



RASNZ ANNUAL REPORT 2022



RASNZ
Refugee health
& wellbeing

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Our Purpose

Mission

To provide holistic, culturally informed mental health and wellbeing services to promote a positive environment for people of refugee background people to thrive in Aotearoa

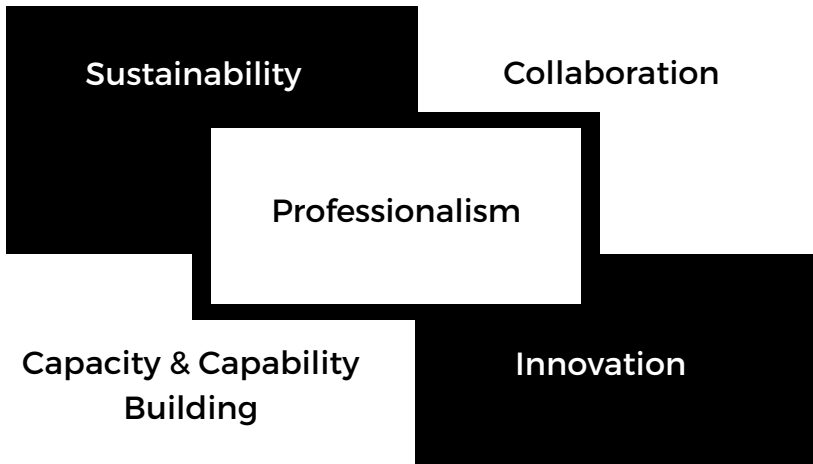
Values

Integrity Compassion Respect Responsibility

Strategic Objectives

- To provide specialist mental health support for quota refugees & asylum seekers at Mangere Refugee Resettlement Centre
- To provide specialist mental health and community support for people from a refugee background in Auckland
- To provide training and consultation nationally
- To provide a national mental health and wellbeing service
- To advocate for refugee rights

Strategic Priorities



Chair's Report

I am writing this report in November 2022 looking back on the last financial year between July 2021 and June this year. In preparation, I have read through the Board papers for that period.

The first thing that struck me was the pervasive impact of COVID 19 on the organisation. The twists and turns the organisation had to make from working remotely to vaccine mandates, to mask wearing and the inability to gather in numbers speak to the great resilience of the people who work for RASNZ. I am proud of the efforts everyone made to respond to our changing environment as we worked as a nation to minimise the negative impact of the virus.

Those efforts are now paying dividends in RASNZ's ability to deliver its services in a more streamlined manner and to extend its reach beyond the geographic limits of Auckland. That has meant that more people of former refugee backgrounds and the communities within which they live have been able to benefit from the specialised services offered by RASNZ.

There are still many challenges ahead. Not least, in common with many sectors across New Zealand, is the difficulty in recruiting staff. The organisation has some success attracting motivated and passionate people but the pool of potential candidates remains very small.

Over the course of the last financial year, we started a programme of refreshing the Board in accordance with our Trust Deed. We have said goodbye to some dedicated Board members and welcomed some new ones. It has been and remains a privilege to work with a diverse group of talented, selfless people.

Of course, RASNZ cannot survive without the help of our funders and I thank each of them for seeing the value that RASNZ brings to the lives of people who have lived through the vicissitudes of the refugee journey and to the potential that can be opened up by making Aotearoa / New Zealand a welcoming and caring place.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of everyone at RASNZ from the CEO down for their tireless and generous work in delivering the services that gives RASNZ such a strong reputation.

James Hassall
RASNZ Chairman



CEO's Report

Thank you for taking the time to read the 2022 Annual Report. RASNZ takes pride in being a grassroots clinical/community NGO with a client lead approach working to improve the psychological well-being of our refugee background communities.

You will read in this report that despite the restrictions and preventative conditions faced in our third year of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we not only maintained services but increased them to meet the greater need in our community. We are thankful for our frontline clinical, community and administration staff, who continue to work passionately and tirelessly to support our clients, families, and colleagues.

Our Strategic Plan for 2023 - 2026 has been set and will guide us over the following three years as we build our scale, strengthen our systems and processes, align and sustain resources, and develop our workforce. Our priority focus areas include expanding clinical and training service reach to support better mental health objectives, including strengthening national mainstream capability.

