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## **Grant report**

### **Instructions**

Thank you for completing your funded initiative.

This form will be placed on our website for transparency and enables us to understand and share the work you have done through this grant.

Please complete and submit this form no later than the date stipulated in your funding agreement. If you cannot meet the deadline, contact us to arrange an alternative date by emailing <a href="mailto:funding@internetnz.net.nz">funding@internetnz.net.nz</a>. You may not be eligible to apply for further grants from InternetNZ if this is not submitted.

The completion of this form should be overseen by someone with intimate knowledge of the funded mahi.

### \* indicates a required field

## **Grant initiative update**

Initiative title \*

Hangouts

### Provide a short summary of the work that was completed as part of this initiative.

The hangout program was conducted in Shanti Niwas premises every alternative Tuesday and Wednesdays face-to-face and over zoom every Friday. It was conducted by Dr Vinay of Matakite Online Trust.

The Hangouts Program covered a diverse range of topics, ensuring a holistic approach to digital literacy. The key categories included:

Connecting with Friends and Family:

Tools: WhatsApp, Zoom, Facebook

Seniors were guided on how to use popular messaging and video conferencing apps to stay connected with their loved ones.

**Entertainment:** 

Tools: YouTube, Netflix, Einthusan

Participants were introduced to various online entertainment platforms, allowing them to explore a wide array of content at their convenience.

Keeping Safe Online:

Tools: Password management, Browsers

Seniors were educated on cybersecurity practices and introduced to tools that enhance their online safety and protect against potential threats.

Making Use of Resources for Government and Other Utility Services:

Tools: Manage My Health, AT card, Stocard

The program provided insights into accessing government services and utility platforms

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online for convenience and efficiency.

**Productivity Tools:** 

Tools: Microsoft Office Suite, Google Workspace

Participants were trained on using productivity tools to manage tasks, create documents, and collaborate effectively in both personal and professional settings

Describe the "who, what, where and when" of your initiative.

#### Is this initiative complete? \*

If your initiative is still in progress, select "no."

# Are there any areas where you need further funding or support to complete this initiative?

Yes, we intend to continue the project in the next year. We are considering making it a part of positive ageing program. In this year, we conducted the hangout programme who opted for it. There are quite a few who do not want to learn or use the digital technology. We are planning to take it to all centers once a month on a face to face basis followed by zoom sessions on Fridays. As the technology is evolving and changing at a rapid pace(like artificial intelligence), the digital training needs to be an ongoing project.

#### What are the outcomes of this initiative? \*

Out of the 48 (28 forms available, rest 20 joined late without the forms) seniors who enrolled in the program, 35 successfully graduated, showcasing their commitment and enthusiasm for learning. The participants demonstrated improved digital skills, and many reported increased confidence in utilizing online tools for various aspects of their lives.

Comments by Dr Vinay, the Programme coordinator, Matakite Online Trust

The Hangouts Program 2023 has been a resounding success, thanks to the dedication of the participants and the support from M/s Shanti Niwas Charitable Trust. We believe that the acquired skills will not only enrich the lives of the seniors involved but will also contribute to their overall well-being in an increasingly digital world.

Describe major achievements resulting from this grant.

#### Which population group/s were affected by this project or program? \*

Age groups > Adults (people aged 18+) > People aged 65-84

Please choose only the group/s that were at the very core of this project/program.

#### If you have any supporting documentation, you can share it below.

This could include photos, surveys, feedback, your evaluation plan, published research or annual report.

Remember this report will be placed on our website for transparency.

#### **Upload files:**

Filename: Indian Weekender Coverage of IDOP 21st Oct 23 (1).pdf

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#### **Upload files:**

Filename: References.pdf

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Filename: Shanti Niwas Zoom session.png

File size: 518.5 kB

#### **Provide web link:**

https://www.facebook.com/shantiniwasnz/videos/6039650052759625/

Must be a URL.

# **Financial report**

# **Budget**

Provide details of funds received and spent in relation to this grant.

Income	\$	Expenditure	\$
Internet NZ	\$10,000.00	Matakite Online Trust who conducted the program	\$15,000.00
Koha paid by participants	\$692.50	Zoom Subscription	\$480.00
coordinators cost covered from MSD funding	\$3,000.00	Coordinators cost	\$3,000.00
Shortfall covered from our own resources	\$4,787.50		\$

# **Budget Totals**

Total Income Amount	Total Expenditure Amount	Income - Expenditure
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# Have you experienced any issues with your intended budget? If so, please explain reasons for any major variances or for providing incomplete information:

We also spent on Transport, snacks, volunteers koha but they could not be apportioned to hangout as the hangout program was conducted in the afternoon after the positive ageing programs conducted at the center.

### **Feedback**

You are almost at the end of your final report. Before submitting, please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

Please tell	us now y	ou tound	tne reportii	ng process:
○ Very easy	Easy	<ul><li>Neutral</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Difficult</li> </ul>	O Very Difficult

### How many minutes in total did it take you to complete this form?

Did over a few days. Think it would have taken 1 hour

Estimate in minutes (i.e. 1 hour = 60 minutes)

#### Do you have any feedback?

Your funding was vital for the successful conduct of the NZ program which Shanti Niwas did for the first time. We also realize that the program needs to be continued as a. technology keeps changing; b. seniors take more time- first to convince them and secondly to pick up things. c. there are few who still believe technology is not their cup of tea.

We plan to take it as part of the positive ageing program- by doing once a month in every center and following up with zoom meetings on Fridays.

We are looking forward to your support in funding in the next year as we plan to continue the project.

For example, feedback on the evaluation toolkit if you used it, the process of working with InternetNZ or anything else.

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