



VIBRANT HAWAII 2021 IMPACT REPORT

KAU KA HŌKŪ HO'OKAHI HELE I KE ALA LOA

A common vision emerges, alighting a path for all to travel forward together.

**The 2021 Impact Report,
"Kau Ka Hōkū Ho'okahi,
Hele I Ke Ala Loa"
is inspired by the mele
"Kū mākou e hele
me ku'u mau pōki'i aloha"
recounting Pele's migration
published by Nathaniel Emerson
in 1915.**

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Aloha mai kākou,

It is an honor to present to you Vibrant Hawai'i's 2021 Impact Report. The report provides an overview of activities and achievements representative of an abundance of talents and commitment to keep our Island vibrant and thriving. The many sessions, conversations, actions, and measurable stories of success prove that our wa'a have and can travel toward a common goal guided by our shared community values for our Moku o Keawe (Hawai'i Island).

As Interim Chair, I am elated to hear from many contributors and connectors involved with Vibrant Hawai'i about their transformative experience as they learned to shift deficit narratives, systems, and policies that perpetuate poverty and inequity. The work has indeed been rewarding as we build and reflect upon the native intelligence of our Island.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend our mahalo for your ongoing support and commitment to a thriving Hawai'i Island.

Dr. Rachel Solemsaas, 2021 Interim Board Chair

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A COLLECTIVE IMPACT FRAMEWORK OF









HAWAI'I COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Since Vibrant Hawai'i's inception, Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) has provided funding to support its administrative costs. In addition, HCF has provided Vibrant Hawai'i access to Catchafire - an online skills-based volunteer match platform that matches nonprofit needs with pro bono experts from across the country, and has served as a thought partner and connector to subject matter experts.

The CHANGE framework of Hawai'i Community Foundation aims to bring communities together to solve Hawai'i's greatest challenges, align efforts to produce collective action, and mobilize diverse stakeholders around a shared goal.

With deep gratitude for the many ways that Hawai'i Community Foundation has supported our vision for a Vibrant Hawai'i, we present a snapshot of our 2021 collective impact through the lens of the CHANGE framework.

 <p>Community & Economy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 79 living wage jobs created • Engaged over 300 community members to create the Vibrant Hawai'i Economic Development Strategy • Assisted over 400 individuals with Emergency Rent Assistance, Emergency Broadband Benefit, Child Tax Credit, and SNAP 	 <p>Health & Wellness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published the Physician Shortage Brief • Fed 4,000 keiki during the summer months • Provided Mental Health First Aid Certification to nearly 300 County of Hawai'i employees • Provided Hands Only CPR workshops and AED distribution in remote communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided 3D printing workshops to over 3,000 community members • Donated 28 3D printers to schools and nonprofit organizations islandwide • Supported 7 local artists, including a documentary to showcase Hawai'i Island artists • 23% of individuals participating in a Stream identify as Native Hawaiian 	 <p>Arts & Culture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported and/or established 11 community gardens • Provided 35 free gardening workshops to communities islandwide • Provided over \$700,000 in USDA funding through Kaukau 4 Keiki to 25 local farmers 	 <p>Natural Environment</p>
 <p>Government & Civics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14% of individuals participating in a Stream identify Government as their primary role and 18% identify as Business • 1,468 individuals engaged in a Vibrant Hawai'i Stream or Core Team, representing over \$400,000 of in-kind service 	 <p>Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donated 110 laptops to schools and nonprofit organizations islandwide • Launched the Digital Literacy Demonstration Project, providing skills training and a free laptop to over 150 community members • Connected business and government leaders to ClimbHI portal

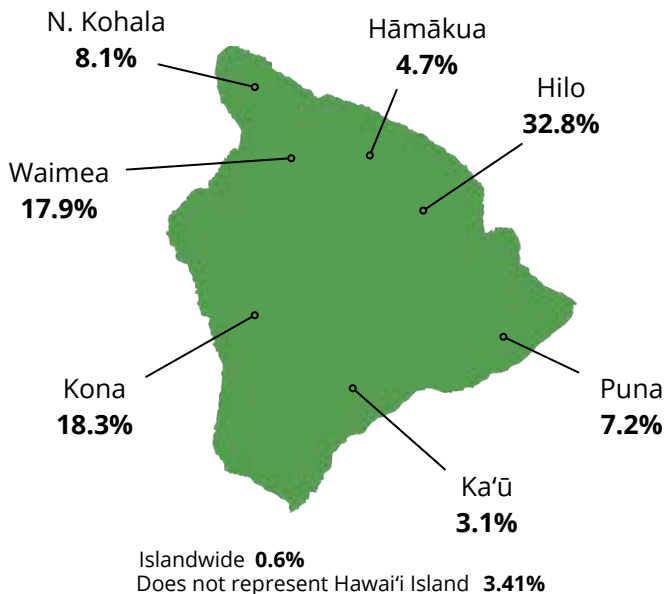


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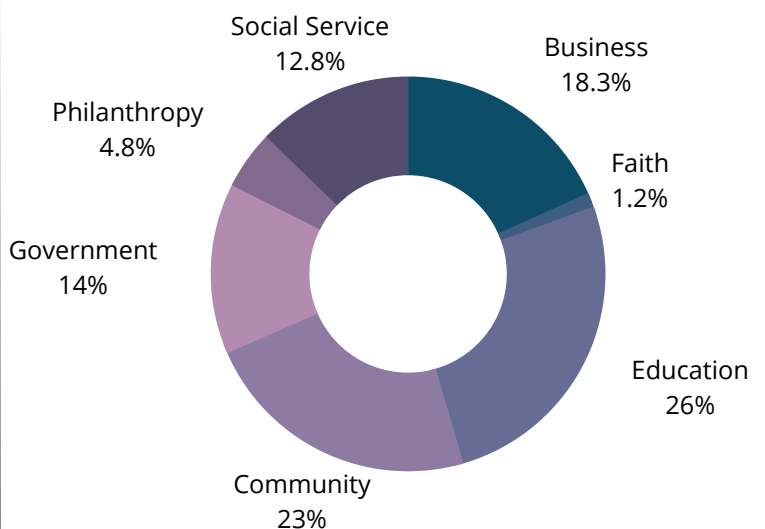
A growing community that commits to individual and collective 'auamo kuleana to build wealth: an abundant reservoir of human, social, natural, and financial capital that we contribute to and draw upon.

Guided by our principles of equity and belonging, we invite stakeholders from every district and sector of Hawai'i Island to join a Stream or Core Team. The explicit goal of Streams is to shift indicators and improve outcomes for our community in the areas of economy, education, health and wellbeing, housing, and resilience. The implicit goal is to build capacity, connections, and restore our dignity and identity as contributors. We want people to say, "I had a conversation with someone I never would have before. We took action on something that we never would have done alone, and now I have a different perspective and approach to community change." We want to grow confidence for folks to believe that they have the ability to make our community a better place.

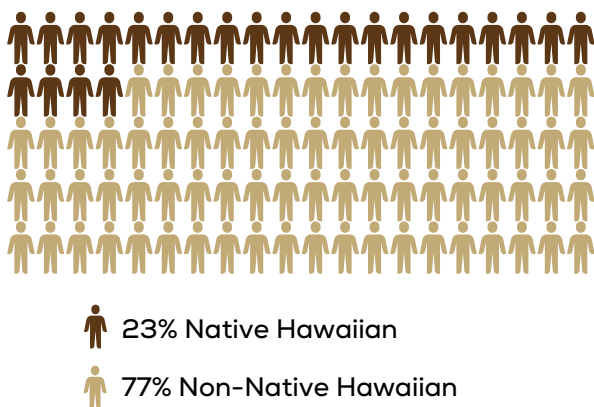
Stakeholder Engagement by District



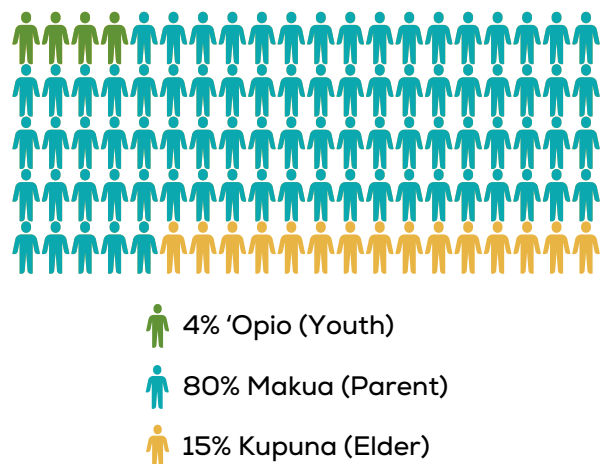
Stakeholder Engagement by Sector



Native Hawaiian Engagement



Engagement By Generation



Participation data was not collected in the first quarter of 2021.



