



## **Regional Workshop**

# *"Promoting the presence and leadership of women within public institutions at the national and local levels in Asia and the Pacific"*

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### **New Zealand – our progress**





About half of the Public Service Chief Executive roles are now held by women

The Gender Pay Gap is 7.1% down from 12.2% (2018) It is the lowest it's ever been, a 41% decrease



55.9% of Public Service leaders are women

## **The New Zealand context**

#### **Public Service Act 2020**

- Promoting, developing, and monitoring equal employment opportunity programmes and policies for the Public Service
- Recognition of the employment requirements of women
- Recognition of the importance of achieving pay equity between femaale and male employees
- Recognition of the importance of decisions about remuneration being free from bias including, but not limited to gender bias
- Represent the commuities that we serve

#### **Government Workforce Policy Statement**

- Proactively working to eliminate all forms of discrimination and bias in the workplace, including workplace systems, policies, practices and behaviours
- Ensuring the workplace and its leadership, are representative of and understand the communities they serve
- Building workplace cultures that are inclusive, diverse, and safe for all workers

# SDG 5 - Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



#### SDG 16 – Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels 64,771 Public Servants

#### Developing leaders $\diamond$

Common and Core Development from July 2022 to June 2023 Te Kaihautū for new People Leaders		Targeted Programm
97 leaders through 7 cohorts	29 cohorts	33 rangatahi participating
Te Kaitaki for new Leader of Leaders		Pacific Mentoring Progr
LDC delivered to:	3 agencies delivered to:	0 0
49 leaders through 4 cohorts	4 cohorts	20 mentees supported by 20 m
Te Manutaki for new Senior System Leaders		Te Putanga
LDC delivered to:		Leadership in Practic
68 leaders through 6 cohorts with 75 cohort development conversations		LDC delivered to:
Resulting in 1,000+		76 leaders through 5 cohorts
leaders have now taken part in <b>common and core leadership</b>		One cohort targeted digital lead
	transition into a new leadership role	capability in this priority area

Targeted Programmes		
Te Ara ki Matangireia Māori Emerging Leaders Programme		
arangatahi participating		
Pacific Mentoring Programme		
mentees supported by <b>20</b> mentors		
Te Putanga Leadership in Practice		
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leaders through <b>5</b> cohorts		
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### Change the system, not women



Stay focused on embedding systemic change

Data and lived experiences need to be the foundation of informing action

## **Challenge and Recommendation**

#### Challenges

Bias embedded in policies and practices Attitudes and behaviour – conscious and unconscious



Education and awareness is as important as policy. Story telling from lived experiences is key to change. Ensure a comprehensive, coordinated and collaborative approach to policy setting and influence across the system.



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