Oxfam Aotearoa Election 2026 Scorecard

The Election 2026 Scorecard has been prepared by Oxfam Aotearoa as a tool for public education and advocacy. The scorecard assesses the commitments of political parties across the main policy issues that Oxfam works on:

- Supporting our neighbours in the Pacific
- Promoting gender justice
- Promoting climate justice
- Protecting lives and rights in crisis
- Honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Making our economy fair.

Method and Party Participation

Oxfam Aotearoa surveyed political parties on 18 commitments across the six categories above. For each commitment, parties were asked to respond "Yes", "No," or "No policy" and were given the chance to provide an additional comment or explanation.

Responses were received from the following parties: Labour, Green, Opportunity, and Te Pāti Māori. Labour did not provide "Yes" or "No" responses but instead provided comments that have been used by Oxfam Aotearoa as the primary source for assessing their commitments.

National and ACT declined to participate in the survey and New Zealand First did not respond. Oxfam Aotearoa has assessed the commitments of these parties based on public statements, previous actions, and election policies, where available.

Commitment scores

For each commitment, parties have been scored as “Supports”, “Nearly there”, “No clear position” or “Does not support”. For parties that responded “Yes” or “No” to a commitment on the survey, these responses have been treated as definitive. A response of “No policy” received a score of “Nearly there” or “No clear position” depending on other evidence available.

The following table summarises the scores and the responses, comments and other evidence used by Oxfam Aotearoa to reach these assessments.

Support our neighbours in the Pacific		
Commitment 1: Increase funding for inclusive development and humanitarian action that meets the needs of women, youth, disabled people and all communities.	ACT: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	Green: Supports	Survey response.
	Labour: Supports (updated)	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey comment: Labour is committed to forming a government that acts in the best interest of women, youth, disabled people and all communities. Initial assessment: Nearly there. Updated to “Supports” following announcement that Labour would increase aid funding, with a goal of reaching 0.7% of Gross National Income over time.
	National: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	NZ First: Nearly there	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. As Minister of Foreign Affairs, Winston Peters has called for more aid funding to the Pacific, but NZ First has not yet released an election policy.
	Opportunity: Supports	Survey response.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response.
Commitment 2: Increase funding for communities affected by climate change	ACT: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Did not renew international climate finance commitment.
	Green: Supports	Survey response.

and commit to meet our fair share of international support.	Labour: Supports (updated)	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey comment: Labour is committed to meeting our climate obligations. Taking action on climate change benefits everyone. Labour notes modelling for the Sustainable Business Council indicates that the country's GDP would be NZ$22 billion higher by 2035 if we take action now to decarbonise our economy instead of continuing to emit at the current level. Labour is disappointed with the backwards steps the current government has taken in this area. Initial assessment: Nearly there. Updated to "Supports" following announcement that Labour would increase aid funding, with priority given to climate response and the Pacific.
	National: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Did not renew international climate finance commitment.
	NZ First: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Did not renew international climate finance commitment. Would withdraw from Paris Agreement.
	Opportunity: Supports	Survey response.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response.
Commitment 3: Back our Pacific neighbours to survive the climate crisis, by supporting Pacific efforts to negotiate a global phase out of fossil fuels.	ACT: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supports new offshore oil and gas exploration.
	Green: Supports	Survey response.
	Labour: Nearly there	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey comment: Labour has consistently followed the Pacific's lead on climate. In government we joined the core group of countries that drafted and championed Vanuatu's initiative for an International Court of Justice advisory opinion on states' climate obligations, and we committed $1.3 billion in climate finance for 2022–2025, with at least

		half going to the Pacific and half to adaptation. We also legislated the ban on new offshore oil and gas exploration, and we will reinstate it. This Government repealed that ban, opened the entire exclusive economic zone to new exploration, and let the climate finance commitment expire. Pacific leaders have been clear that a managed global transition away from fossil fuels is a matter of survival for their countries, and New Zealand should be standing with them in those negotiations rather than expanding fossil fuel production at home.
	National: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Withdrew from Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance. Supports new offshore oil and gas exploration.
	NZ First: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supports new offshore oil and gas exploration.
	Opportunity: Supports	Survey response.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response.
Promote Gender Justice		
Commitment 4: Ensure that more international development and climate projects target gender equality as a principal objective, so that all women and girls are included.	ACT: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	Green: Supports	Survey response.
	Labour: Nearly there	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey comment: Labour made gender equality and women's empowerment a core focus of New Zealand's development cooperation, naming it as a focus area in the International Cooperation for Effective Sustainable Development policy statement and launching the Gender Action Plan, which set targets for the share of ODA with gender equality as a principal and as a significant objective. The same principles were built into our $1.3 billion climate finance commitment, with at least half to the Pacific and half to