The need for agile and culturally appropriate mental health services has never been more relevant. In 2021 RASNZ clinical and community teams responded to the New Lynn terror attack, the Afghan evacuation, and the Ukrainian crisis. By July 2022, more than 1700 Afghan evacuees had arrived, the UNHCR quota increased by one-third to 1500, and the Family Reunification programme doubled to 600. Our team were busy.

The youth service has undergone a significant restructuring this year to ensure it aligns more with our core business model. Through comprehensive community and stakeholder consultation, we identified refugee background adolescents as the most in need of our service. To maximise our reach, RAS Youth Services intend to work in a joined-up way to utilise partnerships and collaboration with other health, education and social service providers, NGOs and PHOs to develop practical pathways that improve the well-being of refugee background adolescents. And we will strengthen our commitment to refugee background youth further in the new year by adding an educational psychologist to our clinical team, thus creating a multi-disciplinary, holistic clinical/community wraparound family service.

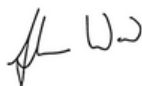
The ever-expanding training and development strand of RASNZ is in high demand all over Aotearoa, so much so that we can barely meet the demand. This year we have developed stronger national partnerships to enable us to share our experience and knowledge throughout mainstream services. Next year, we hope to build a sustainable training model throughout the resettlement regions promoting refugee well-being through culturally appropriate, evidence-based educational programmes that support self-determination and further strengthen refugee communities.

While Te Whatu Ora (HNZ) fully funds our clinical service, the community team, including RAS Youth Services, training, research and all community advocacy and engagement, rely wholly on philanthropic funding. We are deeply grateful for the trust and belief of our funders. (listed pg 16) without their support, the holistic wraparound model of care that makes RASNZ unique would not be possible.

I want to recognise the vital work done by the RASNZ Board of Trustees and their steadfast support throughout the Pandemic and beyond, particularly Chairman James Hassall, whose dedication and unwavering support at the most challenging times have been invaluable. The winds of change are inevitable, and unfortunately, two very competent and long-standing Board members, Jenny Broom and Dr Tony Wansbrough, retired this year. I want to acknowledge their wisdom and commitment over many years and their positive impact on RASNZ. We are excited to announce that the RASNZ Board has strengthened the youth and rainbow representation at the governance level with Ali Haidari. We also welcomed Victoria Villaraza and Katerina Lenzie-Smith to the board this year and look forward to the vigour they bring with them.

The list of achievements for 2021-22 is substantial. I have tried to include most of them in the body of this report, but inevitably, many were left out. As always, RASNZ's main achievement remains our ability to contribute to positive mental health and wellbeing outcomes for people of refugee backgrounds and the contribution this represents to New Zealand society.

Sharron Ward
RASNZ CEO





332
clients



16
ethnicities



93%
received clinical mental
health support



35%
received body
therapy

About Us

The RASNZ Mangere unit is a specialist team of clinical mental health professionals managing the mental health of the UNHCR Quota refugees on arrival in Aotearoa. Here, interpreters and cross-cultural facilitators support clinicians, including body therapists, to provide initial assessment, brief therapeutic interventions and group psychoeducation to all refugees & asylum seekers occasionally detained onsite. The unique multi agency collaboration between RASNZ, INZ, AUT & HNZ has been in operation for 26 years and is the only one of its kind in the world.

2022 Highlights

- Our clinical team seamlessly pivoted to online services for five months before switching to a mandated traffic light service, consultations were carried out in a three-way relationship including interpreters. Body therapy referrals increased despite the long lockdown. Our holistically integrated service received increased referrals from the onsite Te Whatu Ora medical team
- We have developed new innovative systems including new risk management protocols and an effective evidence-based evaluation tool that has been migrated onto our record-based reporting tool
- We have strengthened our lived experience clinical team with Rohingya, Burmese, Spanish and Arabic speaking staff
- Our community CCFs are working with clinicians in pre-planning to integrate cultural practice into talk therapy. This is providing a cultural lens and takes our work to a deeper level

"Working as a counsellor at RAS has been an incredible experience, having the opportunity to work with people from different backgrounds and my own community its unique. Diversity is the one true thing that we all have in common at RAS." - Gracias Lorena

COMMUNITY CLINICAL



100

hours on the road
visiting clients



262

received clinical &
social work support



77

received
psychiatry support



53

received body
therapy

About

The RASNZ Community Clinical Team provides specialist mobile mental health and wellbeing support to people from refugee backgrounds throughout Auckland. This free service offers one-to-one counselling, psychiatry, body therapy and social work support for people at any stage of their resettlement journey. What makes the service unique is agility. Our mobile clinical team can reach vulnerable and remote clients all over Auckland

