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## *Co-convenor's message*

***"It shouldn't be this hard – child poverty and disability."***

We're delighted that a new CPAG group is starting up in Dunedin this year which will represent us for local activities and events. The coordinator is Emily Keddell who has a strong background in family social work at the University of Otago. If you live in Otago and would like to receive mailings about upcoming local events or news, please update your contact details on the bottom of this email, follow the instructions to add yourself to the Otago network or email [admin@cpag.org.nz](mailto:admin@cpag.org.nz) and ask to be added to the list.

## POLICY WATCH

**An important aspect of CPAG's work is monitoring the impact of policy on children.**

### **February 2015 Government's announcement on social housing announcement**

It was reported in the New Zealand Herald that rents have risen 9 per cent nationally in the past 12 months, the biggest increase in five years. Child Poverty Action Group responded that New Zealand's housing crisis is harming children and the Government must step up to make sure poor families have decent housing. CPAG expressed concern about Government plans to sell off State houses when a desperate current shortage of affordable housing is having such a disastrous effect on the health and well-being of children and families - particularly in Auckland and Christchurch. Houses owned by central and local government are part of the essential safety net for children.

### **February 2015 Salvation Army's State of the Nation report**

The 2015 Salvation Army State of the Nation Report showed little progress on child poverty and that the situation had worsened for the most vulnerable children. It evidenced that, regardless

of the measures used, large numbers of children were experiencing poverty which could be alleviated swiftly by better policies. CPAG said that a genuine safety net is needed to protect families and children during difficult times, with a well-designed welfare and family tax credit system. In order to achieve this Government would need to make a genuine commitment to alleviating the long-term effects of poverty and provide considerable and sustained extra spending accordingly.

### **Submission to the Finance and Expenditure Committee on the Budget Policy Statement 2015**

CPAG said that reducing the rate and depth of child poverty should be the first priority in the 2015 budget. Budget measures need to extend across improving incomes for low income families supported by benefits or wages, tax credits, housing, health, education and increasing the number of adequately paid jobs. The budget direction "to reduce income taxes from 2017 with a focus on low and middle-income earners" would prevent the Government finding enough funds to address child poverty. Spokesperson Associate Professor Michael O'Brien said: "Tax cuts would be irresponsible while so many children are affected by poverty. It's very hard to see how government could target tax cuts at low income families alone. Any reductions in the two lowest tax rates would also go in full to all those on incomes over \$48,000. Even if the reductions are small they would be very expensive while giving little to those who need them most."

### **February 2015 Budget Policy Statement submission**

CPAG said that the Responsible Lending Code released in February would not protect consumers against the sharp teeth of predatory lending. According to CPAG spokesperson Dr M. Claire Dale, "the announcement should have been a reason to celebrate but unfortunately the 'responsible lending principles' do not address the issue of unreasonably high interest rates." While it is positive that lenders would be required to take a





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much more active role when considering the ability of an applicant to repay a loan, and the suitability of the relevant product and any associated insurance contracts, they are not required to refrain from charging usurious interest rates.

## POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

### 19 March 2015 - *'It shouldn't be this hard': children, poverty and disability*

A report released by CPAG concluded that disabled children are more likely to live in poverty than other children, increasing the barriers they face to participation and inclusion in society. The report states that disabled children are often invisible in discussions about policies that affect them, meaning their rights and interests, and those of their care-givers, are overlooked. There are around 95,000 disabled children aged 0-14 years in New Zealand. A 2013 disability survey showed 15% of those children lived in households with incomes under \$30,000 compared with 10% of all children.

CPAG expressed particular concern about the impact of a significant decline in the number of Child Disability Allowances (CDA) granted annually by Work and Income. The CDA is a non-income-tested allowance available to parents to help compensate for the time and expense of caring for a disabled child. The number of new CDAs granted had almost halved since 2008 while the number of disabled children increased from 92,000 in 2001 to 95,000 in 2013. Over the same period spending on the Disability Allowance also dropped 14% in real terms. CPAG Co-Convenor Alan Johnson said, "We have not seen the Government championing cuts in support to families with disabled children, but that is in effect what has happened."

