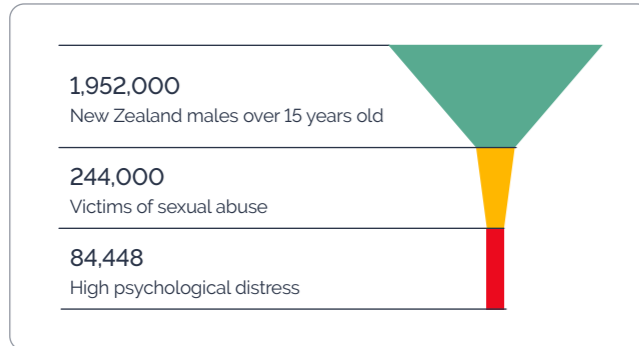


There is a rapidly growing demand for Tautoko Tāne services

The New Zealand Crime and Victims Survey estimates there are 244,800 male survivors who require support and 84,888 of these survivors are experiencing serious psychological distress.



Tautoko Tāne is currently resourced to meet less than 7% of the potential service demand.

Toward a sustainable national network of support services for male survivors

Te Tai Tokerau

Kaitiāia, Whangārei, Kaikohe

Tāmaki Makaurau

North Shore, Central Auckland, South Auckland, West Auckland

Waikato

Kirikiriroa, Te Kuiti, Te Awamutu, Taupō

Bay of Plenty

Whakatāne, Tauranga, Rotorua

Taranaki

New Plymouth, Hawera, Waitara, Whanganui

Tairāwhiti

Gisborne, Te Araroa, Wairoa

Hawkes Bay

Hastings, Napier

Wellington

Central Wellington, Lower Hutt, Porirua

Nelson

Nelson, Motueka, Greymouth

Canterbury

Christchurch, Timaru

Otago

Dunedin, Milton, Balclutha, Oamaru

"It would have been nice to have support in the earlier years where I think we could have avoided a lot of the bad behaviours that I got into [...] The drinking, the drugs. I just sort of went off the rails completely here."

Male Survivor

Closing the support gap

For Tautoko Tāne, waitlists are not an indicator of service demand – support is provided when it is needed so men in crisis don't fall through the cracks. Tautoko Tāne's network of referrers trust that men will get looked after without delay.

The result is extreme pressure on Tautoko Tāne service providers. Since its last government funding allocation in FY2020, Tautoko Tāne's workload has doubled, and its current resources are not sufficient to tackle the massive support gap for male victims of sexual abuse.

This proposal recognises the opportunity to progressively reduce the estimated support gap by as much as 40%.

Phased new investment in Tautoko Tāne core peer support and wrap around services would enable a significant increase in the cumulative number of male survivors receiving timely support.

"[Peer support] kept me alive [...] I was in prisons, in darkness for a long time. I struggled to find the light until I came here. Learning venting and coping skills helped me carry on. We have a laugh here too, not a lot of places you can laugh."

Male Survivor

Tautoko Tāne Service Centres



100 dedicated people working across 11 regions engaging male survivors in purposeful peer support services – a lived experience service that builds meaningful relationships and is moving our survivor community towards wellbeing.

Imagine what 200 committed people could achieve in this space!



Walk with us

Peer support for male survivors of sexual abuse, a social investment that rebuilds lives

"Pupurutia hō whakaaro. He ringa hei pupuru, he taringa Whakarongo, he ngākau Mārama noa iho e hiahiatia ana."

"People don't always need advice. Sometimes they just need a hand to hold, an ear to listen, and a heart to understand."

Tautoko Tāne has demonstrated success in giving male victims the tools they need to overcome the pain and trauma of having been sexually abused.

With additional investment, Tautoko Tāne can further reduce the social and economic costs of sexual violence, providing life changing support to more men and their families, including those who have suffered abuse in care.

