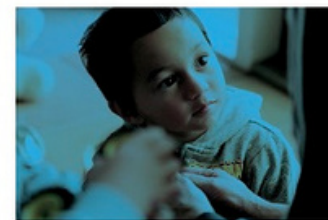


# CHILD POVERTY ACTION GROUP 2022/23 ANNUAL REPORT



## RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

CPAG has an extensive and sustained record on quality research aimed at understanding, informing and debating the nature, extent, depth and effects of child poverty in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Together we aim to inform, critique and influence government policy and contribute to public information and discussion.

Research 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 included.

- Improving the Child Poverty Reduction Framework.
- A Review of Law and Policy of Child Poverty Reduction from 2018 to 2022.
- Budget 2022 - CPAG Analysis (May 2022).
- Insights from the MSD Child Poverty Report 2022



## SUBMISSIONS

Submissions were submitted to give voice to children and whānau living in poverty.

CPAG Submissions 1 April 2022 to 31 March included:

- Working for Families tax credit review.
- Amending the Purposes and Principles of the Social Security Act.
- Child Poverty Related Indicators.
- Child Support (Pass On) Amendment Bill 2023.
- Aotearoa New Zealand Public Media bill.

## NETWORKS COLLABORATIONS AND CAMPAIGNS

CPAG is involved in coalitions and campaigns to engage the public and policy makers.



## UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD ANALYSIS

*Are the rights of children experiencing poverty in Aotearoa New Zealand being observed?*

Dr Dana Wensley CPAG Researcher undertook an analysis of child poverty through the lens of the UN Convention of the rights of the child. March 2023

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MEMBERS



1,000's  
OF VOLUNTEER HOURS



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TODD FOUNDATION  
TE ROUROU  
ACTIVITY & NUTRITION  
AOTEAROA  
SHARE MY SUPER



## FINANCIAL POSITION

With key support from the Todd Foundation, Te Rourou One Aotearoa Foundation, Activity and Nutrition Aotearoa Juliette Hogan, Share My Super and donation of space by Auckland City Mission, combined with the many generous donations, big and small, from members and non-members, the financial position remains healthy.

## CONTRIBUTIONS OF VOLUNTEERS

The largest contribution to our mahi is made by individuals across the motu giving their time, energy and expertise to support the CPAG kaupapa. This is not an exhaustive list of all those that contribute.

### Management Committee

Alan Johnson (Convenor) Gerry Cotterell, Colleen Brown, Douglas Higgins (part year) Janfrie Wakim, Professor Innes Asher ONZM, Frank Hogan, Associate Professor Mike O'Brien ONZM, Therese Luxton, Sally Ward

### Research Committee

Dr Gerry Cotterell (Chair) Associate Professor Mike O'Brien ONZM Alan Johnson, Emeritus Professor Innes Asher ONZM Janfrie Wakim, Associate Professor Susan St John ONZM

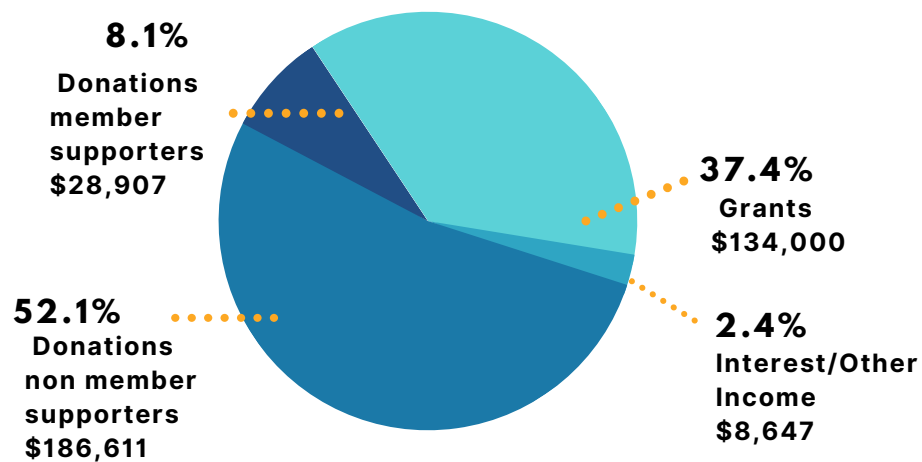
### Regional Networks

**Whangarei** Greg Waite, Sir Chris Farrelly KNZM **Western BOP** Charlotte Van Doorn **Nelson** Jean Simpson, Sonja Lamers **Christchurch** Sara Epperson **Wellington** Rebecca Adams, Lisa Woods, Nikki Turner **Dunedin** Jude Sligo

