

## **SETTLING IN FACT SHEET**

### **Introduction**

The *Settling In* programme aims to build capacity in migrant and refugee communities using a community development approach. We work with communities providing funding and advice, making connections and providing mentoring and strategic support.

The *Settling In* programme is coordinated from the Community Relations team at Family and Community Services (FACS).

*Settling In* has the key goals of:

1. Identifying social service needs in migrant and refugee communities
2. Purchasing appropriate services where available
3. Developing capacity and capability in migrant and refugee communities
4. Working intersectorally.

### **The *Settling In* Programme Vision**

A New Zealand that welcomes and celebrates diversity, where refugees and migrants settle well and are able to contribute to our nation in all aspects of life – social, economic, civic and cultural.

### **How we operate**

*Settling In* currently operates in seven regions:

- Auckland
- Hamilton
- Hawkes Bay
- Wellington
- Nelson/Tasman
- Marlborough
- Christchurch

### **Contact information**

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One of the key principles of *Settling In* is that it works directly with members of migrant and refugee communities to help them find solutions to their own needs. It is a very flexible programme that acknowledges that everyone has different needs and different resettlement experiences.

There is a very wide range of *Settling In* projects and activities. The following are some examples of the work that we have helped set up or fund:

### ***Auckland***

- We have been assisting a group of Muslim leaders in Auckland from mainly refugee communities, including Afghani, Somali, and Iraqi, who have been meeting to identify a range of activities that will strengthen their families and increase the level of comfort the communities have in operating in a New Zealand context. They are planning to build on work that has already been undertaken and is seen as successful, such as a parenting programme on understanding parenting in the New Zealand context run by the Somali community for women.

### ***Waikato***

- Last year we began working with the Somali community in Waikato to address the issue of its youth population creating trouble in the local community. We worked with Work and Income, who have since put in place a (Somali) youth worker to address issues around employment and training.
- More recently we worked with Somali community leaders to identify what social issues need to be addressed. The issue of parenting was raised and the group suggested that it would be useful to be educated on parenting teenagers in the New Zealand context. We are now working with the community leaders on developing an appropriate way to provide this.

### ***Wellington***

- Development of the Wellington Refugee Health and Wellbeing Action Plan through the Intersectoral Working Group.
- Youth leadership programmes developed in association with the Refugee Children's Trust and the Boys' and Girls' Institute.
- The Sudanese Women's Programme, established to promote knowledge and skills and development.
- Project planning training courses to increase the capacity and skills of groups and organisations.