

Northern Territory's Homelessness Implementation Plan

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON HOMELESSNESS

PRELIMINARIES

- 1 This Implementation Plan is created subject to the provisions of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement.
- 2 This Implementation Plan has been agreed upon by the Governments of the Northern Territory and the Commonwealth of Australia ("the Commonwealth"). The Implementation Plan gives effect to implementation of the outcomes and objectives under the NPAH in the Northern Territory.
- 3 The NPAH was developed within the context of the broader Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Agenda, which includes actions in healthcare, mental health, substance abuse, disabilities, housing, employment, education/training and overcoming disadvantage of Indigenous people. Together with other elements of the broader COAG Reform Agenda, the NPAH will improve the social inclusion of homeless Australians.
4. The NPAH and this Implementation Plan are related to the National Affordable Housing Agreement, the Alice Springs Transformation Plan, as well as the outcomes and objectives outlined in other National Partnership Agreements, including:
 - 4.1. the National Partnership Agreement on Social Housing;
 - 4.2. the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing;
 - 4.3. the National Partnership Agreement on Nation Building and Jobs Plan;
 - 4.4. the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Service Delivery;
 - 4.5. the National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in the Northern Territory.
5. Initiatives outside the scope of the NPAH will contribute to the response to homelessness in the Northern Territory and to the achievement of the overarching homelessness targets set in this Implementation Plan. These include:
 - 5.1. 750 new remote public housing dwellings, 230 rebuilds and 2500 refurbishments by 2013 under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing.
 - 5.2. 150 units of accommodation (units, cabins, tents and open camping areas) in the Alice Springs Accommodation Park under the Alice Springs Transformation Plan.

- 5.3. Nation Building and Jobs Plan package and Northern Territory Government funded initiatives delivering:
 - 5.3.1. 340 new urban public housing dwellings by 2013.
 - 5.3.2. 20 accommodation units at the Darwin Christian Outreach Centre Ministries facility in Berrimah predominantly for Indigenous people needing supported accommodation.
 - 5.3.3. 20 units of accommodation at Park Lodge, Stuart Park, Darwin targeting single men who are awaiting allocation of public housing.
 - 5.3.4. 33 units of accommodation at Stuart Lodge in Alice Springs, providing short to medium term accommodation for Indigenous people from surrounding communities and other jurisdictions who are seeking access to health services.
 - 5.3.5. 18 units of accommodation at the South Terrace facility, Alice Springs for homeless Indigenous people and family groups.
 - 5.3.6. 28 units of accommodation at the Crerar Road facility, Darwin for short term transitional, packaged accommodation and client support.
 - 5.3.7. 8 units of additional accommodation for domestic violence and crisis transitional accommodation at the Darwin Aboriginal and Islander Women's Shelter.
 - 5.3.8. 12 single bedroom dwellings at the Henry Street facility, Darwin for supported accommodation for homeless and disadvantaged people.
 - 5.3.9. 20 units at the St Vincent De Paul facility at Dick Ward Drive, Darwin, providing supported accommodation for the homeless and disadvantaged.
 - 5.3.10. 18 units at the Percy Court, Alice Springs facility for short term transitional packaged accommodation and client support, assisting people in developing skills to manage a public or private tenancy.
 - 5.3.11. 35 rooms of accommodation at the Bath Street, Alice Springs facility as accommodation for people and their families visiting Alice Springs for medical treatment, in particular renal patients.
 - 5.3.12. 8 independent living units at the Goyder Street, Alice Springs facility, providing short term transitional accommodation for homeless men.
- 5.4. Housing management and maintenance support provided by the Northern Territory Government to Town Camps in Darwin and Katherine and remote communities across the Territory which contributes to sustainable tenancies and reduces homelessness.
- 5.5. The National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in the Northern Territory which provides 22 safe houses in Darwin, Alice Springs and 15 remote communities, operation of a Mobile Child Protection Team, Remote Aboriginal Family and Community Worker program in 13 communities and youth projects, services, organisations and infrastructure.
6. Homelessness exists in a unique context in the Northern Territory. The Territory has the highest rate of homelessness of all jurisdictions, extremely high rates of homelessness amongst Indigenous people and a large number of rough sleepers. Drivers of homelessness include: cyclical mobility of Indigenous people travelling between remote areas and regional centres for cultural reasons and to access services; high rates of overcrowding, particularly in remote communities; housing stress in the market generally; and limited affordable housing options.

