

Partnering with KidsCan to support children and whānau

We are investing to support up to 70,000 school-aged children through the Ministry of Social Development's partnership with KidsCan.

Wellbeing Budget 2021

Funding for 17,500 warm raincoats a year for the next four years will support school attendance and child wellbeing.

Government is investing \$1.4 million over the next four years to provide 17,500 warm raincoats yearly for school-aged children over the next four years in partnership with KidsCan.

- We know that on wet days children are more absent from school because they don't have suitable wet weather clothing. This funding ensures children don't miss out on going to school.
- This funding continues government support for KidsCan and its goal to ensure children can participate in learning and have the opportunity for a better future.

This funding will also enable KidsCan to develop and extend other programmes that provide a broader range of support.

- Over the past two years, KidsCan has distributed 33,000 raincoats yearly. In 2021, KidsCan predicts need for 65,000 raincoats.
- Each raincoat costs around \$20, with KidsCan covering all shipping, warehousing and distribution costs.

| Costs (operating) \$m | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|
| | 0.350 | 0.350 | 0.350 | 0.350 | 1.400 |