Highlights 2022

- RASNZ operated as an essential service during lockdown providing remote therapy online & by telephone. Clinicians also provided consultation for other resettlement regions to support the mental health needs of former refugees
- Created an online evaluation measures to inform our outcomes
- Provided specialist rainbow supervision and developed rainbow diversity training
- Increased external liaisons and collaborations with sector & relevant agencies
- Focused on upskilling clinicians in diversity, equality and inclusion training, child protection and provided eCALD cultural competency

"The Ministry commends the work of RASNZ during this highly pressured time and the significant ongoing impact of Covid-19. You have continued to find ways to manage within this environment, and we acknowledge the efforts you have gone to provide services remotely."

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT



998

Participants



82

empowerment
group sessions



30

Computer in Homes
graduates

RASNZ's Cross Cultural

RASNZ's Cross Cultural Facilitators (CCFs) represent Afghan, Arabic, Assyrian, Burmese, Burundian, Colombian, Eritrean, Somali, Sri Lankan and Rohingya communities.

Our cross cultural community team provide a vital bridge between our clinical and cultural services. Always on call for their community and everyday, they go above and beyond their core work. At TAMA they facilitate health education & smoking session workshops for newly arrived families.

Highlights 2022

- Promoted and facilitated a Covid-19 vaccination programme for hesitant families in a culturally safe setting
- Worked in partnership with the ADHB to break down vaccination stigma with anti-misinformation campaigns
- Delivered computer training and devices to 30 families
- Upskilled our CCFs with training focused on family violence and child protection
- Collaborated with Auckland library, St John, Fresh minds, ADHB, ASST, ARSSG, MOE senior advisors, ARCC, MBIE, and Kahui Tu Kaha
- Womens empowerment programmes continued online, attendee numbers increased
- Arabic and Tamil community pillars mental health & wellbeing groups were delivered in first language

"Being a cross cultural facilitator is like being a bridge between community and clinical services. It is very much a satisfying experience to help people to receive support through our CCF team."
- Sumanasiri

PARENTING PROGRAMME



28

parenting
discussion groups



170

discussion
group attendees



10

ethnicities



About

The Parenting Programme works with parents, grandparents and wider whānau from a refugee background, offering parenting discussion groups, wrap around family support and liaison with social and education services. It is a community empowerment model whereby ethnic facilitators are trained to train their own community in their first language.

- Delivered 5 Triple P Primary Care and Teens Parenting Programmes to Afghan, Arabic, Burmese, Central African, Eritrean, Iranian Pakistani, Rohingya, Sri Lankan and mixed ethnic communities
- Developed a high needs programme working with families one to one
- Upskilled a new Arabic speaking trainers
- Conducted 28 sessions, 170 attendees
- Promoted PPP model for other resettlement regions with a view to incorporate a wrap around community training programme, a national train

Highlights 2022

- Covid hesitancy for F2F programmes, created opportunity for our parenting team to developed new skills working successfully online
- Our PPP trainers have adapted a new programme for TAMA UNHCR Quota refugees arriving in NZ

"The parenting programme training taught me 'that I have to model parenting skill first on myself, as a mother and then things with my children will naturally get better.'"

RASNZ YOUTH



276
youth
engaged



6 - 26
age range of
youth



21
ethnicities



27
sports
sessions

About

Our youth services pivoted from face-to-face programmes to quality online services using preferred social media platforms. RAS Youth remained fully engaged and available throughout the pandemic. We have increased our reach as a result. The development of RAS Youth social media platforms enabled the team to connect with more young people across the country.

Highlights 2022

- 172% increase in attendances of RAS Youth programmes
- 6 Impact stories were made featuring youth who experienced significant changes in their lives after attending RAS Youth
- This year we created a youth voice on the RASNZ Rainbow Working Group & on the RASNZ Board
- Overall, lockdown and online engagement increased by 297% in 2021/22
- Record-breaking numbers of social media followers
- 1,436 Facebook, 11,551 Instagram
- Participation in two footstall leagues, the Auckland Cultural Festival football tournament
- Annual Leadership Forum held in the Hunua Ranges

"RAS Sport has changed me in many ways. I learned about sports, especially soccer and found a club to play soccer with, which was my dream. I still can't believe that I found a place to play. Also learning about New Zealand culture and many other things."