### June 2015 - OECD Economic Surveys

OECD Economic Surveys NEW ZEALAND, presented recommendations for the Government on policy to reduce poverty, including: "Increasing main (basic) benefits and indexing them to median

wages" to "reduce poverty across all beneficiary classes, including single-person households (below age 65), who have the second-highest relative risk of poverty." The OECD notes that the use of supplementary means-tested payments for the very worst off families has been part of why living standards of those on benefit have fallen so far behind: "Poverty rates could be cut by increasing social benefits, which have been falling relative to wages as they are indexed to the Consumers Price Index. In addition to these main benefits, most beneficiaries receive supplementary benefits (a variety of means-tested benefits available to both beneficiary and working households) targeted at vulnerable families. However, increases in supplementary benefit payments have been smaller for beneficiary households than for low-income working households owing to the introduction of Working for Families, which provides greater benefits to low-income working households than beneficiaries." CPAG recommended all benefits be lifted by 10% and then indexed to median wages, stating that the link to wages is crucial.

### August 2015 - Submission on the Child Hardship Bill

In its oral submission on the Child Hardship Bill, CPAG reminded the Committee that the Human Rights Review Tribunal and the Court of Appeal found that the In Work Tax Credit part of the Working for Families package constitutes discrimination against the poorest children in New Zealand. CPAG spokesperson Susan St John said, "With the Courts judgements in mind, the committee should feel very uncomfortable that the ONLY increases made to Working for Families in the Child Hardship Bill were to the discriminatory parts." CPAG said the courts were ill-equipped to weigh up the serious harm to those 230,000 poorest children whose child poverty was not alleviated by Working for Families, against the assumed benefits of the flimsy work incentive aspects. Susan St John said, "The Child Hardship Bill was a chance to put this right by adding the In-Work Tax Credit to the Family Tax Credit thereby making a serious attempt to reduce child poverty and simplify the system."



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## August 2015 - Rising Student debt

The Incomes and Expenditure Survey, released by the New Zealand Union of Students Associations, showed all students are facing rising debt, falling support and unaffordable living expenses as housing costs rise. Low income students 'locked out' of tertiary education as costs rise.

## August 2015 - Monitoring report on CYFS

CPAG welcomed the Office of the Children's Commissioner's monitoring report on CYFS - State of Care - and supports its recommendations to address the serious issues facing New Zealand's care and protection system. CPAG said the government had chosen to introduce policies such as punitive welfare reform that cuts benefits to struggling parents of children where strict criteria are not met, rather than providing a decent social security safety net so that even the most disadvantaged children can thrive and reach their potential.

## November 2015 - Auckland Housing Crisis at breaking point

The Salvation Army released a report: *Invisible in the SuperCity: Hidden Homelessness in Auckland* which said that Auckland's housing crisis is at breaking point and those most in need are being systemically ignored by our government. 49% of respondents who "reported not having had an initial eligibility interview or an assessment interview" and that "slightly less than half of the respondents with children (41%) who answered the questions around interaction with MSD had no contact with MSD in relation to their housing need".

New housing builds also fall short of population growth, meaning that "already disadvantaged people are further disadvantaged". Declining house purchase rates, connected to lack of availability and consequent overpricing, exert yet more pressure on an already bursting rental market.

## December 2015 - Child Poverty monitor

The Child Poverty Monitor was updated and showed that child poverty was significantly worse than the 1980s. In 1985 the percentage of chil-

dren in families experiencing relative after housing costs income poverty was 15%. Now it is 29%. CPAG Spokesperson Dr Nikki Turner said, "Benefit incomes are clearly not enough for the poorest families to meet their children's basic needs. While the tiny benefit increase announced in the 2015 budget signalled a change in direction by the government and is welcomed, it will have negligible impact given the severity and persistence of poverty."

