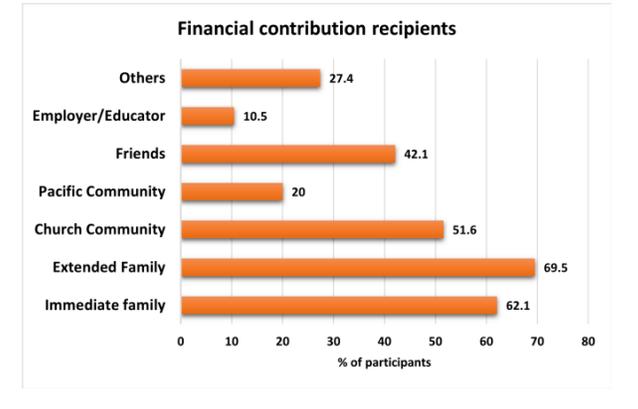
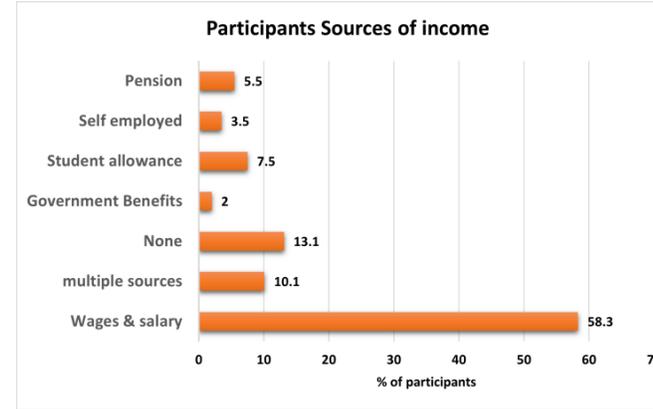
These activities benefit me in the fact that it helps in building my bond with my family. It also helps my health and wellbeing. It also helps to maintain my language and my culture, which is my identity, and through unpaid work we can pass this on to our children.



49% Fijians reported giving cash or funds to others

\$13,504 Given to others a week

Contributed a total of over **\$236,121** Over a period of 4 months
\$142 /person/week



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Summary of key findings

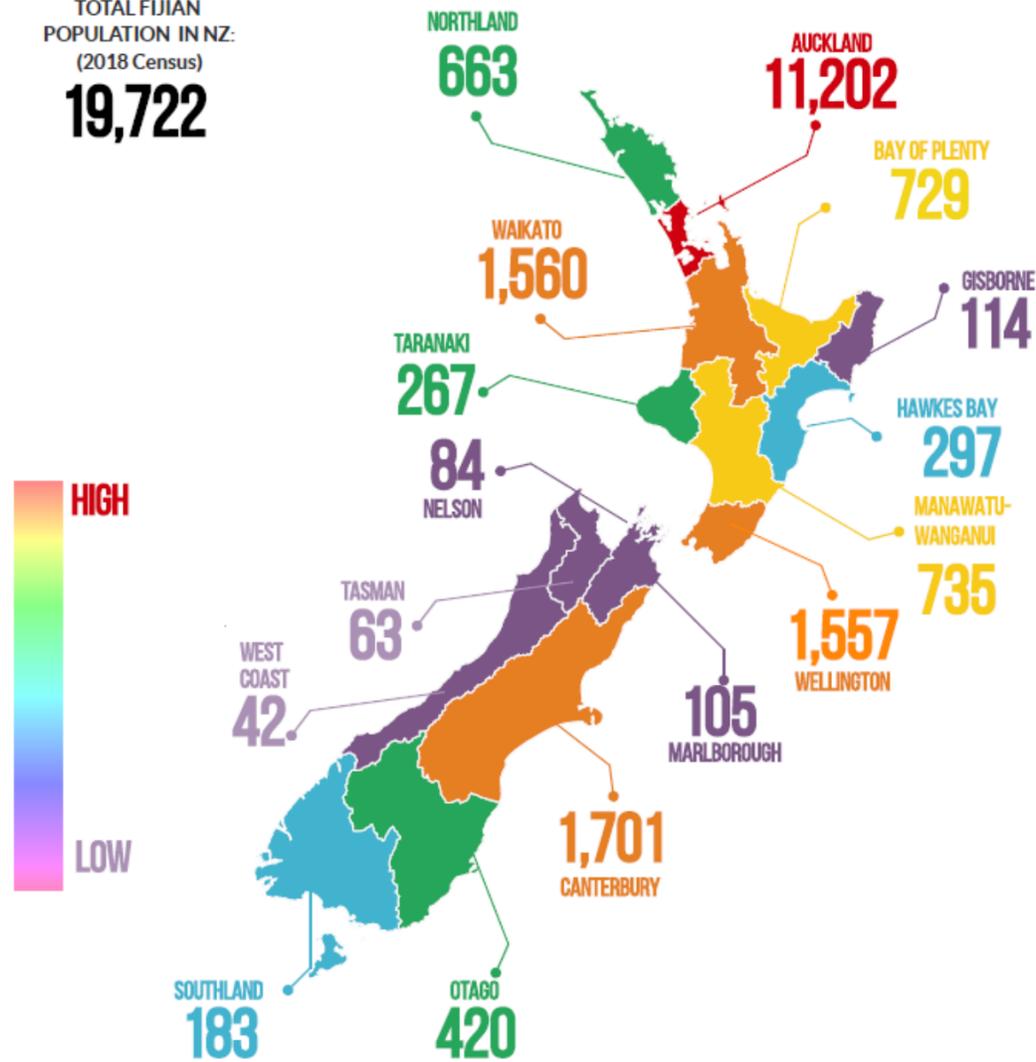
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Kakala framework



Itavi a word that encompasses community (vanua) personal, family and religious community. Itavi va-Lotu, itavi va-Vanua obligations. The underlying beliefs and commitments to the notion that my family will be “blessed” paying it forward for future generations tied to the principles of reciprocity”

TOTAL FIJIAN POPULATION IN NZ: (2018 Census) **19,722**



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