

Vote Health funded workstreams, research and intervention relevant to the Ministerial Committee on Poverty

The table below details the programs considered to either reduce or mitigate the effects of poverty. It does not include interventions that have an indirect effect on the reduction of poverty through promoting general health and wellbeing which in turn supports participation in the workforce. Using such a wide scope was considered less useful in the context provided.

Workstream	Description	Portfolio
Primary Care - SIA (services to improve access), VLCA (very low cost access)	Supports proactive and low cost primary care services. Improves outcomes for hard to reach populations	Health
Primary Care – Free care for under sixes	Reduces a barrier to access to health care for young children	Health
Problem Gambling	Funding and managing services to prevent harmful problem gambling, which disproportionately effects low income individuals and families	Health
Rheumatic Fever	Prevention and public health programs. RF is closely related to poor housing and overcrowding.	Health
Healthline & Plunketline	Free telephone advice services with high uptake amongst Maori and low income individuals.	Health
Tobacco Cessation	Aimed to reduce expenditure and health complications. Particular importance as use is disproportionate in high deprivation areas.	Health
Drinking Water and Sewerage System subsidies	Improving water quality and sewerage in low income and rural communities	Health
Fruit in Schools	Improves nutrition for children at schools in low income areas	Health
School Nurses	Nurses placed in high need schools (low decile) to improve access to health services	Health
Maternity Services for vulnerable mothers and families	Additional pre and post natal services (LMC visits and WellChild services) are targeted based on a range of criteria, including deprivation. Additional funding has also been allocated specifically to parents of vulnerable children.	Health
Youth Services Pilot Programs	Piloting approaches to integrated service provision in vulnerable communities	Health
Contribution to Whanau Ora	Health services are part of the Whanau Ora approach to delivery, which, amongst other things, assists in the mitigation and prevention of poverty.	Multiple portfolios
Oral Health	Free oral health services for adolescents	Health