KA IWIKUAMO'O

Iwikuamo'o: Backbone. Starline that includes Hōkūpa'a, North Star and Hānaiakamālama, the Southern Cross.

Janice Ikeda, Executive Director

"I believe kuleana is healing and transformational. It validates purpose and deepens belonging. The work of Vibrant Hawai'i grows capacity, contribution, confidence, and courage. It is a joy to be a part of shifting deficit narrative, restoring dignity, and guiding teams toward our vision of a thriving, resilient, and vibrant Hawai'i."



Kalehua Kukahiko

Community Engagement Ambassador

Kalehua helps tell the story of our collective impact and is committed to elevating the experiences and voices of Hawai'i Island communities. She lives in Laupāhoehoe with her 'ohana and many animals.



Jane Bontuyan

Administrative Assistant

"Vibrant Hawai'i embodies the philosophy that I subscribe to: our greatest strength lies within our community and our pooled resources. My intention for my work is simple - give support where I can, make a positive impact, and find joy in the act."



Cole Fuertes

Community Engagement Ambassador

Cole's work in communication and community engagement are connected to a greater purpose. "I do this work for my community and to identify balance in solutions that will benefit our future."



Ku'uhiapo Jeong

Community Engagement Ambassador

Ku'uhiapo aims to contribute to the community that had raised him through public relations, communication management, and administration, and share stories of resilience through arts and communication.



Our kuleana is to convene conversations so that all wa'a can travel toward a common goal, build community awareness, will, and action from the foundation of our shared values, shift deficit narratives, systems, and policy that perpetuate poverty and inequity, and implement strategies that are developed and resourced by the community and reflect native intelligence.

'Wa'a: Canoe



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We value equity and belonging, and we demonstrate this by:

- Being willing to let go of our assumptions and biases about each other
- Speaking up when we recognize barriers that prevent us from participating, prospering, and reaching our full potential
- Promoting full-family engagement and participation
- Raising our own and our collective belief that wealth, abundance, and prosperity is not a pie. More for others does not mean less for ourselves

We value aloha, and we demonstrate this by:

- Acknowledging that aloha is unique to Hawai'i. It is from this place. By valuing aloha, we value the vast and unique genius of the people of Hawai'i and we prioritize the knowledge, skills, and solutions of its people
- Recognizing that aloha is an action modeled to us by our environment, and we validate its aloha through aloha 'āina
- Our willingness to suffer a little, so that no one has to suffer a lot

We value 'auamo kuleana, and we demonstrate this by:

- A commitment to empowerment, rooted in our belief that everyone has skills and abilities but need circumstances and opportunities to express them
- Promoting language that recognizes a person's abilities
- Shared ownership and accountability: if any one of us stumbles we all fall because we are all connected

We value flexibility and learning that leads to transformation, and we demonstrate this by:

- Being honest without shame, when we don't know
- Being courageous, adaptive leaders, even when it calls for difficult conversations and even when our outcomes look like failure
- Demonstrating ahonui and ha'aha'a as we hold tension to achieve change
- Practicing makawalu and acknowledging that we each hold one piece that is a part of something bigger

Aloha 'Āina: A perspective founded upon the awareness of being connected to all living things

Ahonui: A visionary patience in hopeful anticipation of our outcome

Ha'aha'a: Unassuming humility

Makawalu: The action of considering multiple perspectives to achieve metanoia



VIBRANT HAWAI'I INDICATORS

2019 FORMATION

A Small and Mighty (SAM) group of Hawai'i Island community change leaders came together with a common belief that increasing wealth and wellbeing on Hawai'i requires 'auamo kuleana, or the active agency to create collective impact. The SAM group conducted kilo, observing and reflecting, by participating in networking groups focused on social determinants of health, building relationships with community leaders, and learning about the unique missions and capacities that each organization held. The SAM group then facilitated regional forums in Hilo, Puna, Ka'u, Kona, and Waimea with stakeholders representing business, philanthropy, government, education, social services, faith communities, and community-based organizations to understand where stakeholders positioned their desired futurity.

BASELINE DATA

At each regional forum, participants drew their vision of a vibrant Hawai'i and shared the stories behind their drawings. Each idea was written on a half sheet of paper and forum participants grouped similar ideas together in a waterfall. Waterfalls were themed and its current state was scored on a 4-point scale (1= Terrible; 2= Bad; 3= Good; 4= Vibrant).

Regional waterfalls were analyzed and categorized by the Vibrant Hawai'i Leadership Council - a group of representatives from each forum. Through consensus, a final list of vibrant Hawai'i Indicators emerged.

VIBRANT HAWAI'I INDICATORS

Living Aloha: He 'ike 'ana ia i ka pono. Being in harmony with our 'āina, community, and ourselves.

Belonging: 'Ike aku, 'ike mai, kōkua aku, kōkua mai; pēlā iho la ka nohona 'ohana. The result of building relationships to place and people so that we can care for and be cared for by them.

Get Chance: Kau i Kāpua ka po'e polohuku 'ole. The establishment of equitable systems that promote choice and prosperity.

Get Choice: "Ua hele aku au me ka mana'o pa'a. Ua paio aku au me ka mana'o koa. Ua lanakila au me ka mana'o pono. Ua mākaukau au me ka mana'o wiwo'ole." Iosepa Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u. The determination within a person to take ownership of their future and contribute to collective abundance and wellbeing.

Resilience: E Lēkia e, 'onia i pa'a. The ability of individuals to adapt to change and adversity without being uprooted from their source(s) of wellbeing.

Strong 'Ohana: Hilina'i Puna, kālele ia Ka'u. As a result of aloha, belonging, having chance, choice, and developing resilience, 'ohana are able to serve as a pillar of support.

Thriving Community: Mōhala i ka wai ka maka o ka pua. The result of creating opportunities that encourage individual and 'ohana contribution towards community-driven solutions.

ANNUAL SURVEY

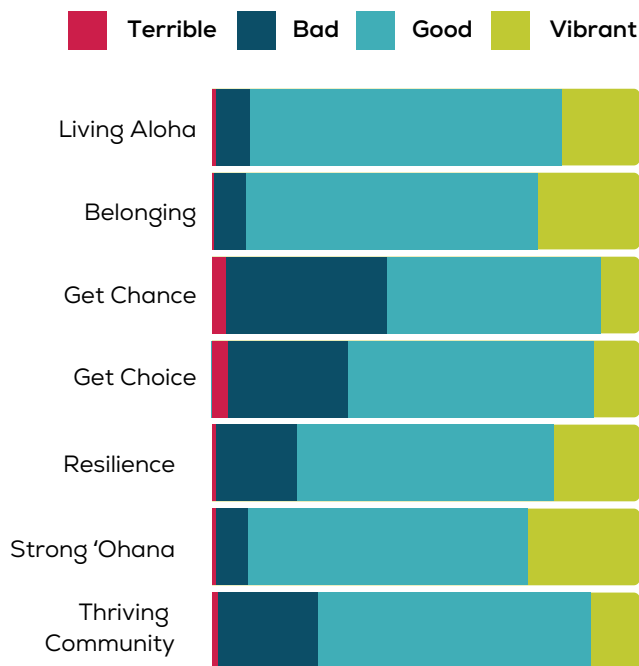
Signaled by the rise of the constellation Makali'i, we honor the season of Makahiki through reflection and dissemination of an online survey to chart our progress toward our a vibrant Hawai'i.

