Kapasa – The Pacific Policy Analysis Tool

Recommended framework when Pacific peoples are affected by the issue you are trying to solve and how you would like to address it.

Key Questions

OVERLAY 1: PACIFIC PEOPLES’ INFORMATION & EVIDENCE

- How are things going?
- How are things changing?
- What are the key issues?
- What are the key challenges?
- What are the key opportunities?
- What are the key priorities?
- What are the key trends?
- What are the key indicators?
- What are the key risks?
- What are the key benefits?
- What are the key lessons?
- What are the key recommendations?
- What are the key actions?
- What are the key outcomes?
- What are the key impacts?
- What are the key results?
- What are the key drivers?
- What are the key enablers?
- What are the key barriers?
- What are the key constraints?
- What are the key assumptions?
- What are the key uncertainties?
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Journey of Pacific peoples in New Zealand

Pre-1950s
Population: 2,159 (1945)
1914: Pacific men enlisted by the New Zealand Armed Forces during both world wars as part of a contingent of the Māori Battalion.
1925: Felix Leavai, a Samoan is one of the first Pacific people to be naturalised.

1950s
Population: 8,103 (1956)
Pacific labour recruited directly to work in New Zealand’s rural primary industries.
The Pacific population in New Zealand continues to rise, and Pacific churches are established.
Pacific peoples start to excel in sports: The PIC Netball Club forms a Pan-Pacific netball team, including players from most Pacific Island nations and Tau Leota wins the New Zealand Light Heavyweight Title.

1960s
Population: 26,271 (1966)
The Pacific population becomes more significant, especially in industrial areas.
The Tokelau Resettlement Scheme is implemented.
Pacific Island School Journals published by the Department of Education.
1962 – to date: New Zealand and Samoa maintain a Treaty of Friendship.

1970s
Population: 61,354 (1976)
The Pacific population becomes more significant, especially in industrial areas.
The Pacific Island Affairs Unit established as part of the Department of Internal Affairs.
1984: Pacific Island Affairs Unit established as part of the Department of Internal Affairs.
1985: The Pacific Business Trust is established.
1985: Pacific people start to move up the Public Sector hierarchy.

1980s
Population: 130,293 (1986)
1985: High unemployment and recession leads to tightening of immigration policies.
Falema’I Lesa challenges immigration policies and successfully takes the case to the Privy Council in London.
Pacific advisory councils and associations are formed reflecting Pacific peoples’ desire to have a voice.
A contemporary ‘Pacific Sound’ becomes commercially recognised as the Yandall Sisters appear on countless television shows.

1990s
1990: Pacific Island Affairs Unit becomes Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs.
1993: Taito Philip Field becomes the first Pacific Labour MP.
1996: Mark Gosche becomes the first Pacific Cabinet Minister.
1996: Anae Arthur Anae becomes the first Pacific National MP.
1999: Laumanuvao Winnie Laban becomes the first Pacific woman MP.
Pacific peoples continue to excel in sport with national honours, national team captains and world or Commonwealth champions.

2000s
2002: A’e’au Semi Epati becomes the first Pacific District Court Judge.
2006: Sir Anand Satyanand, a New Zealand born Indo-Fijian, becomes the 19th Governor General of New Zealand.
2006: Jonathan Ionatana Falefasa “Tana” Umaga, ONZM is made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit.
2007: Government introduces the Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) scheme to bring workers from the Pacific Islands to work in primary sectors.
2007: Jonah Tai Lomu, MNZM, is appointed as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit.
2009: Dame Valerie Kesanita Adams, ONZM is appointed as an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

2010s
2011: Alfred Ngaro becomes the first Cook Islander to be elected to Parliament.
2015: Beatrice Roini Lua Faumuina ONZM is awarded the New Zealand Order of Merit.
2017: Dame Valerie Kesanita Adams DNZM is appointed a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit.
Sir La’auli Michael Niko Jones KNZM is appointed a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

Source: Department of Internal Affairs (2007); Statistics New Zealand (2015); (The Encyclopedia of New Zealand (2017).