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

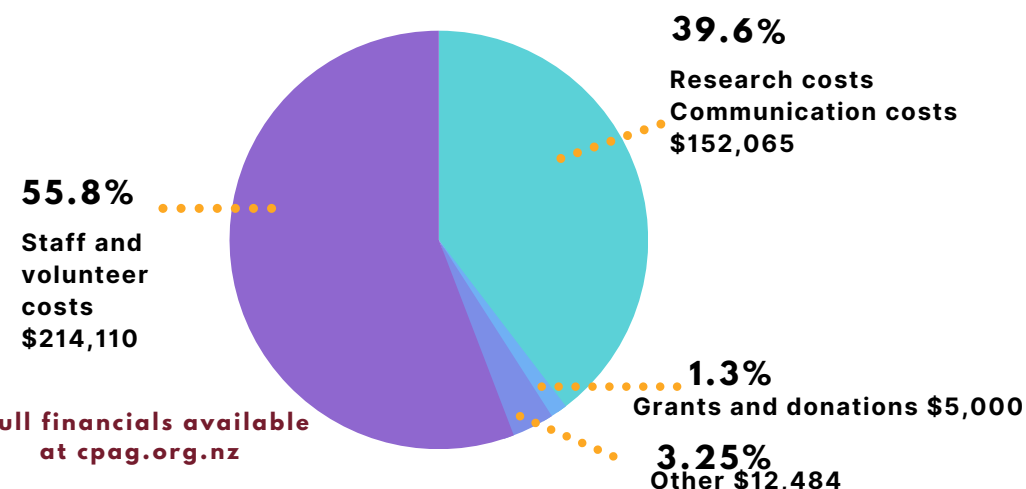
### INCOME RECEIVED

TOTAL INCOME: \$358,165



### WHERE THE MONEY GOES

TOTAL EXPENDITURE: \$383,659



\*Full financials available at cpag.org.nz

OUR VISION IS AN AOTEAROA WHERE ALL CHILDREN FLOURISH FREE FROM POVERTY

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# HAERE MAI | WELCOME

"He kai tahu me kikiini, he kai tahu me tihore, mā te tamaiti te iho"

"Pinch off a bit, peel off a bit, the inside is for the child"

On behalf of the Child Poverty Action Group management committee, I am pleased to present the Annual Report 31 March 2022 to 1 April 2023 to you.

As Convenor I offer personal thanks to the elected Management Committee, co-opted members, subcommittees and regional networks for contributing their impressive collective talent and expertise, and their sustained commitment to the vision of an Aotearoa where all children flourish free from poverty.

The Annual Report is an opportunity to highlight and celebrate what can be achieved through a committed group of individuals coming together to produce research and be a voice for children and families.

The Management Committee offers its sincere and profound thanks to every person, who has contributed to, supported and encouraged the mahi of CPAG in 2022-2023. Ngā mihi nui

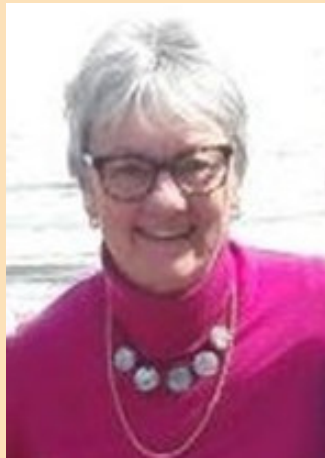
**Alan Johnson**  
Convenor

## JANFRIE WAKIM COFOUNDER CPAG

I am a cofounder of Child Poverty Action Group which began in 1993 when my path crossed with Susan St John QSO CNZM.

As a macroeconomist she understood and could foresee the disastrous impacts Ruth Richardson's budget of 1991 would have on children.

Networking amongst friends and colleagues began in earnest in 1994 and by 1998 Child poverty Action Group was formally incorporated.



I have held many different positions over the years from Convenor to currently serving on the HR and Finance subcommittees, this year helping with the Audit. I am inspired constantly by wonderful people committed to the same mahi.

Addressing issues of gross injustice motivates me, especially every variety of prejudice and discrimination and CPAG offers relevant policy options that are pragmatic and informed. Of course, in Aotearoa these are most significant for Māori and It is my firm belief that what is good for Māori is good for us all.

As a grandmother of many I want all mokopuna, mine included, to be enabled to thrive in Aotearoa free from poverty and its consequences.

## EMERITUS PROFESSOR INNES ASHER

In the mid 1990s whilst working as a pediatrician at Starship Hospital I was shocked to see the dramatic increase in hospitalisations of children for preventable diseases.

I joined CPAG in 1998 to learn about the factors that were changing in the environment children were living in. Families and children were being pushed into and locked into poverty and this is where the explanations lay.

Within CPAG I had the opportunity to make the stories of children visible and make recommendations that change their lives for good.