"I know I can be a good dad and someone fit for society. I can be the person that I always wanted to be and reach my higher self. It's more attainable now because I've looked into the darkness and it doesn't scare me as much. I'm early in my journey with a lot still to be done, but every time I talk about what happened to me, it helps. It's like a puzzle that fits together a little better every time."

Male Survivor

"Many men are impacted by family violence and sexual violence as children or young people. Men want to be heard and visible in conversations on violence and intergenerational harm that often focus on women and children. They want to feel supported to reach out for help to address their trauma and heal from skilled, available and accessible services and professionals. Increasing capacity for healing will include government investigating whether there are gaps in support services, including peer support, for men impacted by violence and whether more is needed in this area."

Te Aorerekura

Tautoko Tāne Aotearoa is an established network of government funded peer support services for male survivors of sexual abuse that has supported more than 9,000 male survivors since 2014.

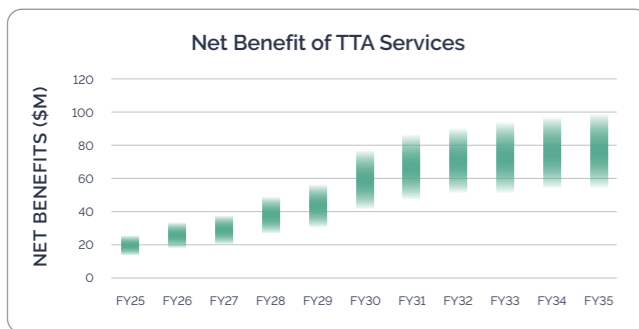
Tautoko Tāne is a solid social investment

The proposed investment plan will give Tautoko Tāne the capacity to support over 10,000 male survivors each year by FY2030, delivering a net return on investment for government of between \$41 million and \$78 million per annum.

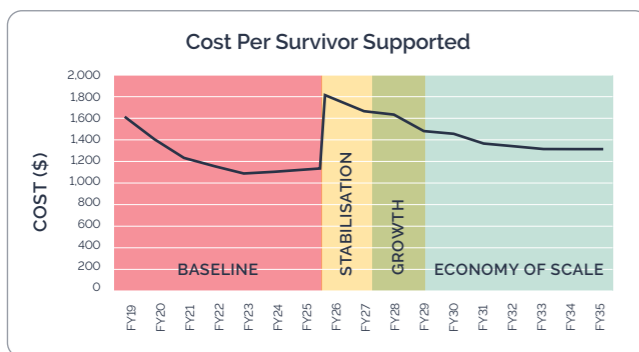
Relatively modest increases in government funding have the potential to deliver significant economic benefit to New Zealand, by helping to reduce the enormous social and economic cost of sexual abuse to survivors, the Crown and wider society.

Current Funding	Initial Funding	Projected Future Funding	
FY2019–25 Underfunded	FY2026–27 Stable and Nationwide	FY2028–29 Service Growth	FY2030 + Scale and Efficiency
\$3.8 m /year Current funding	\$8.7 m /year Proposed initial funding	\$11.3 m /year Proposed future funding	\$15.3 m /year Proposed future funding
\$14–27 m /year Annual net benefit	\$20–30 m /year Annual net benefit	\$30–58 m /year Annual net benefit	\$41–78 m /year Annual net benefit
3,463 in FY2024 Men supported	Up to 5,400 /year Men supported	Up to 7,900 /year Men supported	Up to 10,600 /year Men supported

With the proposed funding plan, net return on investment starts at between two and four times government funding, and is projected to increase to up to five times government funding by FY2030.