Source: Puku'i, M. K., & Varez, D. (1983). 'Ōlelo No'eau: Hawaiian proverbs & poetical sayings. Honolulu, Hawai'i: Bishop Museum Press.



2021 SURVEY ANALYSIS

HOW OUR COMMUNITY SCORED EACH INDICATOR IN 2021 (PERCENT OF EACH INDICATOR) N=252

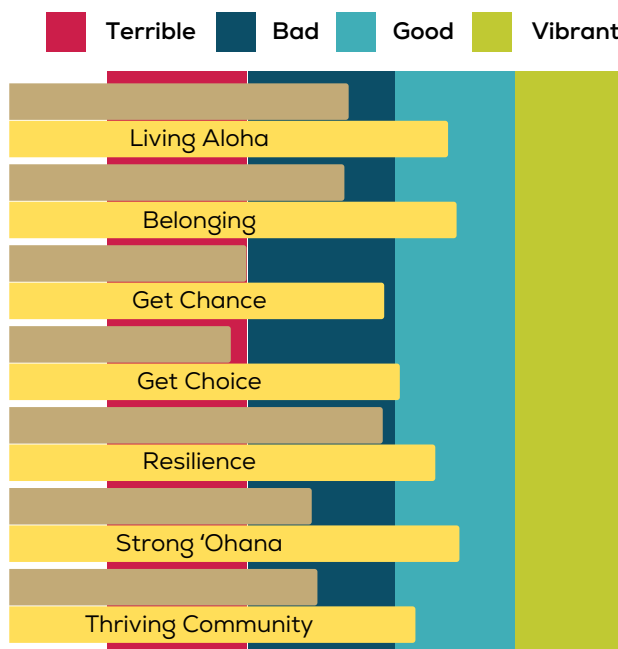


Strengths: Our community's perspective affirms a commitment to Living Aloha. 91% of survey participants scored living in harmony with 'āina, community and ourselves as "good" or "vibrant". Similarly, 92% indicated that Strong 'Ohana is "good" or "vibrant".

Growth: In comparing 2019 to 2021, we see increases in all indicators: +29% Living Aloha, +48% Belonging, +59% Get Chance, +76% Get Choice, +27% Resilience, +21% Strong 'Ohana and +32% Thriving Community. The significant growth might be attributed to the strength of our community networks and outpouring of support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Curious: North Kohala was the only community whose indicator scores decreased: -73% Get Choice, -76% Resilience, -79% Strong 'Ohana, and -83% Thriving Community. This was a steep decline from the 2019 baseline. Vibrant Hawai'i will continue to invest in North Kohala community partnerships and projects, like the [Voices of Recovery Project](#).

COMPARING 2019 TO 2021



Opportunity: Community members continue to voice their desire for equitable systems that promote agency and access to resources, as indicated by the 40% of participants who rated Get Chance as either "bad" or "terrible" and 32% of participants who rated Get Choice as "bad" or "terrible". Vibrant Hawai'i can shift this indicator by continuing to invest in demonstration projects that challenge underlying dynamics and support system innovation and transformation.

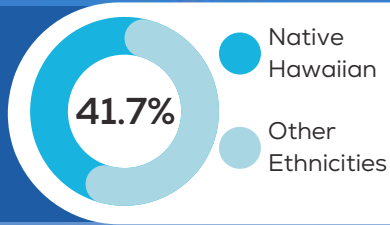
Strategic Action and Investment: Data from stream meetings and the annual survey illuminated the opportunity to prioritize youth engagement. In response, Vibrant Hawai'i created the Community Engagement Ambassador (CEA) role within the Iwikuamo'o and hired (2) 'Opio. A primary function of the CEA's is to design opportunities for meaningful youth engagement. Since their hire in Q4 of 2021, VH has experienced an increase of youth engagement by 11%. We aim to multiply to up to 10 additional CEA's in 2022.



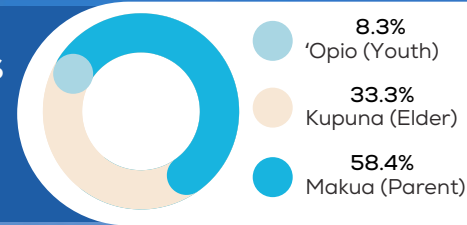
PRACTICING MAKAWALU

EXAMINING DATA THROUGH MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES

WHAT IS THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PERSPECTIVE?



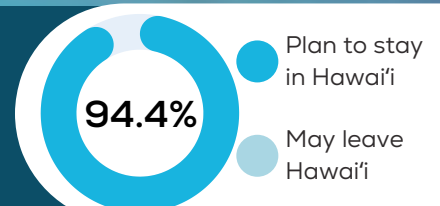
DO THE INDICATORS VARY BY GENERATION?



WHAT IS THE PERSPECTIVE OF STREAM PARTICIPANTS?



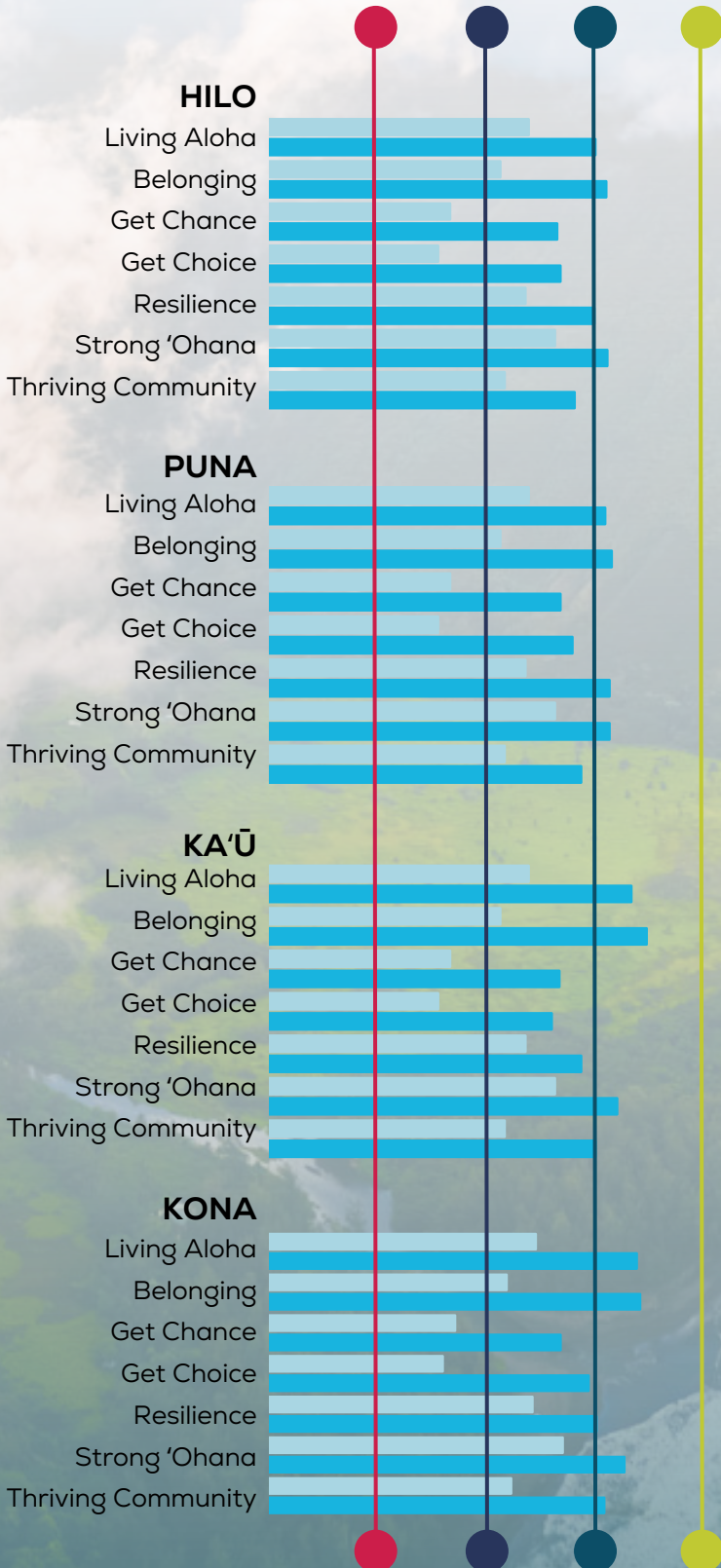
IS THERE A DIFFERENCE FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO STAY?