I have enjoyed working with others from different areas of expertise and perspectives. We have never been afraid to educate and advocate to policy makers and politicians and will continue to do so.

A particular highlight this year for me is starting the coordinating of a suite of policy briefs. With contributions from national experts in their fields we are growing and strengthening the CPAG fold and ensuring we continue as a strong voice for children.



## SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORT

**CPAG aims to see an Aotearoa where all children flourish free from poverty.**

**Key strategic objectives and outcomes:**

research projects and reports, holding events, campaigns, submissions, public statements, press releases, communicating research and providing speakers.

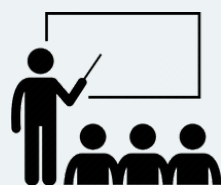
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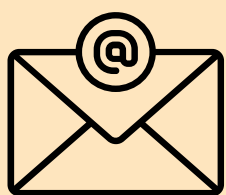
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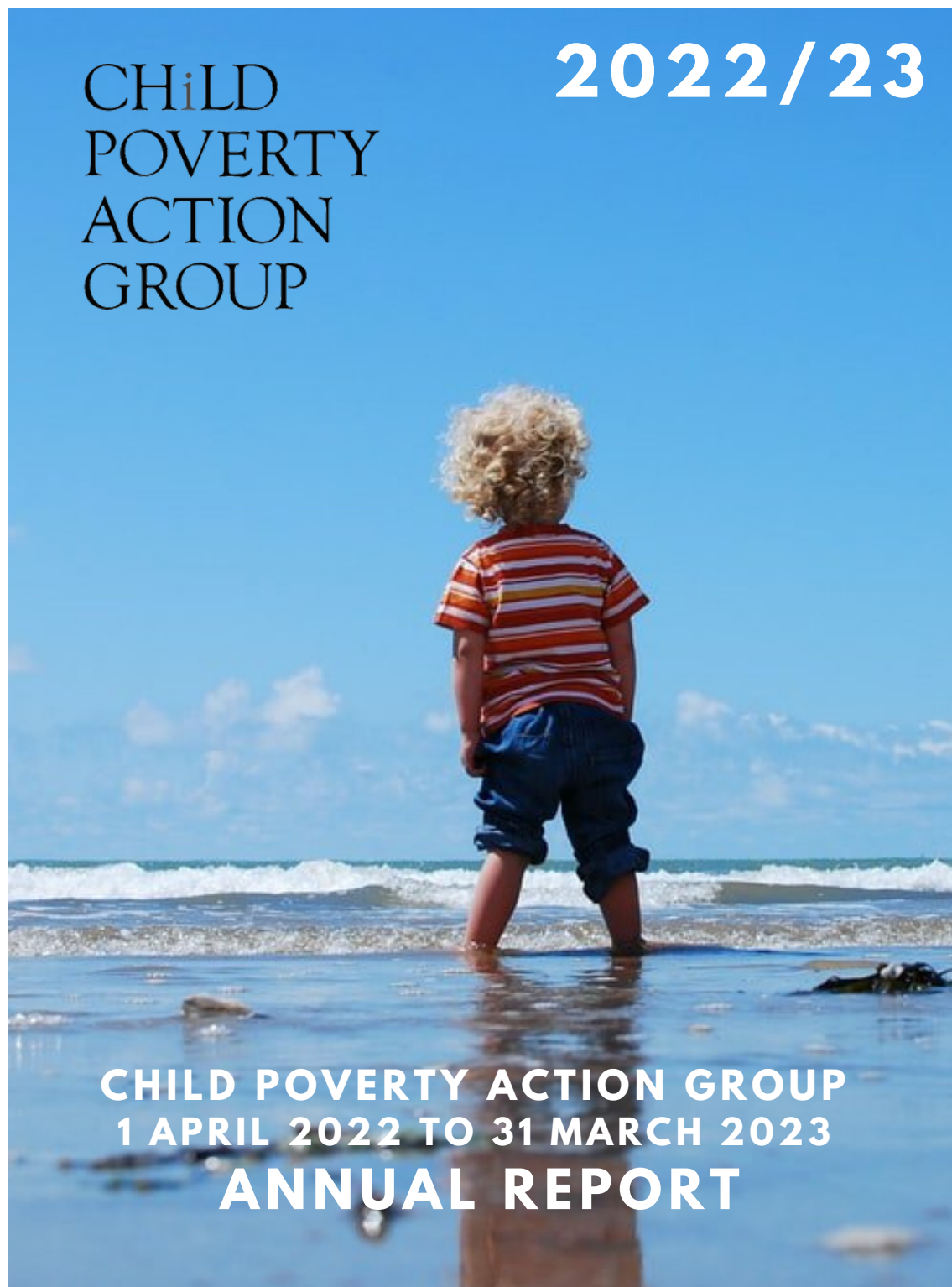


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