		adaptation. That plan has now lapsed, ODA has fallen as a share of gross national income, and the Government let the climate finance commitment expire. Labour supports setting clear targets for gender-principal investment and reporting transparently against them, so inclusion is measured rather than assumed.
	National: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	NZ First: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	Opportunity: Supports	Survey response.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response. Survey comment: Te Pāti Māori supports this kaupapa. Equity is a core guiding principle throughout our policy platform.
Commitment 5: Make sure women in Aotearoa are paid fairly by restoring pay equity legislation, with full funding for pay equity in public and community services.	ACT: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supported Equal Pay Amendment Act, making it harder to raise a claim.
	Green: Supports	Survey response.
	Labour: Supports	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey comment: Labour is committed to a pay equity system that pays women what they deserve. Initial assessment: Nearly there. Updated to "Supports" following announcement that Labour would restore Pay Equity legislation and fund immediate settlement of pay equity for care and support workers.
	National: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	NZ First: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	Opportunity: Supports	Survey response.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response. Survey comment:

		Would restore legislation.
Commitment 6: Protect women and all people in Aotearoa from gender-based violence by committing to a long-term investment plan for violence prevention services.	ACT: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	Green: Supports	Survey response.
	Labour: Nearly there	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey comment: Labour is yet to release our policy in this area - that will happen closer to the election. Labour recognises that family violence is a crime and a violation of basic human rights, with profound and far-reaching implications. It affects many aspects of our lives, from health and wellbeing to employment, rights, and justice. Everyone deserves to feel safe, and Labour will consider evidence-based policy developed in consultation with stakeholders and informed by international best practice to address family violence. Labour seeks to break the cycle of abuse, experienced in many families, that prevents women and children realising their full potential.
	National: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	NZ First: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	Opportunity: Supports	Survey response.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response.
Promote Climate Justice		
Commitment 7: Reject public subsidies for fossil fuel projects and commit to a just transition to end fossil fuel production in Aotearoa.	ACT: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supports continued production and use of fossil fuels.
	Green: Supports	Survey response.
	Labour: Nearly there	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey comment: In Government, Labour partnered with businesses to support businesses to replace fossil fuels with clean energy,

		accelerate emission reductions, and protect local jobs. It was disappointing to see the current government scrap this work.
	National: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supports subsidy for LNG terminal.
	NZ First: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supports subsidy for LNG terminal and for further oil and gas exploration.
	Opportunity: Supports	Survey response.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response. Survey comment: Te Pāti Māori will end new oil and gas exploration and phase out existing extraction, withdraw existing oil and gas permits (on and offshore) within five years and decommission sites within 10 years, begin immediate planning and resourcing for decommissioning, and support workers and communities through a just transition.
Commitment 8: Support public and active transport with increased funding for affordable, accessible and low emissions services.	ACT: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supports user-pays transport.
	Green: Supports	Survey response.
	Labour: Supports	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey comment: Labour has announced a weekly public transport fare cap of $20 in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch and $10 elsewhere, in place by 1 July 2027, at a net cost of about $65 million a year. Once a rider hits the cap, further trips that week are free. We have also been consistently critical of this Government's decision to halve the walking and cycling budget and of a Government Policy Statement weighted overwhelmingly toward new highways. Labour's approach is an integrated transport system where public transport, rail and active modes are funded properly alongside roading.