## MAY 2015 BUDGET

Child Poverty Action Group welcomed the \$25 increase to beneficiary incomes since 1972, that was announced in Budget 2015, as it recognises that the best way to help children in poverty is to give more income to low income families. There was concern however that increase would not come into effect for another year, and that the range of assistance families currently receive will reduce the effect of the benefit increase. Where families receive entitlements such as the accommodation supplement or supplementary hardship assistance, this will erode the value of the benefit increase. In real terms, \$25 may become \$10-\$15 for many families. These families are likely to be in the poorest circumstances and will effectively remain in significant poverty.

The changes to Working for Families impose more complexity on an already complex system and do not address the discrimination against children in beneficiary families whose parents cannot meet the required work expectations.

## CAMPAIGNS AND PARTNERSHIPS

### May 2015 - Time for a budget to end child poverty

In May 2015 CPAG supported a major online petition launched by ActionStation, calling for the 2015 budget to create real change for children. ActionStation developed the campaign in collaboration with CPAG, UNICEF, NZ Council of Chris-





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tian Social Services, the Equality Network and Tick for Kids partners. The petition calls on John Key's government to treat all low income children equally and, by doing so, boost the incomes of the poorest families. This petition

### August and September 2015 - Healthy and affordable housing campaign

CPAG launched a campaign for healthy and affordable homes for families at East Tamaki Healthcare centre in Otara Mall on Tuesday 18 August 2015. Speakers included Health spokesperson Professor Innes Asher, Housing Spokesperson Frank Hogan and Dr Walter Muller and Alan Johnson. CPAG produced a FAQ resource to answer common questions and myths surrounding housing. "There are major, systemic problems with the housing market in New Zealand, which would take many years to sort out even if the Government had a comprehensive strategic plan for housing. But children can get sick within weeks or even days living in unhealthy accommodation. They cannot wait. We need urgent action to provide healthy and affordable housing for families now." Spokesperson Frank Hogan said, "Most poor families live in private rental accommodation. With the current housing shortage, they have been pushed right to the back of the queue for homes and are ending up with the worst properties."

The campaign provided an opportunity to call on Government to act urgently to:

- Introduce and enforce a Warrant Of Fitness (WOF) for rental housing
- Introduce subsidies to get rentals up to a healthy standard.
- Urgently review and update the Accommodation Supplement.

The public were able to support this campaign through making submissions to the housing and social housing submissions. Over 200 emails were sent to ministers.

### November 2015 - Hikoi for homes

The hikoi were jointly organised by CPAG, Auckland Action Against Poverty (AAAP), First Union and Unite. The events attracted hundreds of

people who were moved to march for quality, affordable and safe housing for all New Zealanders. Aucklanders strode through the state houses of Glen Innes and on to the elite properties of Kohimarama and Orakei; Wellingtonians took on the city's central Cuba Mall and Civic Square while Cantabrians marched over the eastern suburb of Linwood, near the Eastgate Shopping Centre.



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The Hikoi for Homes is promoted seven campaign asks:

- An immediate stop and to the sell-off of state and council housing
- A \$1 billion annual budget for the provision of more state, public and not-for-profit housing
- Setting minimum standards for all rented housing
- Greater tenure protection for tenants
- Rent freeze for five years
- A statutory right to be housed
- State subsidies for modest income homeownership programmes

This is a call to action for all New Zealand citizens, rich and poor, to make a resounding statement to a government that's negligent in providing basic living standards and welfare for its people. Everyone deserves a home.

### September 2015 - Time to raise age of foster-care

Child Poverty Action Group is supporting a campaign to raise the age of state care from 17 to 21 and says it is unrealistic to expect a 17 year old to



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be completely independent.

We Don't Stop Caring, an initiative developed by Lifewise, Dingwall Trust, Youthline, Child Poverty Action Group, Wesley Community Action, Christchurch Methodist Mission and Action Station, aims to raise the age of young people leaving state care from 17 to 21, giving every young person in NZ the right to support and a home-base.