7. Evidence suggests that demand for community services in the Northern Territory is increasing, while levels of disadvantage continue to be disproportionately high compared to the rest of Australia. As a small jurisdiction population-wise with a large geographical area, the Northern Territory faces particular challenges with capacity to deliver homelessness services. Smaller pools of funding, economies of scale, skills shortages and a lack of diversification make it difficult for the non-government sector to provide specialist and allied homelessness services across the full spectrum of target groups and service types, particularly in regional, remote and very remote areas.

TERMS OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

8. This Implementation Plan will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth of Australia, represented by the Minister for Social Housing and Homelessness and the Northern Territory, represented by the Minister for Public and Affordable Housing.
9. This Implementation Plan will cease on 30 June 2013.
10. This Implementation Plan may be varied by written agreement between the Ministers or the authorised delegates.
11. Either Party may terminate this agreement in writing. Where this Implementation Plan is terminated, the Commonwealth's liability to make payments to the State is limited to payments due to the State on the 7th day of the month prior to the date of effect of termination of this Implementation Plan.
12. The Parties to this Implementation Plan do not intend any of the provisions to be legally enforceable. However, that does not lessen the Parties' commitment to this Implementation Plan.

OUTCOMES

13. The Implementation Plan aims to achieve the outcomes listed in the NPAH:
 - 13.1. Fewer people will become homeless and fewer of these will sleep rough.
 - 13.2. Fewer people will become homeless more than once.
 - 13.3. People at risk of or experiencing homelessness will maintain or improve connections with their families and communities, and maintain or improve their education, training or employment participation.
 - 13.4. People at risk of or experiencing homelessness will be supported by quality services, with improved access to sustainable housing.

OBJECTIVES

14. Under the NPAH the Northern Territory has committed to achieving the following national targets by 2013:
 - 14.1. A decrease of 7 per cent in the number of Australians who are homeless.
 - 14.2. A decrease of one third in the number of Indigenous Australians who are homeless.
 - 14.3. A decrease of 25 per cent in the number of Australians sleeping rough.

15. Under this Implementation Plan and complementary measures, the Northern Territory is committed to contributing to the national targets by achieving:
 - 15.1. A decrease of one third (551 persons) in the number of Indigenous Territorians who are homeless to less than 1,101 (from a base of 1,652 in 2006).
 - 15.2. A decrease of 25 per cent (397 persons) in the number of Territorians sleeping rough to less than 1,191 (from a base of 1,588 in 2006).
16. In achieving either one of these targets the Northern Territory will have surpassed its requirement to reduce by 7 per cent (335 persons) the number of Territorians who are homeless to less than 4,450 (from a base of 4,785 in 2006).