ADVOCACY & ENGAGEMENT



47

public events &
speaking engagements



13,217

followers on
social media



11

interviews across radio,
TV, print media & online

About

RASNZ highlights issues and promotes stories about refugee background kiwis that inspire, inform and challenge negative stereotypes. This work is enhanced through our Engagement Programme which creates opportunities for our refugee background community members and mainstream kiwis to connect. Our advocacy work promotes the human rights of asylum seekers and the civil rights of all refugee background people in Aotearoa.

Highlights 2022

- Women knit all over the world and our Wool for Refugees project continues to provide hours of respite for residents who have recently arrived at TAMA during their extended stay
- We have re-introduced Wellbeing Activities at TAMA by bringing live music, dance & creative play to the residents in early evenings

- Our team delivered 35 speaking engagements in schools, businesses and tertiary institutions with a total of 2970 children and adults

Collaborations 2022

- Mixit
- The NZ AIDS Foundation
- Manukau United FC
- Rainbow Path
- Hungerball NZ
- New Zealand cricket
- Outward Bound
- Auckland Phillamonic Orchestra
- NZ Police
- Drowning Prevention
- Aroha fit
- NZRC
- English Language partners
- Flock
- Creative Fibre
- Ethno new Zealand
- Puketapapa Driving School
- Youthline
- Rainbow Youth



"Many Rainbow refugees have no one they can turn to for help for their Rainbow identities, and many suffer from mental health challenges due to the lack of acceptance and support for being who they naturally are. RAS has made great commitments to collaborate with Rainbow community organisations to be Rainbow inclusive."

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



1878+
attendees



32
Training Sessions



13
Regional Centres

About

RASNZ supports the development of culturally appropriate, trauma informed health and wellbeing services in all refugee resettlement regions in New Zealand. Through training and research, we are building the capacity and capability of health, education and social services to provide responsive services for clients and families from refugee backgrounds.

Highlights 2022

- Presented face to face training to schools in Christchurch, Blenheim, Ashburton and Hamilton. The workshops included the resettlement and multicultural services in the region to connect schools with supports for whanau
- Online training workshops for TESOL teachers nationally

- Five online workshops for the tertiary education sector around the country to improve awareness of needs for refugee background tertiary students
- Training developed for Oranga Tamariki social workers and youth justice teams to promote culturally competent care and service provision
- Community Pillars training programme for Cross cultural facilitators focusing on screening and intervention for Family violence and Child Abuse. Connections to key family violence agencies including the NZ Police, Oranga Tamariki, Te Whatu Ora family teams and the NGO sector

"This was a FANTASTIC Professional Learning and Development (PLD) opportunity! I am part of an incredibly multi-cultural kura and I now feel better equipped to connect with my ESOL/ELL and refugee students. I picked up some GEMS for self-regulation, how I approach triggered behaviour, understanding/validating what they have come with (what they are carrying). I realised that I did not think to ask how my refugee students come to NZ. I will endeavour to ask them if they feel safe to share. I really appreciated this PLD. Thank you so, so much!"

SIR ROBERT JONES SCHOLARSHIP



67

scholarship recipients
currently studying



11

New Zealand
tertiary institutions

The Robert Jones Refugee Daughters' Scholarship is awarded to young women from refugee backgrounds annually. The scholarship covers tertiary tuition fees through to graduation. This year we are very proud of the students graduating in fields as diverse as Political Science, Sociology, Chemistry, Law, Business, Biomedical Science, Nursing, Civil Engineering, Creative Technologies, Anatomy and Physiology, Architecture, Nutrition and Dietetics, and Communications.

Highlights 2022

- Now in the 8th year
- 69 current undergraduates
- 25 new scholarships awarded
- 12 students graduated
- 8 students studying at the postgraduate level
- The Sir Robert Jones Scholarship alumni were formed this year to provide an opportunity for old girls to stay connected. Providing the alumni space for our graduates has been well received. many of the alumni have volunteered to to utilise scholarship talent as mentors and members of our advisory group

"My tertiary education journey has been one the most challenging and yet enjoyable experience. As a first generation university student, the learning curve was very steep for me, from navigating the system to adapting and fitting into the social culture. However, the mentorship and support that I received from the SRJ scholarship helped me in this transition." - Mahtab Jalal



OUR SUPPORTERS



2,014
registered
donors



17
funding
partners

Eliana, our Volunteer Coordinator, manages activities onsite at Te Ahuru Mowai O Aotearoa and in the community. She has excelled at recruiting high-quality volunteers making 2022 our most successful year in a decade. Our volunteer army comprises highly skilled individuals passionate about working with people from refugee backgrounds.