Under the current law, children lose the protection of Child Youth and Family when they turn 17, but cannot access adult support like student allowances until they are 18. For children in foster care, this means they can no longer remain with a foster family unless that family agrees to continue supporting them, and for children in CYF residences, they can no longer remain living in them. Most children turn 17 during year 12 at school. Exiting care while trying to complete years 12 and 13 at school is immensely difficult without a home, financial support or ongoing care to rely on.

CPAG spokesperson Associate Professor Michael O'Brien says, "It is unrealistic to expect seventeen year olds to exit the foster care system and become completely independent. Transitioning to life as an independent adult is difficult, and it only gets harder when a young person already has a disrupted life. Raising the age for support would give young people the right to support and a stable home through this important stage of their lives O'Brien says, "The government is currently reviewing Child Youth and Family Services (CYFS) including whether the age of foster care should be reviewed. This is the ideal opportunity to fix a flawed policy and make a real difference for our most vulnerable youth

## FUNDRAISING

### Hector's Great Walk

Hector Hines walked the Te Araroa trail in the South Island from Picton to Bluff (1200km) in 40 days over January and February to raise awareness of child poverty in New Zealand and fundraise for CPAG. Hector faced many challenges along the way but found his personal journey very valuable. Pictures and videos of Hector's walk are

available on his Facebook page.

CPAG was honoured that Hector took on this huge challenge to help speak out on behalf of the 260,000 children living in poverty and to support its work. We encourage anyone who would like to fundraise for us, or to help raise awareness of child poverty in New Zealand in a creative way, to contact us [admin@cpag.org.nz](mailto:admin@cpag.org.nz)

### End Child Poverty Concert

The fundraiser concert held the same day as the Hikoi was a huge success and raised \$1,200 towards the Hikoi costs. Brigitte, one of the key organisers, shared her experience leading up to



the event: The idea of offering a concert to thank friends and family at the end of the year grew into a project well beyond the bounds of a private gathering. Naturally, music lends itself to be shared with many, and why not extend our hearts and minds and include the most vulnerable amongst us, our children. Hence deciding on CPAG was easy. In fact, everyone said whole heartedly 'YES', when asked if they wanted to be part of a fundraiser concert to end child poverty in New Zealand, including our sponsors. We are sincerely grateful to the organisations who sponsored this event.



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## MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

2nd Quarter	
15 April	\$1B needed to fix child poverty - expert News hub
5 May	Calls for Budget to focus on child poverty NZ Herald
20 May	Call for Budget to act on child poverty Radio NZ
17 June	CPAG calls on Government to rethink benefit changes Maori TV
3rd Quarter	
17 August	Working for Families 'being squeezed' Radio NZ
17 August	People desensitised to poverty - social worker Radio NZ
18 August	CPAG to launch campaign for healthy and affordable homes Maori TV
31 August	Michael Timmins: Children at the heart of better policy NZ Herald
7 September	Campaign to raise cut-off age for state care
8 September	Hidden benefits sign of welfare war Waatea News
4th Quarter	
17 October	Cold houses 'community shame' ODT
19 October	Nationwide campaign aiming to raise housing quality Dunedin TV
18 November	Families in cars new reality, NZ Herald
21 November	Hundreds march to demand action on housing Radio NZ
30 December	Poverty measures short change families NZ Herald

## SUBMISSIONS AND PUBLISHED REPORTS

1st Quarter	
January I	Submission on the Gambling (Gambling Harm Reduction) Amendment Bill
February 2015	It shouldn't be this hard: children, poverty and disability. Report by Donna Wynd
Feb	Submission to the Finance and Expenditure Committee on the Budget Policy Statement 2015
2nd Quarter	
June	Submission on Support for Children in Hardship Bill
3rd Quarter	
August 2015	CPAG's Budget Review 2015: An analysis of the New Zealand Government's 2015 Budget
September	Submission to the Family Violence Law Review
4th Quarter	
October	Welfare fit for families: Summit Proceedings. Edited by M. Claire Dale
October	Submission on increasing the minimum wage in 2015
November	Submission on Household living-costs price indexes – public consultation
November	Submission on Parental Leave and Employment Protection (Six Months' Paid Leave and Work Contact Hours) Amendment Bill
December	Submission on Review of the Education Act 1989