INDICATORS BY DISTRICT

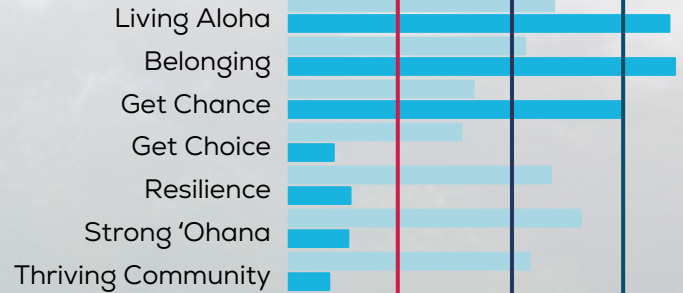
For each of the charts below, the **TOP BAR** represents the 2019 baseline, and the **BOTTOM BAR** represents that district's perception of the indicators in 2021.

TERRIBLE BAD GOOD VIBRANT

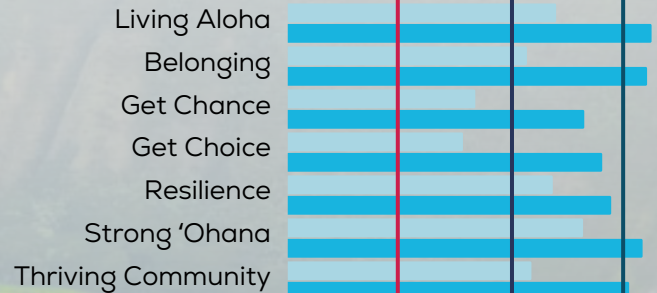


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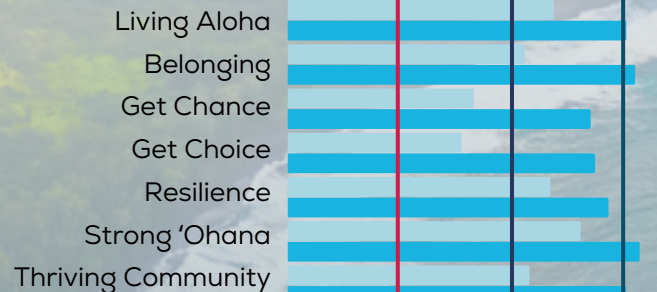
NORTH KOHALA



WAIMEA



HĀMĀKUA



TERRIBLE BAD GOOD VIBRANT



VIBRANT HAWAI'I STREAMS

Just as streams are comprised of a multitude of individual drops of wai that emerge from a common source, respond to changes in the environment, and carve new paths forward; individuals come together in Vibrant Hawai'i Streams, contribute from their source of wealth and abundance, and become a collective force for change.

Wai (fresh water) is the source of all life and symbolizes wealth and abundance.



ECONOMY STREAM

Contribution: Advance economic growth through resilient industries and workforce development.

*The multi layers of the Economy Stream logo represent the multifaceted nature of economics.
When positioned optimally they can move momentum together in the same upward motion.*

The COVID pandemic underscored the need to have a more diverse economic portfolio and to start planning for major recovery dollars and infrastructure investments. We knew policy shifts alone couldn't accomplish economic diversity; we had to get to hearts and minds if we were going to have a real and lasting economic transformation. Grounded in kūkākūkā, or talk story, we created spaces where all were welcome to learn and contribute, and we established critical relationships and deepened our understanding of each other. We created our own version of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS): a regional blueprint for sustainable economic development which provides opportunities to unlock federal resources, and we built capacity so our community would be able to access more federal dollars, with the goal of elevating more voices and perspectives into the actual CEDS.

Throughout 2021, we engaged stakeholders across sectors and regions to learn about six industries that our community identified as conducive to the island – art, education, food systems, health, tourism, and technology. The Vibrant Hawai'i Economic Development Strategy is a living document that anyone can act on and we will hold ourselves accountable to. It was developed consistent with Economic Development Administration standards, and includes Action Plans organized according to asset-based community development. We believe there is opportunity for everyone to get involved and create conditions where more people have more chances and choices.

We thank everyone who engaged with us over the last year to learn more about the CEDS process. A special mahalo to all of our panelists for sharing their perspectives. Heartfelt gratitude to all working group members for their incredible efforts, and their ongoing commitment to bringing projects to life.

2021 Volunteer Co-Chairs: Ashley Kierkiewicz & Farrah-Marie Gomes

[DOWNLOAD THE VIBRANT HAWAI'I ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY](#)

LIST OF 2022 CORE TEAMS

- Business Development Badge: Online Credentialing of an 8-week business development series.
- Quarterly Incubator Investing: Micro-investments that support Economic Development Strategy actions.
- Economy Stream Presenters/Webinars: Create virtual experiences that provide participants with content and resources needed to take action on the Economic Development Strategy.



EDUCATION STREAM

Contribution: Pathways to become skilled and engaged contributors.
The meeting point(s) of different streams in the Education Stream logo represent the passing and exchange of knowledge.

The educators and community members of the Education Stream contribute to the goal of a skilled, fulfilled, globally engaged, and thriving Hawai'i Island community by creating and promoting learning pathways that build connection to 'āina, 'ohana, and communities, and amplify place based, culturally grounded leadership.

Guided by themes that emerged from Vibrant Hawai'i listening sessions and informed by the goals of the Aloha+ Challenge, Core Teams activated in 2021 to design and deploy programming to support digital badging, digital literacy, business and educator participation in the [ClimbHI](#) portal, and the development of Vibrant Hawai'i's Economic Development Strategy.

2021 Volunteer Co-Chairs: Julie Mower, Rachel Solemsaas, and Tamia McKeague

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: DIGITAL LITERACY DEMONSTRATION

The Digital Literacy Demonstration Project launched in late Fall of 2021 with support from the Kirk-Landry Charitable Fund. Community based instructors provide free digital literacy workshops island-wide to promote equitable access to resources and learning opportunities. In addition to receiving a free refurbished laptop, participants gain technical confidence and skill to navigate digital landscapes: Telehealth, online benefit applications, online employment applications and more. Community based instructors in Ka'u, South Kona, North Kohala/Waimea, Hāmākua, Hilo, and Puna hold small group workshops in casual, community spaces. In the first 100 days of the project, 153 residents participated in the workshops.

Participant Data At A Glance: 68% Kupuna, 57% Native Hawaiian, 30% Employed or looking for work, 62% Did not have regular access to a computer prior to the workshop, 94% Grew in their confidence to learn new skills as a result of their participation in the workshop.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: CLIMB HI

ClimbHI bridge is a state-wide, nonprofit, online portal that connects educators to local employers to provide workplace-inspired experiences to K-12 students. Over the course of 4 months, the Workforce and Professional Development Core Team actively promoted ClimbHI, resulting in an active user increase from 8 to 53 employers enrolled (over 600% increase). Ripple effects of this effort includes sustained County government collaboration – Mayor Roth is now a super-user – as well as funders such as the Kukio Community Fund of Hawai'i Community Foundation, Koi Pond, Kamehameha Schools, and County Council. Thanks to this local boost, ClimbHI is growing a robust network, and both teachers and students have a stronger connection to local workplaces to inspire future careers here on Hawai'i island.