Our Scholarship Alumni generously provide additional support as mentors and advisory board members.

- Total volunteer hours for the year increased 20%
- Money raised through individual fundraising

RASNZ's work would not be possible without the generosity and support of the wider community.

We thank our donors, whether it be the pocket money of a child, or a corporate donation. The principle of your giving is equal. Your generosity provides a lifeline to our underfunded, overachieving NGO to do the mahi that supports our refugee background Whanau.

"Being able to volunteer for RASNZ goes deeper than wanting to do something that makes me feel good. I am first generation to Aotearoa from parents who arrived as refugees, and without the assistance that they were provided, may not have eventuated in the privileged life I have now." – Cynthia Monardez

OUR FOUNDERS

CONTRACT FUNDING

CMDHB - Counties Manukau
District Health Board
MOE - Ministry of Education
MOH - Ministry of Health

GRANT FUNDING

DIA - Department of Internal Affairs

- Lottery Grants Board
- Office of Ethnic Communities

Foundation North
Kelliher Charitable Trust
Perpetual Guardian - Basil Charles
Bellhouse Charitable Trust
SkyCity - Auckland Community
Trust
The Trusts Community Foundation
UN - United Nations

SPONSORSHIP

Greg and Janie Loveridge
RJH - Robert Jones Holdings
Theo Vos and Mariëtte Derksen

PRO-BONO SUPPORT

Ports of Auckland Round the Bays
Simpson Grierson
Stripe Inc



BUSINESS DIRECTORY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

NATURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Providing people from refugee backgrounds with quality, holistic, culturally responsive mental health and wellbeing services to assist with positive resettlement in New Zealand.

INCORPORATION NUMBER

AK/894835

CHARITIES SERVICES REGISTRATION NUMBER

CC20149

NZBN

9429042942177

IRD NUMBER

69-647-804

BANK

Bank of New Zealand

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

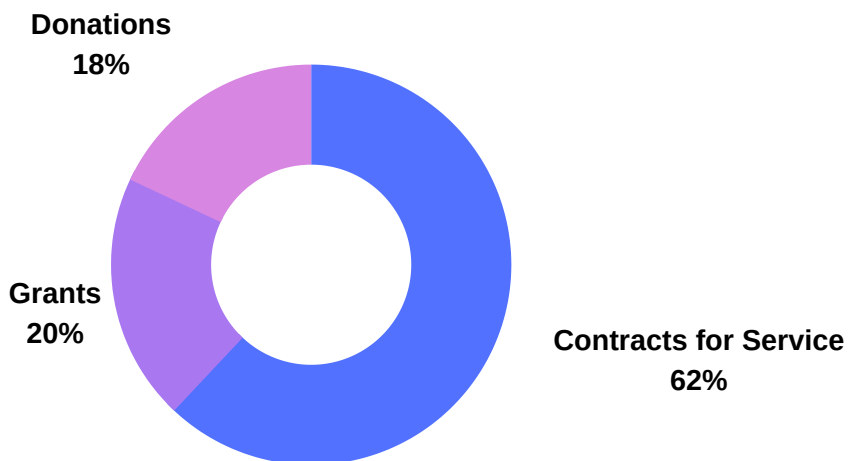
Despite the difficulties of the last two years, RASNZ remains in a strong financial position. Contracted services, funded by Counties Manukau District Health Board, provide almost two thirds of our funding. This funding has continued despite the temporary reduction of refugee intakes during the Covid-19 pandemic. This has enabled us to retain key staff and continue to provide services to our existing refugee communities.

Grants and donations were expected to be the same or below previous years and we were preparing to manage provision of the services funded by grants and donations through a combination of reduced services and use of reserves. However, it is very pleasing to note that the level of support to RASNZ through these funding streams has been maintained.

