

Te Aorerekura Action Plan Quarterly Report: Quarter 3 2025/26

To:	Family Violence Sexual Violence (FVSV) Ministerial Group		
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Action Sought

Note progress made delivering Te Aorerekura Action Plan during Quarter 3 (January – March 2026).	NOTED
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Purpose

1. This paper provides an update on progress across the three priority focus areas of the second Te Aorerekura Action Plan (the Action Plan).

Background

2. Quarterly Reports are provided to FVSV Ministers to show the progress that has been made on delivering the Action Plan milestones.
3. The Centre provided FVSV Ministers with an interim update on 26 March (refer 131094).
4. The attached Quarterly Report (refer Appendix 1) summarises what has been delivered in the period January – March 2026.

Report Summary

5. Delivery across the Action Plan's three priority areas continued steadily over the January – March 2026 quarter, reflecting strong cross-agency collaboration and growing alignment between shared priorities. The overall portfolio performance is assessed as Amber, indicating ongoing progress alongside some emerging challenges.
6. Following on from the milestones delivered last quarter October – December 2025, steady progress continues this quarter. The Quarterly Report provides further detail of progress across the priority focus areas.

Action Plan and Target Four

7. Several key activities under the Keeping People Safe priority focus area of the Action Plan are a key contributor to Target 4 – Reduction in Violent Crime. During the last quarter, the following initiatives advanced this work:

Completed

- The grant parameters have been agreed for all four priority locations (Tairāwhiti, Hawke's Bay, Rotorua and Auckland City).

In Progress

- Implementation is underway, with test-and-learn activity in all four priority locations (Tairāwhiti, Hawke's Bay, Rotorua and Auckland City) to apply and refine the best-practice multi-agency responses in local settings, with a focus on high-risk cases.
 - Regional Public Service Commissioners have been mobilised to take a stronger leadership role ensuring government is effectively playing its role in multi-agency responses within their area.
 - Work is continuing with Police to optimise how the existing Family Safety System supports multiagency responses in all four priority locations.
 - The Report for 'current interventions for people who use violence' will be completed in July, including the embedding of victim perspectives.
8. The Executive Board for the Elimination of Family Violence and Sexual Violence (the Board), supported by the Centre, is in the process of developing milestones for the next phase of the Action Plan. These will be shared with you ahead of the next FVSV Ministerial Group meeting on 2 July 2026.

Monitoring Impact

9. An interim dashboard is being developed to track delivery and local impact of multi-agency responses in sites while the target operating model is still in development. The dashboard will provide visibility of operational progress and emerging trends in service demand and outcomes, supporting the Board to understand where system changes are making a measurable difference.
10. As committed in the previous report, baseline indicators of long-term change have been updated using data from the NZCVS on family- and sexual-violence victimisation. For consistency with Target 4 reporting, October 2023 has been selected as the baseline for comparison. The data shows:

- A 12% decrease (8,000 fewer victims) in victims of an offence where the perpetrator was a family member.
- A 22% decrease (10,000 fewer victims) in victims of violent offences by a family member (assault, robbery, or sexual assault).
- A 6% decrease (5,000 fewer victims) in victims of sexual violence.
- Annual data shows no statistically significant decrease in the number of victims of family offences, violent family offences, or sexual assault from 2023 to 2025, though there was a significant decrease in the proportion of people who were victims of a family violence offence, from 2.3% of all adults in 2024 to 1.4% in 2025. This suggests more data is needed to confirm whether downward trends in the number of victims reflect long-term changes.

Outcomes Reporting

11. Progress under Te Aorerekura is measured through the Outcomes and Measurement Framework (OMF), which captures both system-level shifts and the specific changes attributable to the Action Plan. The Action Plan's three priority focus areas (Investing and Commissioning Well, Keeping People Safe, and Stopping Violence) align with 20 short-term outcomes from the OMF.
12. Reporting for these outcomes will be incorporated annually into Action Plan reporting, and into the full OMF report. The first OMF report, published in December 2024, established a baseline view of progress and identified areas for further development.
13. The Board received the second comprehensive OMF report in April 2026, and the report is planned for publication by the end of May 2026.
14. I will share a copy of the OMF report with you once it is finalised.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Te Aorerekura Action Plan Quarterly Report, January – March 2026