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## EVENTS

### Nationwide Post Budget Breakfasts

CPAG hosted five post Budget breakfasts in five main centres on 22 May in Whangarei, Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. Organisers did an remarkable job interpreting and presenting the outcome of the 2015 Budget and the policies that effect the wellbeing of children and the general health of communities. The \$25 increase to beneficiaries in the Budget signalled an important change in the approach to child poverty in New Zealand, recognising that the best way to help children in poverty is to raise family incomes. CPAG's [Budget 2015 resources](#) are available on our website, including selected breakfast presentations and other commentary. These highly successful events are made possible with the assistance of the Public Health Association in Christchurch, Dunedin and Wellington and the efforts of a team of dedicated volunteers. We are very grateful for their outstanding contributions.

### AGM

CPAG held its 17th Annual General Meeting on 28 July at the St Colombia Centre in Ponsonby, Auckland, followed by a special screening of CPAG's *Nurturing our Future* film and a guest presentation by Dr Simon Denny, who spoke on youth and poverty. Dr Denny's presentation examined indicators of socioeconomic deprivation among secondary school students and present associations between household poverty, neighbourhood deprivation and health outcomes.

### CPAG Summit - Welfare fit for families

On 8 September, CPAG co-hosted **Welfare fit for families** with the University of Auckland's Centre for Applied Research in Economics and the Department of Paediatrics: Child and Youth Health. The aim of the Summit was to identify the major problems with the current welfare system policies and focus on ways to update and refocus policies so that the welfare system becomes fit for families in a changing world. The event proved a valuable and productive experience with an impressive array of intelligent, informed and sincere speakers. There was a strong connection among attendees

and it became clear that the network of child poverty advocates were unified by the shared purpose of reforming the current system.

1st Quarter		
19 March 2015	Launch: 'It shouldn't be this hard': Children, poverty and disability	Auckland
2nd Quarter		
22 May 2015	Post Budget Breakfast	Whangarei
22 May 2015	Post Budget Breakfast	Auckland
22 May 2015	Post Budget Breakfast	Wellington
22 May 2015	Post Budget Breakfast	Christchurch
22 May 2015	Post Budget Breakfast	Dunedin
3rd Quarter		
28 July 2015	AGM	Auckland
18 August 2015	Launch: Healthy and Affordable homes	Auckland
27 August 2015	Housing puppet show	Wellington
8 September 2015	CPAG Welfare Summit	Auckland
17 September 2015	Teenagers in Poverty Seminar with Sue Bagshaw	Christchurch
4th Quarter		
16 October 2015	Healthy and Affordable Homes	Dunedin
18 November 2015	Film screening: A place to call home	Auckland
21 November 2015	Hikoi for Homes	Wellington
21 November 2015	Hikoi for Homes	Christchurch
21 November 2015	Hikoi for Homes	



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## BLOGS (CPAG WEBSITE)