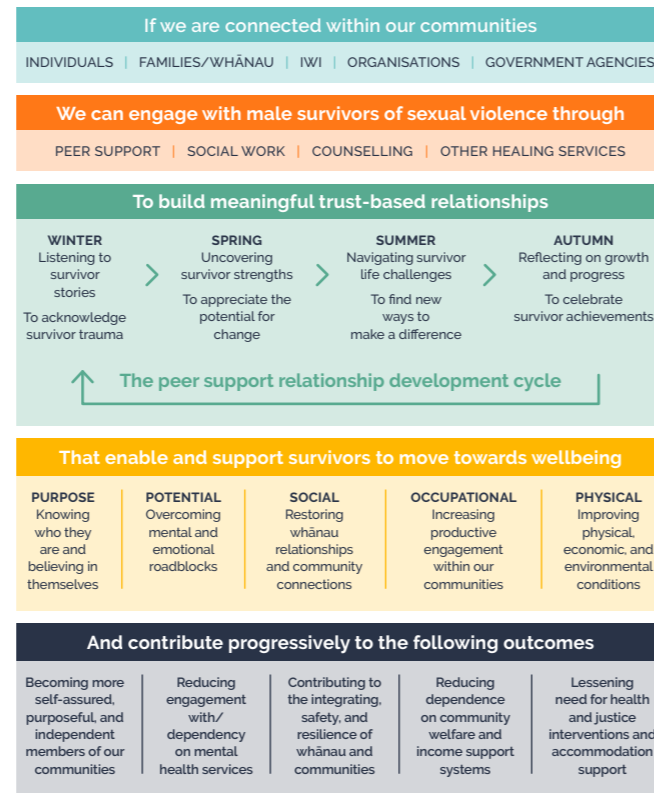
With a fully funded, nation-wide service, Tautoko Tāne will be able to support significantly more men and can achieve the scale where costs per survivor begin to reduce. Modelling shows that by FY2030 Tautoko Tāne regional services will be able to support more than 10,000 men each year.



The proposal is underpinned by an effective theory of change and social investment model which demonstrates clear socio-economic outcome benefits

This model is sustained by Tautoko Tāne's purposeful peer support framework, which is wellbeing outcome focussed and was specifically developed for the New Zealand context.

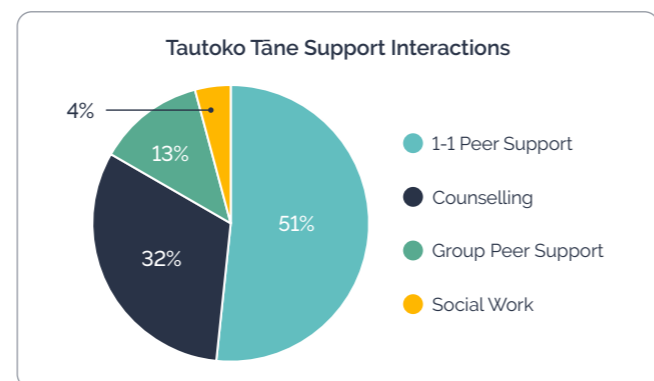
Expected outcomes are supported by recent research on the effectiveness of peer support and the intention to develop an integrated wrap around service including counselling, social work and cultural healing practice.



A support model that works for male survivors and has the potential for significant growth

In FY2024 Tautoko Tāne supported more than 4,000 male survivors across Aotearoa with nearly 30,000 support interactions.

The integration of counselling and other healing services are anchored by male survivor engagement with our core purposeful peer support services.

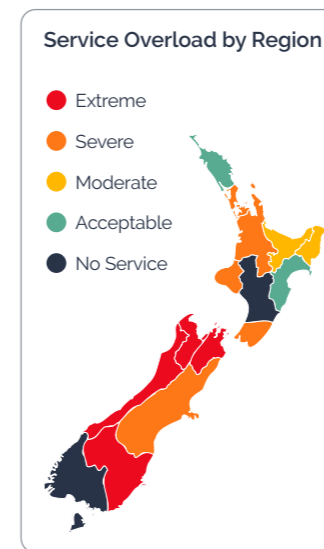


Demand for male survivor peer support services has outpaced funding

The current funding freeze means Tautoko Tāne is struggling to support only a small fraction of male victims of sexual abuse.