LIST OF 2022 CORE TEAMS

- **Kuhikuhi:** Provide young adults guidance, tools, and networking with local professionals to increase their opportunities for employment.
- **Digital Literacy:** Workshops teaching individuals with no experience the skills to utilize technology.
- **PAPA:** Passion and Purpose Academy: Online skills building and digital badging.
- **Transformational Learning:** Building awareness of innovative school-based initiatives.
- **Career Navigators:** Community-based program to increase meaningful and living wage work opportunities.
- **'Āina Aloha:** Connecting residents with opportunities to explore 'āina aloha and normalize aloha 'āina.
- **Internship Inventory:** Track and support career-related learning, internship programs, and best practices.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Contribution: Integrate culturally inclusive health and wellbeing practices into mainstream offerings.

A community is comprised of people. The Health and Wellbeing logo comes together in a radiating pattern to represent a hub of community, while also creating a burst of energy that represents vitality and health.

As 2021 Co-Chairs of the Health & Wellbeing Stream, we are proud of how all members demonstrated ahonui and ha'aha'a as we practiced deep listening to co-create our learning journey and theory of change. The conversations held within the Stream were resonant with aloha. There was a collective commitment to remember the intelligence and skill of our kūpuna and share healing practices and beliefs which ground individual and community-wide wellbeing for all.

2021 Volunteer Co-Chairs Joy Hohnstine and Sally Ancheta

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: VOICES OF RECOVERY

During the Hubs 2.0 project, Ross Pagat had a conversation with a high school classmate who said, "I want to do good, and do better. I have been doing bad for so long."

Ross initiated help for his friend and reached out to Vibrant Hawai'i, sharing the need for more recovery assistance in Kohala. He was connected to Dr. Hannah from Big Island Substance Abuse Council, and together they reached out to Joel Tan and Kathy Matsuda from One Heart Hub. A small group formed and began to collaborate to support recovery from drugs, alcohol, and trauma. With a micro-investment from Vibrant Hawai'i, the Voices of Recovery project came to life: a portrait series featuring everyday Kohala folks advocating for vibrant health and addiction recovery. Ross says, "When you take a look at all the pictures and stories behind those pictures, it helped me to realize all the dots (people, organizations, churches) connecting to make it happen. So this is what you see and this is what happened as a result. This is everyone working together to make this happen, and it all started with making the right connections."

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: SOCIAL SERVICE NAVIGATORS

Social Service Navigators live in the rural and remote communities they serve. They support the community by answering questions about the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Child Tax Credit, Financial Empowerment Centers, Emergency Broadband Benefit, and Affordable Connectivity Program application process, assist applicants to obtain required documents and complete online applications. Navigators also provide technology support for those without access to a computer or internet. Navigators often engage folks negatively impacted by the system and who are hesitant to apply. Navigators are trusted in their communities and serve as a bridge to help and support those in need.

From the community:

- "My navigator was very helpful and made it easy to understand the application process."
- "They were friendly and gave information that I didn't even know to ask. Very helpful!"
- "So helpful for someone going through hardship right now and trying to navigate everything."
- "They were very knowledgeable and kind! Appreciate how quickly they responded!"

2022 CORE TEAMS

- **Health Hō'ike:** Showcasing culturally inclusive Health and Wellbeing practices to promote community awareness and accessibility of health care.
- **Friendship Bench:** Integrating kupuna as mental health practitioners to increase support and decrease stigma of mental health care in rural communities.
- **Quarterly Incubator Projects:** Micro-investments in community-led projects to shift health and wellbeing indicators.
- **Internship and Practicum Practice:** Showcase culturally inclusive Health and Wellbeing practices to promote community awareness and accessibility of health-care.



HAWAI'I ISLAND HOUSING COALITION

Contribution: A spectrum of housing options to decrease the shelter burden of Hawai'i island residents

Overlapping triangles in the Housing Coalition logo represent roofing/housing.

Triangles are also a symbol of strength, that speak to the foundational basis of community.

Every day we hear about the housing crisis that communities are experiencing locally, statewide, and across the nation: record median prices for homes, limited housing inventory available for purchase or rent, a steady widening of the gap between home prices and household income levels, island residents leaving the state because of out of reach housing costs, and a growing number of individuals and families that are at-risk or currently experiencing homelessness.

In the poem Shoulders, Shane Koyczan writes, "The most alarming part of the statement 'we are facing crisis' isn't the word 'crisis', it's the word 'we' because those two letters take the responsibility away from one and rest it squarely on the shoulders of everybody."

Recognizing the need for a multi-sector approach to address the complex challenges that contribute to the crisis, the Hawai'i Island Housing Coalition brings together stakeholders representing business, philanthropy, social services, government, and community to implement strategies that are informed by disaggregated county-level data to address a broad spectrum of housing needs in our community. The vision of the Coalition is to reduce the shelter burden for Hawai'i Island residents by providing a spectrum of housing options. Over 30% of Hawai'i County residents are shelter burdened: paying more than 30% of their income towards shelter costs.

Consider this: the current median sales price of a single-family home on Hawai'i Island tops \$550,000. A 20% down payment and 30-year mortgage financing would result in a monthly mortgage payment of approximately \$2,221. With the addition of a modest \$400 for utilities, the total monthly "shelter" cost for the homeowner is \$2,621. To remain below the shelter burden threshold of 30% of the household income the homeowner would need to have an annual income of \$104,840.

Understanding that the housing crisis is fueled by supply and demand, Core Teams of the Housing Coalition aim to increase home production, preservation, and workforce housing, support land use policy that promotes equity and affordability, support the development of vacant parcels tied to infrastructure, and establish a revolving fund for housing options. Stakeholders meet monthly to share data, provide Core Team updates, monitor current housing initiatives to support through public testimony, and hear from subject matter experts locally and nationally who are implementing innovative solutions to address housing shortfalls.

2021 Volunteer Co-Chairs Darryl Oliveira and Kaikea Blakemore

LIST OF 2022 CORE TEAMS

- **Vibrant Communities:** Design- Develop draft/template document that may be utilized to solicit developer participation in the Vibrant Communities project.
- **Vibrant Communities:** 'Āina - Identifying 3 potential project sites.
- **Vibrant Communities:** Fund - Raising funds through local and philanthropic giving.
- **The Lighthouse:** Raise awareness on the growing challenges and collective efforts to meet the housing needs in our community and address the wide range of barriers contributing to the crisis.
- **Data Visualization:** Publish aggregated housing data in a meaningful way to enable the community to take action to address the housing crisis.
- **Workforce Housing:** Review opportunities and concerns around Workforce Housing.



RESILIENCE HUBS

Contribution: Asset Based Community Development

The Resilience Hub logo represents the center/beginnings of a ripple effect—as specific hubs look to enact change where they are initiated.



Resilience Hubs are **trusted, people-powered venues** that support residents, adapt to changing needs, and activate in times of disaster to support emergency response and recovery efforts.

Resilience Hubs were first launched September to December 2019 in more than 30 communities around the island to deliver assistance in response to COVID-19. Over the 16 week activation, nearly **41,733 households** and **108,214 individuals** (38 percent under age 18) were assisted. Originally made possible by CARES funding granted by the County, Resilience Hubs provided a safe learning space for keiki, community access to WiFi and laptops, and restaurant-prepared meals and produce bags.

Phase II of the Resilience Hubs initiative built on the initial activation and provided community partners with a suite of tools, resources, and mentorship to assist residents, revitalize the economy, and built capacity and infrastructure so communities are ready for anything.

Resilience Hubs increased **access to internet** in neighborhoods that currently have poor to no service/signal through WiFi connections; supported children's **required learning** and enrichment; provided **emergency food distributions**; and served as a hub of **resources** for various public/private assistance programs.