1st Quarter	
Feb	Children, poverty and choice, Mike O'Brien
March	I grew up hungry: Why I give to child poverty charities, Guest blogger Rebekah Sherriff of lifewise
	Keeping disabled kids in the shadows Alan Johnson
	What will help our poorest children most, right now? Susan St John
2nd Quarter	
April	Why on earth on are scholarship fees being increased? John O'Neill
	Social housing: waiting list jeopardy for most needy. Innes Asher and Frank Hogan
	The disappearing data story. Gerard Cotterell
	Can you pick which one of these young people may be homeless? Rebekah Sherriff
May	Families relying on a benefit simply don't have enough money. Mike O'Brien
June	Social bonds - an unfortunate experimen-Mike O'Brien
3rd Quarter	
July	KiwiSaver changes: the sting in the tail of the Budget M.Claire Dale
	National Standards no model for Social Services delivery. Martin Thrupp
	Complexity wins again Susan St John
August	Rich schools, poor schools Liz Gordon
	The winter of our discontent - Anne Else
	Government-commissioned report makes a strong case for a rental WOF - Elinor Chisholm, of He Kainga Oranga
	Child poverty - a medical student's perspective - Frances Oliver
4th Quarter	
October	Poor Kiwi kids should not have to rely on charity to get ahead at school - John O'Neill

	What do decile ratings tell us? John O'Neill
November	Why we should hikoi for homes Alan Johnson
	Child Poverty and Housing: A Catholic View Anne Hurley, of Sisters of Mercy Wiri
	The links between mould, cold and children's learning John O'Neill
	The cost of credit matters M.Claire Dale
	From the Cradle By Eliza Prestidge Oldfield
	Why are New Zealand children living in cars? M.Claire Dale
	High school students and poverty: what does it mean to them? Therese Luxton

## RESEARCH AND ARTICLES

2nd Quarter	
2 April	Injustice will eventually be overcome .The Daily blog. Susan St John
14 May	More income is required to improve the health of poor children Briefing papers. Innes Asher
14 May	Step change for children: Fix Working for Families Briefing papers. Susan St John
20 May	Prevention: the best way to address child poverty Briefing papers. Michael O'Brien
20 May 15	An overview of NZ's housing Briefing papers. Alan Johnson
26 May	Carrot attack to get those lazy sole parents working The Daily blog .Susan St John
22 June	Sex and beneficiaries – 19th century morality in 21st century The Daily blog .Susan St John
3rd Quarter	
21 August	Reflections on the Budget 2015 Child Hardship Package Policy Quarterly – Volume 11, Issue 3. Susan St John
4th Quarter	
7 October	Women second class students in the neoliberal world The Daily blog .Susan St John
18 November	National does not understand what a work incentive requires The Daily blog .Susan St John



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## GUEST PRESENTATIONS JAN – DEC 2015

CPAG has members around the country who are available to present to a wide range of forums. If you would like CPAG to speak at your next event, please fill in our speaker request form.

1st Quarter	
5 January 2015	Advocacy in Action I NZMSA Seminar Series I Innes Asher
7 March 2015	Social policy issues that affect women I UN Women International Committee Aotearoa NZ I Susan St John
26 March 2015	Child Poverty - a Health Perspective I ADHB I Innes Asher
2nd Quarter	
30 April 2015	Child Poverty and the Social Services workshop in Hamilton I Mike O'Brien
5 May 2015	Child Poverty and the Social Services workshop in Gisborne I Mike O'Brien
6 May 2015	Social Justice Group I Susan St John
7 May 2015	Child Poverty and the Social Services workshop in Napier I Mike O'Brien
25 May 2015	NZ Medical Students Association I Innes Asher
28 May 2015	Child Poverty and the Social Services workshop in Whangarei I Mike O'Brien
4 June 2015	Child Poverty and the Social Services workshop in Dunedin I Mike O'Brien
9 June 2015	Making money from misery? The privatisation of social services I Table talks panel I Susan St John
27 June 2015	The health of our nation's children - how could we do better? I Northland Primary Health Care Nurses conference I Innes Asher

3rd Quarter	
16 July 2015	National Social Workers in Schools Conference I Mike O'Brien
1 August 2015	NZ First Convention I Susan St John & Innes Asher
17 August 2015	Auckland University Student Medical Association panel event I Innes Asher & Alan Johnson
31 August 2015	Is housing a human right I Housing public dialogue I Claire Dale
4th Quarter	
16 November 2015	Poor Child Health: A Way Forward I Spring Week on Campus 2015 I Innes Asher
29 November 2015	Child health and poverty. what can be done? I NZ nurses organisation NZNO College of Child and Youth Nurses I Innes Asher