	National: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	NZ First: Nearly there	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Previous support for expanding rail services, but no current election policy.
	Opportunity: Supports	Survey response.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response. Survey comment: Te Pāti Māori will invest in free public transport for all within 5 years.
Commitment 9: Make sure rich polluters pay the cost of their climate damage, including by strengthening the Emissions Trading Scheme and rapidly phasing out free allocation to polluting industries.	ACT: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supports reducing the cost to business of 'carbon tax'.
	Green: Supports	Survey response.
	Labour: Nearly there	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey comment: Labour acknowledges the complexities of industrial allocations. Labour will work to ensure the ETS works efficiently and functions to reduce emissions.
	National: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	NZ First: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	Opportunity: Supports	Survey response.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response. Climate policy.
Protect lives and rights in crisis		
Commitment 10: Protect civilians and aid workers in conflict situations with targeted sanctions on institutions and individuals	ACT: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	Green: Supports	Survey response.
	Labour: Supports	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey comment: Labour has repeatedly called on the Government to use every tool available in response to breaches of international humanitarian law, including targeted diplomatic and economic

that breach international humanitarian law.		sanctions. We passed the Russia Sanctions Act 2022 in government, we have supported sanctions on individuals and entities connected to Israel's unlawful occupation, and we said the Government's travel bans on Israeli Ministers Smotrich and Ben-Gvir were too little and too late. We also note the expert advisory group established under the last Labour Government recommended New Zealand consider a broader autonomous sanctions framework, work this Government has not progressed.
	National: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	NZ First: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	Opportunity: Supports	Survey response.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response. Military neutrality policy.
Commitment 11: Strengthen export controls to prevent New Zealand companies from providing goods or services to any military that targets civilians.	ACT: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	Green: Supports	Survey response.
	Labour: Supports	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey comment: The purpose of New Zealand's export controls regime is already to prevent exports that could contribute to human rights abuses or contraventions of international humanitarian law. Labour supports that test being applied rigorously and transparently, and supports the work underway to modernise the regime and the Strategic Goods List so it can deal with dual-use and emerging technologies. New Zealand should not be a weak link, and New Zealand firms should have clarity about where the line sits.
	National: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	NZ First: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	Opportunity: Supports	Survey response.

	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response. Military neutrality policy.
Commitment 12: Reduce military spending and commit to an independent, peaceful and cooperative foreign policy.	ACT: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supports increased military spending in line with the Defence Capability Plan.
	Green: Supports	Survey response.
	Labour: Does not support	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey comment: Labour is committed to an independent foreign policy that is made in Wellington, not handed to us by others, we have been clear that this Government has been one-sided in its approach and selective in defending the rules-based order. But we do not support cutting defence spending. The Defence Capability Plan builds on work begun by the last Labour Government, and our people deserve equipment that is safe and fit for purpose. Investing in a credible, independent defence force and pursuing peaceful, cooperative diplomacy are not in conflict.
	National: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supports increased military spending in line with the Defence Capability Plan.
	NZ First: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supports increased military spending in line with the Defence Capability Plan.
	Opportunity: Does not support	Survey response. Survey comment: While Opportunity is fully supportive of an independent, peaceful and cooperative foreign policy, we see reduced military funding as imprudent in light of a newly unstable global environment and emerging threats such as cyber-warfare.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response.

		Military neutrality policy.
Honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi		
Commitment 13: Restore and strengthen Te Tiriti clauses in legislation with a process that fully engages with Māori and follows the recommendations of the Waitangi Tribunal.	ACT: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supported review of Treaty Principles clauses.
	Green: Supports	Survey response.
	Labour: Supports	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey Comment: Labour is committed to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. Labour opposes the government Treaty clause proposal and if introduced, will repeal it.
	National: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supported review of Treaty Principles clauses.
	NZ First: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supported review of Treaty Principles clauses.
	Opportunity: Supports	Survey response.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response. Te Tiriti policy.
Commitment 14: Resource an inclusive process for constitutional change that gives effect to Te Tiriti by 2040.	ACT: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supports winding up Waitangi tribunal.
	Green: Supports	Survey response.
	Labour: No clear position	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	National: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supported review of Treaty Principles clauses.
	NZ First: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supported review of Treaty Principles clauses.
	Opportunity: Supports	Survey response.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response. Te Tiriti policy.