HUBS 2.0 HIGHLIGHTS

- 27 Projects Funded
- 11 Sites supported keiki virtual learning, food distribution, and programs
- 5 Sites distributed meals to community
- 12 Resilience Programs
- \$175,795 Value of In-Kind Hours Contributed





3D PRINTING

Captains: Ava Williams, Caroline Landry, Kean Wong | www.supporthawaii.org

INSTRUCTORS	WORKSHOPS	PARTICIPANTS
10	235	3,333

Technology leaders on Hawai'i Island recognized the opportunity to introduce 3D printing technology and skills to keiki through the Hubs 2.0 project. Community-based instructors led classes on designing, printing, and refining projects with 3D technology. Through this initiative, keiki honed critical thinking, math, and science skills. The 3D printers were donated to permanently stay at Hubs and in the community at the end of the project.

"(Many) communities haven't had the chance to interact with advanced technology so providing this (program) was incredible. We are confident that in 10-20 years some of these keiki will head down a STEM path. We've challenged them to think about broader opportunities than the ones they initially knew existed."- Kean Wong

"For the keiki, the 3D printers also enlightened them to endless possibilities. They gained not only the skills involved in creating and using the printers, but more importantly they gained the confidence to be engineers who know this place and their place in the 'āina." - Kendra Killkuskie, Program Instructor

HONEYBEE EDUCATION

Captain: Jenny Bach

COMMUNITY GARDENS	COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS	WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS
11	35	593

WORKSHOPS

- Growing Canoe Plants to Increase Food Security
- Soap Making Workshop
- Plants as Medicine
- Pallet Raised Garden Beds
- 'Ulu Co-op Farm Tour
- Spice Making
- Propagating 'Ulu
- Intro to Home Gardening
- Intro to Beekeeping
- Intro to vermicomposting
- Composting
- Seed Saving

"We built food resilient systems through our 3 stage process. What we saw is a community-driven project, and the community jumped in and took initiative. [We] made a substantial and heartfelt impact in a different approach," - Jenny Bach

In Miloli'i an alkaline pond, heat, and lack of water made conditions difficult for a garden. "They really listened to us, and they committed to helping our garden. They didn't come in saying this is how you should do it. They listened to us to hear what worked and came 4 times. They even did tree trimming. [They are] good people there for the right reasons." -Kaimi Kaupiko, Miloli'i Hub Captain





COMMUNITY ART PROJECTS

The Art of Aloha | Artists: Leandra Keuma (Circle of Life), Heidi Hart (Ke Kula O Aloha), Brandon Estrella & Lily Raabe (Live Aloha Art Festival)

- Planned, filmed, and showcased a documentary to build awareness of Hawai'i Island artists and their stories.
- Submitted documentary to national and international film festivals to promote the (wide spectrum) of art.

Grounding Arts | Artist: Aliza McKeague | rootandrisehawaii.com

- Provided Therapeutic Horticulture workshops and nature-based art therapy in Kā'ū.
- Watch the workshop series videos on the Vibrant Hawai'i [YouTube channel](#).

Ka'ū Portrait Project | Artist: Ronit Fahal | ronitphoto.com

- Photographed 12 Kā'ū residents to celebrate and honor the district.
- Portraits include QR code with links to recorded interviews.

Shade Cloth Mural Project | Artist: Susan Champeny | susanchampenyartist.com

- Designed 6 large murals on shade cloth at Hub sites.



COUNTY OF HAWAI'I HUBS

Honomū Hub

Captain: Gabrielle Love

Kawananakoa Hub

Captain: Chelbie-lyn Hanohano-Flemming

Pāpa'ikou Hub

Captain: Kami Shigematsu

Waiākea Uka Hub

Captain: Mark Osorio

Waimea Hub

Captain: Shelton Kalilikane

PARTICIPANTS	LUNCHES	FAMILY MEALS
81	3305	3389

"We are very proud that although this program is new to us, we worked with other programs to provide a safe learning environment where both the keiki and their 'ohanas are worry free about education and food."
Shelton Kalilikane





HĀMĀKUA YOUTH CENTER

Captains: Mahealani Maikui and Jeannette Soon-Ludes | Hamakuyouthcenter.org

PARTICIPANTS	MEALS/FOOD BAGS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
20	429/360	134

The Hāmākua Youth Center serves children and youth who reside along the Hāmākua coast. In addition to providing access to technology to support distance learning, and providing locally sourced produce to support students and their families, HYC hosted workshops with 3D printing and shade cloth art. During the summer, HYC supported the Kaukau 4 Keiki project, serving 218 keiki each week for 6-weeks.

"I'm most excited about our virtual huaka'i. A series of 4 virtual huaka'i in mauka to makai learning series to develop a relationship to Hāmākua. We did it virtually. One of the huaka'i focused on farmlands, and Kaunamano Farms brought the pigs and kids learned and connected to our multicultural program."
- Jeannette Soon-Ludes

KAILAPA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Captains: Kuuipo Aveiro, Liana Aveiro, Shari-Ann Drummondo, and Pualani Lincoln Maielua

PARTICIPANTS	FAMILY MEALS	WORKSHOPS
7	240	28

Kailapa Community Association serves keiki residing in the Hawaiian homestead of Kailapa in Kohala. In addition to providing access to technology to support distance learning, and providing locally sourced produce to support students and their families, the hub hosted workshops to teach about hula, cultural archeology, cultivating Hawaiian plants, and shade cloth art. During the summer, Kailapa supported the Kaukau 4 Keiki project, serving 101 keiki each week for 6-weeks.

"We've accomplished our major goals. I'm super proud we accomplished it- we got through it. The keiki got to enjoy and experience different things other than staying home. We did more than garden here like the shade cloth project- it was a mauka to makai design with a pig on it at the keiki's request. The keiki were so proud of it. It was big. The food boxes were big, and we even got to bless people on the wait list. They told us things like "I really needed this this week." It's amazing to see what Vibrant Hawai'i has done in a year in Kailapa."
Shari-Ann Drummondo





KAMA'ĀINA HALE

Captains: Summer Buntindaro and Pieter Heres

PARTICIPANTS	WORKSHOPS	WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS
49	3	115

Kama'āina Hale Apartments serves 'ohana residing in the Kona housing units. The hub built a community garden for residents and provided virtual learning space and support. During the summer, Kama'āina Hale supported the Kaukau 4 Keiki project, serving 91 keiki each week for 6-weeks.

"Honeybee Education has been super beneficial. It is the beginning of changing the culture here on the property. I really enjoyed working with them. Our main focus was to build community here. It happened with the kids in the garden. Hubs 2.0 helped create a footstep of what we want to see. It helped us take the first step. We had nothing to start with. The pros [of the program] were all the teaching and meeting everyone to see what everyone else does. I enjoyed being pushed out of my comfort zone to meet other people and hear from other Hubs." Summer Butindaro

KANAKA O PUNA

Captains: Iopa Maunakea and Ric Parrish

PARTICIPANTS	WORKSHOPS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
94	5	570

Vibrant Hawai'i supported the clearing and grading phase of Kanaka O Puna's project to develop a 5-acre farm on its flagship location that will provide Puna residents with relief and recovery support during times of crisis. The men of Kanaka O Puna, many whom were recently incarcerated, and their 'ohana helped to promote 'āina-based stewardship at the Hubs in Nā'ālehu, Kohala and Waipi'o Valley. They hauled nutrient-rich soil from Puna for new garden beds, cleared trees, worked in the lo'i kalo, and helped to maintain the freshwater streams that provide much-needed water to the gardens. In this work, the men and their 'ohana develop a sense of purpose and responsibility.