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## MEDIA RELEASES

1st Quarter			
12/02/15	Child poverty: little to celebrate in Salvation Army's State of the Nation report	28/08/15	Address underlying causes of child neglect and abuse to keep children safe
22/02/15	State housing provides vital safety net for poor families	01/09/15	Becoming 'fighting fit' with money starts with 'disciplining debt'(Nga Tangata Microfinance )
18/03/15	New Responsible Lending Code fails to cap high interest rates	02/09/15	CPAG Summit - Welfare fit for families in a changing world
19/03/15	New report 'It shouldn't be this hard': children, poverty and disability	04/09/15	Time to raise age of fostercare
2nd Quarter		28/09/15	Dunedin event with a focus on healthy and affordable housing
07/04/15	Researchers disappointed by 'disappearing data'	4th Quarter	
23/04/15	'Big Picture' thinking on child poverty at Fresh Gallery, Otara	06/11/15	Call to action over dire state of New Zealand housing
04/05/15	Time for a budget to end child poverty in New Zealand	17/11/15	Christchurch housing still a major issue for many
06/05/15	New Zealand must address major underlying causes of respiratory disease - poverty and poor housing	18/11/15	New Zealanders in need being failed by government - report
18/05/15 -	2015 Budget must ensure families have enough income to provide for children	20/11/15	Hikoi for Homes - major marches and rallies occurring tomorrow in Auckland, Christchurch and Wellington
21/05/15	2015 Budget signals important change in approach to child poverty	15/12/15	Evidence based solutions ignored as children miss out on the basics
05/06/15	Why are we sending women with children to prison?		
16/06/15	OECD report 'indicates better policy needed to reduce poverty'		
3rd Quarter			
15/07/15	Children in poverty cannot wait		
28/07/15	No justification for Government delay on benefit increases		
04/08/15	Children harmed by 19th century approach to welfare debtors		
14/08/15	Low income students 'locked out' of tertiary education as costs rise		
16/08/15	Media Release: CPAG Healthy and affordable housing campaign: Auckland launch		
17/08/15	Poor families at back of the queue for decent housing		
19/08/15	Child Hardship Bill: Flawed policy fails to remove discrimination		

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## REPORT DOWNLOADS JAN – DEC 2015

Report/publication	Q1 Jan - Mar 2015	Q2 April - June 2015	Q3 July - Sept 2015	Q4 Oct - Dec 2015	YTD Total 2015	Overall total
2015 Summit Proceedings				191	191	191
"It shouldn't be this hard": children, poverty and disability	747	637	695	570	2649	2649
The complexities of 'relationship' in the welfare system and the consequences for children	1163	707	999	643	3512	4304
Our Children, Our Choice: Priorities for Policy Series	528	834	515	412	2,289	4838
Left Further Behind	1687	1945	1138	1225	5995	35304
Left Behind	786	919	840	725	3270	12463
Hunger for Learning	1312	1,312	1717	1733	6123	21420
Empty Food Baskets	345	545	451	317	1658	7370
Child Abuse Series	2802	2819	2559	2607	10787	22881
Myths and Facts DPB	687	710	663	479	2539	7509
Benefit Sanctions Monitoring Series	547	423	513	493	1976	7058
Transience Report	220	132	221	211	784	1246
New Zealanders' attitudes to poverty - MM Research	231	493	404	185	1313	1778
OCOC Part 1: Child Health & Poverty	489	940	125	133	1,687	4813
OCOC Part 2: Early Childhood Care and Education, and Child Poverty	372	576	673	414	2,035	3443
OCOC Part 3: Compulsory schooling and child poverty	284	135	353	148	920	2037
OCOC Part 4: Housing market change and their impact on children	181	296	44	131	652	1249
OCOC Part 5: Adequate incomes to address child poverty	116	188	87	164	555	944