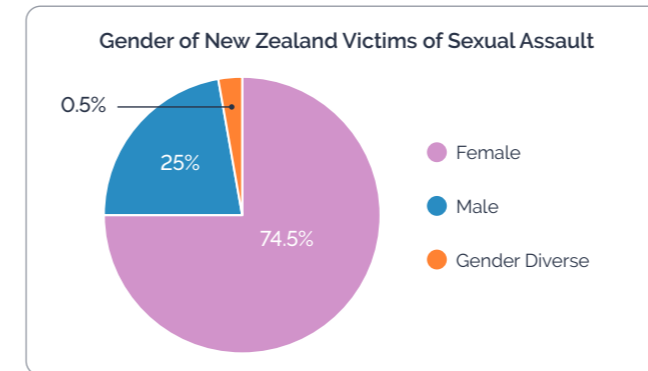
Services in some regions are at risk of collapse without additional funding. Current case load levels are not safe for peer workers or the male survivors they are supporting.

Successive independent evaluations funded by MSD have recommended increasing Tautoko Tāne funding in response to rapidly rising demand for its services.

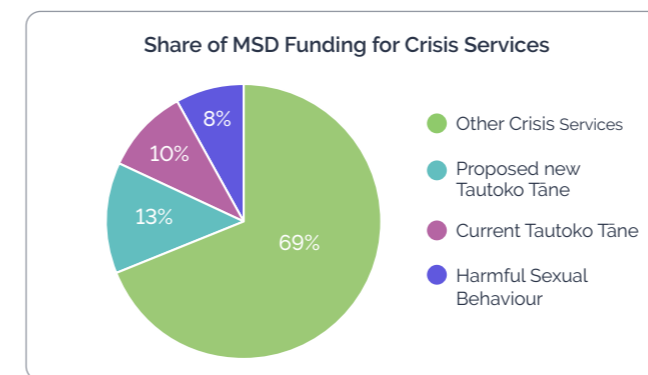


Support services for male survivors need more equitable investment

A quarter of sexual abuse victims in New Zealand identify as male. The current allocation of Government funding for crisis services funding is not consistent with the relative incidence of male sexual abuse.



This proposal is designed to address this inequity by making a case to increase the funding of male support services to 23% of increased crisis sector funding.



"I've probably learnt more from peer support and these guys sitting around a table than I have from all the years I've done counselling."

Male Survivor

Tautoko Tāne is making a difference

Three independent research studies have found that peer support delivers results that can be life-changing, with wellbeing outcomes for survivors and their families/whānau, and with benefits that extend beyond counselling and therapy.

Between 2022 and 2024 Tautoko Tāne and Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington researched the male survivor experience. Living or merely existing highlights the issues facing male victims in New Zealand as they interact with government agencies and other services. Thriving, just not just surviving documents survivors' experiences of peer support as a **life changing, even lifesaving, intervention.**

In 2023, Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington and University of Otago evaluated how male victims of sexual abuse access and benefit from support services including peer support. They found **formal models of peer support deliver results**, especially for those men who have little informal social support. This report made several recommendations, including increased government funding for peer support.

A further evaluation by the University of Canterbury (due for publication in 2024) directly assessed the impact of Tautoko Tāne's government funding and recommended increase to funding for the service. The evaluation found that the diverse range of supports able to be offered with the funding led to **increased wellbeing for male survivors and their family or whānau**, including enhanced social connection, greater resilience to daily crises, and enhanced self-confidence and self-worth. The male survivors interviewed were overwhelmingly positive about the impact of peer support on their wellbeing and family relationships. Survivors reported peer support had **unique benefits beyond those provided by counselling or therapy**. The authors found that survivors want to share experiences with people who will understand what they are going through, emphasising the importance of male-centred services.

"The future is up in the air, but I have the tools to know when I'm slipping. I've healed as much as I can from what I've been through, but you always carry some of it with you. Telling my story and finding support saved my life, so now I just try to give that to others."

Peer Worker