Commitment 15: Support education on Te Tiriti, including by engaging with schools and iwi to ensure the curriculum reflects the central importance of Te Tiriti in Aotearoa.	ACT: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supported rewrite of curriculum to reduce emphasis on Te Tiriti.
	Green: Supports	Survey response.
	Labour: Nearly there	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey Comment: Labour is deeply committed to ensuring Te Tiriti o Waitangi is central to our education system, which is why we have already committed to restoring school boards' obligations to give effect to Te Tiriti.
	National: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supported rewrite of curriculum to reduce emphasis on Te Tiriti.
	NZ First: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supported rewrite of curriculum to reduce emphasis on Te Tiriti.
	Opportunity: Supports	Survey response.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response. Te Tiriti policy.
Make our economy fair		
Commitment 16: Make sure the richest contribute a fair share to the cost of public services, including by taxing profits from the sale of investment properties.	ACT: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	Green: Supports	Survey response.
	Labour: Supports	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey comment: Labour will introduce a simple, targeted capital gains tax of 28% on the profit from selling residential investment and commercial property. It applies only to gains made after 1 July 2027, and only when a property is sold. The family home, farms, KiwiSaver, shares, businesses and inheritances are all excluded, and nine in ten New Zealanders will not pay it. Every dollar raised is ring-fenced for health, including three free GP visits a year through the Medicard, free prescriptions and free cervical screening.

	National: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supports no new taxes.
	NZ First: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	Opportunity: Does not support	Survey response. Survey comment: Opportunity's favoured tax reform is a land value tax of broad application, paired with a citizens' income, to rebalance the share of tax away from income earners and towards property.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response. Tax Policy.
Commitment 17: Pass Modern Slavery Legislation that requires businesses to do all they can to eliminate worker exploitation in their supply chains.	ACT: Does not support	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Opposed Modern Slavery Bill.
	Green: Supports	Survey response. Supported Modern Slavery Bill.
	Labour: Nearly there	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey comment: Labour is already advancing legislation that targets modern slavery in New Zealand supply chains, in tandem with the Government. Supported Modern Slavery Bill.
	National: Nearly there	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supported Modern Slavery Bill.
	NZ First: Nearly there	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Supported Modern Slavery Bill.
	Opportunity: Supports	Survey response.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response. Supported Modern Slavery Bill.
	ACT: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.

Commitment 18: Protect workers' rights to join unions and take collective action, including by ratifying ILO Convention 87 on Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise.	Green: Nearly there	Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa based on survey response and policy. Supports rights to join unions and take collective action, with no specific policy on ILO Convention 87.
	Labour: Nearly there	Did not give yes/no response. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa. Survey comment: While we are yet to release our policy in this area, we are deeply committed to the right of working people to unionise.
	National: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	NZ First: No clear position	Did not complete survey. Rating assessed by Oxfam Aotearoa.
	Opportunity: Supports	Survey response.
	Te Pāti Māori: Supports	Survey response. Survey comment: Te Pāti Māori supports the protection of union access, multi-employer collective bargaining, and collective bargaining for contractors. We will also restore the 30-day union rule for employment contracts.

Category scores

Based on the commitment scores above, overall category scores were calculated as follows. Supporting a commitment scored as two points, with one point for "Nearly there", zero for "No clear position" and minus two points for rejecting a commitment. The average score for the three commitments in each category, rounded to the nearest whole number, produced the following category scores.

	ACT	Green	Labour	Nat	NZF	Opp	TPM
Pacific	-1	2	2	-1	-1	2	2
Gender	-1	2	1	-1	-1	2	2
Climate	-2	2	1	-1	0	2	2
Crisis	-1	2	1	-1	-1	1	2

Te Tiriti	-2	2	1	-2	-2	2	2
Economy	-1	2	1	0	0	0	2

Parties earned a supportive green heart 💚 for a score of 2, a “nearly there” orange heart 🧡 for a score of 1, a “no clear position” question mark for a zero score, and a broken heart 💔 for a negative score.

	ACT	Green	Labour	Nat	NZF	Opp	TPM
Pacific	💔	💚	💚	💔	💔	💚	💚
Gender	💔	💚	🧡	💔	💔	🧡	💚
Climate	💔	💚	🧡	💔	?	💚	💚
Crisis	💔	💚	🧡	💔	💔	🧡	💚
Te Tiriti	💔	💚	🧡	💔	💔	💚	💚
Economy	💔	💚	🧡	?	?	?	💚