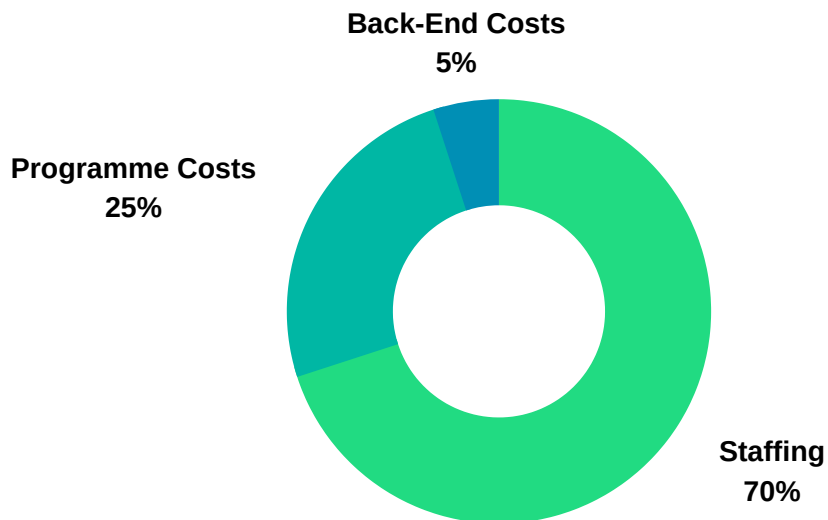
As a not-for-profit organisation funded largely by public money, RASNZ endeavours to run a balanced budget each year so that all funds received are applied to the services agreed to be undertaken. While service delivery has been largely achieved, prudent financial management over recent years has resulted in reserve funds accumulating. RASNZ is developing a strategy to ensure that the accumulated funds are applied to services for the refugee community, after setting aside sufficient funds to deal with any unexpected circumstances. Currently programmes funded from reserves include the Research, Training and Development, Grant Writing, Engagement and Communications.

The following financial statements are RASNZ Trust's summary financial statements. Our full financial statements are filed with Charity Services and will be made available at the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

INCOME



EXPENDITURE



SUMMARY OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 2022

REVENUE

Group	2022 \$	2021 \$
Contracts for Service	2,181,286	2,116,721
Grants	696,879	625,642
Donations	653,040	532,303
Revenue from exchange transaction – Interest, Dividends, Rents and Training Programmes	11,636	13,519
Total revenue	3,542,841	3,288,185

EXPENDITURE

Group	2022 \$	2021 \$
Employee costs	2,297,540	2,111,142
Facilities and Technology expenses	162,465	160,669
Social enterprise & Scholarship expenses	671,266	588,601
Service delivery expenses	136,599	144,913
Depreciation expense	32,789	36,988
(Profit) / Loss on disposal of assets	(5,309)	738
Travel and Vehicle expenses	15,254	16,498
General expenses	32,664	30,787
Organisation and Management expenses	64,439	115,015
Fundraising expenses	6,607	30,584
Total expenditure	3,414,314	3,235,935

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

ASSETS	2022 \$	2021 \$
Current Assets		
Cash at bank	777,698	745,755
Short term deposits	1,129,128	869,558
Receivables from non-exchange transactions	224,874	216,307
Sundry Debtors	3,581	2,543
Total Current Assets	2,135,281	1,834,163
Non-current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	92,423	93,225
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SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION CONT.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Group	Retained Surplus	Total Equity
Balance at 1 July 2020	1,233,629	1,233,629
Surplus For The Year	52,250	52,250
Balance at 30 June 2021	1,285,579	1,285,879
Balance at 1 July 2021	1,285,879	1,285,879
Surplus For The Year	128,527	128,527
Balance at 30 June 2022	1,414,406	1,414,406

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF REFUGEES AS SURVIVORS NEW ZEALAND TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Refugees As Survivors New Zealand Trust ("the Trust") on pages 4 to 14, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022 and the statement of comprehensive revenue and expenses, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trust as at 30 June 2022 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standards (Not For Profit) Reduced Disclosure Regime issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described below in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) *Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have also performed a compliance audit relating to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture. We have no other relationships with, or interests in the Trust.

Other Information

The Board of Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for the other information. The other information comprises the Directory but does not include the Trust's financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the Trust's financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If based, on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Restriction on Responsibility

This report is made solely to the Board of Trustees in accordance with section 42F of Charities Act 2005, as a collective body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Board of Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Board of Trustees, as a collective body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Board of Trustees' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Board of Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standards (PBE IPSAS) Reduced Disclosure Regime and for such internal control as the Board of Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Trustees either intend to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the XRB's website at <http://www.xrb.govt.nz/standards-for-assurance-practitioners/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-8/>

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Auckland, New Zealand

10th October 2022

Date



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Refugee health
& wellbeing



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