"We want to uplift and rehabilitate the kāne, and when they are uplifted the 'ohana benefits, and when the 'ohana are strong the community benefits." - Ric Parish





KEAUKAHA PANA'EWA

Captains: Justine Kamelamela and Ahia Dye | kp-farmers.weebly.com

COMMUNITY
WORKSHOPS

3

WORKSHOP
PARTICIPANTS

115

Pana'ewa Farmer's Association in Keaukaha supports the Pana'ewa Farmer's Market and agricultural producers. The program focused on providing hydroponics education, support for onsite virtual learning, and distributed fresh produce to the community. When asked if the Hub achieved their vision for economic resilience, Justine Kamelamela said, "Yes! We were envisioning Health and Wellness. We were able to provide families with hydroponically grown leafy greens. We have four tents in the area and we could expand to all four. We will keep going with it."

"Project went really fast. Filled with lots of connecting with community. Lots of smiles. Enjoying the workshops. Felt really full. Connection to community. Opportunity during this time period to see community in action. Be a part of something for the community. We were always going back to What Does the Community Need. That was guiding it." Justine Kamelamela

KOHALA KŪPA'A

Captains: Joel Tan, Lynn Jardine and Kathy Matsuda | kohalakupaa.com

'O Kohala Kūpa'a, a project supported by Hubs 2.0, is a digital hub that provides a virtual space for:

- An online marketplace with a focus on Kohala-made products
- Community postings
- Mo'olelo (stories) of the cultural sites and histories told by kupuna of Kohala
- Former Kohala residents to reconnect with the community
- Activity guide for visitors developed by the community

Website development involved input from Kohala kūpuna, mākua, and 'ōpio: from curating stories to record to developing the online marketplace.

"One of our hopes is if you are coming into Kohala you will use this resource that spells out how to act in Kohala." -Joel Tan





LEILANI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Captain: Greg Armstrong

MEALS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
200	152

The volunteers at Leilani Community Association provided restaurant prepared meals every Friday for 15 kupuna in the Leilani area. During the summer, they continued their support of the community through participation in the Kaukau 4 Keiki Summer Food program, serving 33 keiki each week of the program.

"It gave us a warm feeling to be able to give a little of our time to bring assistance to those needing a little help. The reward was the smiles and thank you's we got each week as people arrived for their pick up. A big THANK YOU also to Leslie from Kaleo's for partnering with us & providing delicious meals." - Greg Armstrong

MILOLI'I – KALANIHALE

Captains: Gail Garoutte and Kaimi Kaupiko

PARTICIPANTS	FAMILY MEALS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
16	166	120

Miloli'i is located in a remote area of South Kona. In partnership with Kua O Ka Lā PCS, Miloli'i community hosts a virtual learning site for the Hīpu'u program of Kua O Ka Lā. In addition to providing technology to support distance learning and food supplies for students, Vibrant Hawai'i supported the Miloli'i Hub by providing access to 3D printing workshops, garden workshops and supplies, and a donation of 3D printers. Miloli'i also received funding to purchase equipment and software to support ongoing student-led media production initiatives. The community hosted a Hands Only CPR workshop and received an AED and participated in Kaukau 4 Keiki summer food distribution.

"We thought we couldn't apply because of the distance of picking up food. I couldn't find a vendor...and then I went to the meeting and realized that we could do what worked for us. This time we did some fresh [meals] and made some food for families. We introduced quinoa and pasta. We tried to do something different than plate lunch. The kids actually liked quinoa and the mixed veggies. Hubs 2.0 was awesome to support community, give them opportunities for virtual learning and 3D printing and work with Honeybee education. We had 3D printing in our village! We are remote. We don't have electric or water, but we did it with a generator." - Kaimi Kaupiko





NĀ'ĀLEHU HUB

Captains: Michelle Galimba and Marcia Masters

PARTICIPANTS	FAMILY MEALS	WORKSHOPS
25	240	19

The Nā'ālehu hub operates out of the Hongwanji temple and serves students and their families in Ka'ū. In addition to providing access to technology to support distance learning and providing Ka'ū-grown produce and meals, the hub hosted workshops with 3D printing, Honeybee garden education classes, mental health workshops, and shade cloth art. The community hosted a Hands Only CPR workshop and served 300 keiki for 6 weeks in the Kaukau 4 Keiki summer food distribution.

"We are proud that we are getting more and more teens coming and volunteering at the hub, helping with food distribution, working on the community garden, taking workshops, and doing their homework ." - Michelle Galimba

PĀHALA HUB

Captain: Katie Graham

Pāhala Hub created deeper relationships and networks with farmers in Ka'ū. Hub Captain Katie Graham shared that she was able to source produce and proteins from local Ka'ū farmers and ranchers. "Our longtime vision was to ultimately create a sustainable CSA program similar to Adaptations where you can purchase boxes with EBT. Right now, people are buying food from our tiny general store which is expensive and very small. We were able to source and deliver 50 boxes each week for a total of 800 boxes. From this program, we proved it is possible. It was a good proof of concept, and now we need to figure out how to sustain it."

The Mana'olana Liliko'i Butter is made by Amelia Uribe-Bounos who is in the 11th grade at Ka'ū High School. She personally delivered each of her liliko'i butters to families in Pāhala during our food distribution. The following week, we received handcrafted chili pepper water made by Kumu Aina's Culinary Class. The description on the back is really wonderful. We also received almond cookies made by Ka'ū High School student Kelson Gallano. The recipe came from his grandmother Fely Villegas." - Pāhala Hub Captain, Katie Graham

Pāhala Hub's connection and support of Ka'ū farmers carried into the summer during the Kaukau 4 Keiki program. Katie sourced all of the fresh produce for the food boxes and delivered to 74 keiki each week. In total Ka'ū farmers provided 4.67 tons (9,534 lbs) of fresh produce in the summer.





PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT

Captain: Ross Pagat | pidf.org

Partners in Development Foundation serves keiki from birth to teens Statewide. In North Kohala, PIDF partnered with the Overflow Church to establish a Resilience Hub. In addition to providing access to technology to support distance learning and workshops with 3D printing and Hands Only CPR. Through their participation in the Hubs 2.0 Leadership Cohort, PIDF developed a relationship with BISAC, which resulted in:

- BISAC provided Kohala & Kā'ū with intensive case management, telehealth substance use and mental health services.
- Hosted a Kohala wellness event and distributed 200 food bags, 200 resource bags, 100 therapy kits, and gave away a bike, scooter & skateboard.
- Currently working with Kohala Hubs to bring back a substance use coalition

"We had a vision to help working parents. We didn't fully realize the vision till halfway through the program. We saw need and ability to help those with substance abuse [challenges]. There's meetings now to plan for how to bring more resources and help. We can give them hope and a place for them to start that recovery." - Ross Pagat

PŌHĀHĀ I KA LANI

Captain: Kūlia Tolentino-Potter and Kawehi Lopez | pohahaikalani.com

Pōhāhā I Ka Lani promotes place-based land stewardship, cultural education, and community engagement at sacred places in and around Waipi'o Valley and Puna. During the project period, they hosted small groups at their sites and provided fresh produce bags and restaurant prepared meals to families in Puna, Waipi'o and Kohala.

When asked if the Hub achieved their vision for economic resilience by promoting 'āina-based education and opportunities to work in 'āina, Kūlia said, "Yes. We did way more than what we expected. Was nice to have extra hands to help [at the farm and in Waipi'o]. Sometimes we have 3 groups in 1 day but we can't combine them so extra help was huge to expand our reach." As for providing restaurant prepared meals and produce bags, Kūlia explained, "A lot of families didn't need as much after stimulus money came in, so we switched focus [from meal bags] to feeding volunteers- we now can encourage more volunteers for farm days with meals."

During the summer, Pōhāhā I Ka Lani continued their support of the community through participation in the Kaukau 4 Keiki Summer Food program, serving 46 keiki each week of the program.





