

Kotahitanga: Kiwi Connections Bridging Cultural Diversity in New Zealand

MARAE VISIT

Embracing Cultures, Shaping Futures: Highlights from the Marae Visit



Special Marae Visit:

Fostering Integration and Cultural Appreciation

HOPE Worldwide-Pakistan recently organized a special Marae visit to foster integration and cultural appreciation among community members. This enriching event brought together refugees, asylum seekers, and new community members under the community refugee sponsorship program laborative Efforts.



The marae visit promoted cultural understanding, appreciation, and unity within our diverse community.

It fostered a sense of community and togetherness, where migrants, former refugees, and seniors could join hands and create lasting bonds.

The traditional Māori food and warm hospitality added a delightful cultural touch.



"Strengthening Community Through Te Reo and Whakawhanaungatanga"

Working closely with local Māori communities, we built strong relationships and gained insights into their rich cultural heritage. The marae, featuring the Wharenuī (meeting house) or Whare Tīpuna (ancestral house), served as the central hub for our activities.



Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. They appreciated immersing themselves in Māori protocols and language, enhancing cultural understanding and building a more inclusive community.



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TE REO LEARNING

Participants also took part in te reo learning workshops, embracing the opportunity to learn the Māori language and customs. Through whakawhanaungatanga (relationship-building) activities, attendees formed meaningful connections, strengthening community spirit.



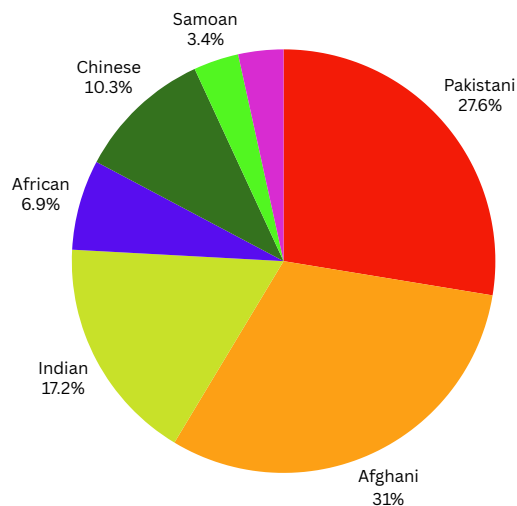
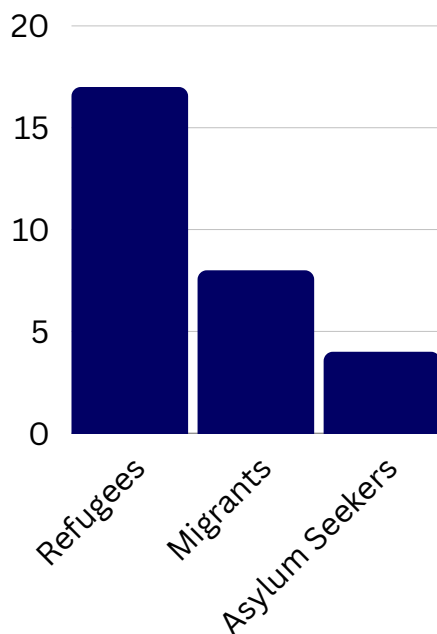
Key Outcomes from the Marae Visit"

- **Strengthened Community Bonds:** Fostered meaningful connections among migrants, former refugees, and seniors.
- **Enhanced Cultural Understanding:** Deepened appreciation and knowledge of Māori customs, traditions, and values.
- **Successful Te Reo Workshops:** Enabled participants to learn and embrace the Māori language and customs.
- **Greater Sense of Unity:** Promoted inclusivity and cohesion within the diverse community.





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Attendees

Throughout the visit, we engaged in activities that deepened our understanding of Māori customs, traditions, and values. Interactive workshops, language sessions, and captivating performances helped us connect more deeply with Māori culture.