PROJECT KOKO

Captain Stacy Domingo

Recognizing that slower emergency response times in the most rural areas of our island, Vibrant Hawai'i worked closely with Resilience Hub teams and other community influencers in remote areas to increase the number of residents trained in Hands Only CPR. This is a lifesaving technique that is shown to double the chances of serving cardiac arrest. Nearly 300 participants were certified in Hands Only CPR in Kailapa, Hāmākua, Kohala, Hilo, Miloli'i, Nānāwale, Kalapana, Kea'au, and Kona. In addition, Vibrant Hawai'i donated 10 automated external defibrillators (AED) machines to these community centers, further increasing public access and response to cardiac arrests outside of a hospital setting

"The vision for Project KOKO is for every witness of a cardiac arrest to get bystander CPR. As a first responder, I have experienced firsthand the devastating impact on family and community bystanders whose loved ones could have benefitted by the availability and access to an AED in that moment of crisis. Our aim is to empower more local residents by multiplying the number of folks who are trained in hands-only CPR and the number of AED's islandwide.

Through this partnership with Vibrant Hawai'i we have been able to extend training to over 300 people in the community and place AED's in community spaces where people gather. One of the most impactful moments of this project was when a participant told me that she saw AED's in public spaces before, but never knew she was allowed to use it." EMS Captain, Stacy Domingo



**CNA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
AJAELYNE KRISTEL NAVALTA**

ST. JAMES CHURCH

Captains: Lauren Avery and Tim Bostock

The volunteer-driven team of the Waimea Resilience Hub delivered 102 weekly kupuna dinners from local restaurants for the duration of the program. They also prepared and distributed nearly 100 individual hot family meals to the community every Thursday evening for 4 months. In addition to ensuring families had access to hot meals, volunteers provided kupuna with (friendship/talk story/up-to-date news and resources).

Through this engagement, hub volunteers recognized a need for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) in the Waimea community to work in area clinics, doctor offices the local hospital, and most importantly - be available to in-home health visits. With support from Vibrant Hawai'i, 4 CNA training scholarships were offered to residents in the Waimea region.

"Importantly, also in this process we recognized an even greater need to offer strategies and assistance to improve a student or adult's potential in the workplace and in their career trajectory; it was more than finding a job— it was building their future! We will continue with this greater initiative!" - Lauren Avery





UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I-HILO

Captain: Farrah-Marie Gomes | hilo.hawaii.edu

FAMILY MEALS	FOOD BAGS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
3,990	2,320	281

At UH-Hilo, 3,900 college students, all experiencing food insecurity, received meals from campus food vendor Sodexo. Hubs 2.0 helped to support this vendor who was losing significant revenue with fewer students on campus. Preparing the meal bags to share with others gave an opportunity to build relationships and strengthen a sense of belonging. Recipes were also included with the food bags so students could follow along to create nutritious meals.

"A positive story is that student-athletes, who previously received a meal bag, got to volunteer. From this they got a deeper appreciation for what they received. They even made a competition on who could pack bags the fastest. For us at UHH, it was a new and welcomed appreciation for engagement on campus." Farrah-Marie Gomes.

YMCA

Captains: Wendy Botelho and Martha Rodillas | islandofhawaiiymca.org

PARTICIPANTS	ENTREPRENEUR JR LEADERS	'ĀINA EDUCATION HOURS
85	2,320	281

Beyond assisting over 60 students, including 24 foster keiki, with distance learning, 3D printing, and Honeybee garden education classes, the staff of the YMCA taught entrepreneurship and leadership skills by establishing a small business for their keiki. The 7 Jr Leaders started a microbusiness to make and sell resin keychains weekly. Through this, they learned important business skills including, manufacturing, marketing, customer service, and keeping accurate sales records. The profits were reinvested into the program.

"The older youth (junior leaders) have taken on the challenge of learning what it takes to start a business. They have been involved in making the resin initial letter keychains. They have learned about marketing, labeling product, packaging product, organizing product, setting up shop, selling product, making sales/change for customers, taking inventory and supply and demand. They wear YMCA t-shirts as their uniform when they staff the "pop-up" table with keychains for sale. This truly has been a learning experience for our junior leaders." - Wendy Botelho





KAUKAU 4 KEIKI

KEIKI SERVED	VOLUNTEERS	\$ TO LOCAL FARMS
4,000	736	\$700,000

In partnership with 26 communities islandwide, Vibrant Hawai'i coordinated logistics for Kaukau 4 Keiki from June 14 through July 23. Registrations were more than double what was expected, and several sites reached maximum capacity within hours. Weekly meal kits included over 10 pounds of locally sourced fruits and vegetables, bread, shelf stable milk, and protein.

REFLECTIONS FROM FAMILIES

- "Words can't explain how grateful and thankful we are to receive all the food items given. Most times we have to buy what's on sale to make ends meet. But with the items given we were able to have fruit and vegetables that we love."
- "We didn't have to worry between paying a bill or purchasing fresh food for the family."
- "For a family of 5, we don't typically qualify for other assistance and this program has helped immensely. The amount of food that it has provided has helped cut our weekly grocery bill allowing us to focus on other needs that have been left unattended due to lack of funds. We are so incredibly thankful and blessed for this program."
- "It helped my family a lot. As a single mother I have been struggling a little and having that extra made a difference in my household."

WINTER DISTRIBUTION

KEIKI SERVED	VOLUNTEERS	WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS
1,366	35	593

Recognizing the food Insecurity many families face during school closures, Vibrant Hawai'i worked with 12 volunteer community leaders to distribute 700 meal boxes to keiki Islandwide during the 2021 Winter Break.

REFLECTIONS FROM VOLUNTEERS

- "I was reminded how difficult it is for people in my community to ask for help and their gratitude when they receive unexpected help."
- "I learned that there is definitely a NEED to continue to contribute." towards food security during the holidays when schools are closed and keiki are in need."
- "It was very important to the community that we offered the Winter Boxes for their keiki. It supplied families with an abundant, healthy food box during the school break. They really appreciated the timing of the extra help."
- "I've learned that it takes trust with the people you work with as well as the people/community you are serving."



KAUKAU 4 KEIKI PARTNERSHIPS

In just 3-short weeks, Kaukau 4 Keiki moved from idea to implementation, reaching 4,000 keiki across Hawai'i Island. This coordinated response was only possible because of the strong connections and commitments between community, public, and private partners.

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Aspen Institute Community Strategies Group Rural Action Roundtable on Equity: Vibrant Hawai'i was invited to help guide and ground Aspen CSG's efforts on the implementation and ongoing development of the Thrive Rural Framework for Equitable Rural Prosperity. Members of the roundtable provide strategic direction, set priorities, build relationships, and help to ensure that the organization is critically analyzing CSG's ongoing development and implementation of the Framework using a race, place, and class lens.

Collective Impact Forum: Vibrant Hawai'i's proposal "Shifting Deficit Narratives by Returning to Ancestral Abundance and Wealth" was selected as a workshop for the 2022 Action Summit. Collective Impact Forum is an initiative of FSG and the Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions.

Clear Impact Equity Initiative: Vibrant Hawai'i was awarded \$25,000 at the Measurable Equity Conference hosted by Clear Impact. Vibrant Hawai'i presented an equity initiative and proposed pathway to Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander healing and wellbeing. Over 300 conference attendees were invited to vote for the initiative of their choice, and Vibrant Hawai'i was selected.

Hawaiian Electric Company: Vibrant Hawai'i serves as a member of the Hawaiian Electric Hawaii Island LMI (Low and Moderate Income) Customer Advisory Council.

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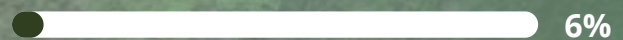
January - December 2021

Includes fiscal sponsorship from Hawai'i Rise Foundation and Friends of the Future.

\$3,082,613 Total Revenue Received

- \$1,405,350 | Government Grants
- \$429,442 | Foundations
- \$1,247,820 | Private Donors

\$149,956 Administrative Expenses



\$2,309,993 Program Expenses

- \$165,405 | Health and Wellbeing
- \$25,278 | Education
- \$2,097,064 | Resilience Hubs
- \$22,243 | Impact and Evaluation

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