OUTPUTS

17. The Northern Territory will deliver the following Core Outputs listed at clause 16 of the NPAH:
 - 17.1. Implementation of the A Place to Call Home initiative. [Core Output clause 16(a)]
 - 17.2. Street to Home initiatives for chronic homeless people and rough sleepers. [Core Output clause 16(b)]
 - 17.3. Support for private and public tenants to help sustain their tenancies, including through tenancy support, advocacy, case management, financial counselling and referral services. [Core Output clause 16(c)]
 - 17.4. Assistance for people leaving child protection services, correctional and health facilities, to access and maintain stable, affordable housing. [Core Output clause 16(d)]
18. The Northern Territory will contribute to the following Additional Outputs as outlined at clause 17 of the NPAH, as outlined in Schedule A:
 - 18.1. Support services and accommodation to assist older people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. [Additional Output clause 17(a)]
 - 18.2. Services to assist homeless people with substance abuse to secure or maintain stable accommodation. [Additional Output clause 17(b)]
 - 18.3. Services to assist homeless people with mental health issues to secure or maintain stable accommodation. [Additional Output clause 17(c)]
 - 18.4. Support to assist young people aged 12 to 18 years who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to re-engage with their family where it is safe to do so, maintain sustainable accommodation and engage with education and employment. [Additional Output clause 17(d)]
 - 18.5. Improvements in service coordination and provision. [Additional Output clause 17(e)]
 - 18.6. Support for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence to stay in their present housing where it is safe to do so. [Additional Output clause 17(f)]
 - 18.7. Assistance for homeless people, including families with children, to stabilise their situation and to achieve sustainable housing. [Additional Output clause 17(g)]
 - 18.8. Outreach programs to connect rough sleepers to long-term housing and health services. [Additional Output clause 17(h)]

- 18.9. National, State, and rural (including remote) homelessness action plans to assist homeless people in areas identified as having high rates of homelessness. [Additional Output clause 17(i)]
 - 18.10. Support for children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness including maintaining contact with the education system. [Additional Output clause 17(j)]
 - 18.11. Legal services provided to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness as a result of legal issues including family violence, tenancy or debt. [Additional Output clause 17(k)]
 - 18.12. Workforce development and career progression for workers in homeless services. [Additional Output clause 17(l)]
19. Information on projects to deliver the outputs funded through this Implementation Plan and related targets are detailed in Schedule A.
 20. Funding distribution across outputs and key strategy areas as at November 2010 is at Schedule A.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Role of the Commonwealth

21. Under this Implementation Plan the Commonwealth is responsible for reviewing the Territory's performance against the targets specified in this Implementation Plan and providing funding to the Northern Territory as specified in clause 24 of the NPAH.
22. The Commonwealth will support implementation by:
 - 22.1. Working together with the Northern Territory to achieve the objectives of the Implementation Plan.
 - 22.2. Sharing information with the Northern Territory at a local level to reduce homelessness.

Role of the Northern Territory

23. The Northern Territory is responsible for all aspects of project implementation, including:
 - 23.1. Fully funding projects, after accounting for financial contributions from the Commonwealth and any third party.
 - 23.2. Completing projects in a timely and professional manner in accordance with this Implementation Plan.
 - 23.3. Meeting all conditions including providing reports in accordance with this Implementation Plan.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

24. For years 2008-09 through to 2012-13 the Commonwealth will provide funding of \$25.604 million towards the implementation of the NPAH and the Northern Territory will provide matching funding of \$29.389 million, as outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Commonwealth and Northern Territory Funding Contributions as at August 2009

Output	08-09 (\$m)	09-10 (\$m)	10-11 (\$m)	11-12 (\$m)	12-13 (\$m)	TOTAL (\$m)
Commonwealth Funding						
A Place to Call Home	1.288	1.288	1.288	1.288	2.688	7.84
Other outputs	0	3.25	4.686	4.914	4.914	17.764
Total	1.288	4.538	5.974	6.202	7.602	25.604
Northern Territory Funding						
A Place to Call Home	0.249	2.238	2.007	2.256	1.329	8.079
Other outputs	1.865	6.365	6.365	5.865	0.850	21.310
Total	2.114	8.603	8.372	8.121	2.179	29.389
COMBINED TOTAL	3.402	13.141	14.346	14.323	9.781	54.993

25. Any Commonwealth financial contribution payable will be processed by the Commonwealth Treasury and paid to Northern Territory Treasury in accordance with the payment arrangements set out in Schedule D of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations.

PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS

26. The Northern Territory's targets are aligned to the national performance benchmarks to be achieved by 2013. Based on these benchmarks, the Northern Territory faces particular challenges with rough sleepers and Indigenous homelessness. By achieving the targets for these two groups alone, the Northern Territory will exceed the target of a total reduction of homelessness by 7 per cent or 334 people (see Table 2 below).

Table 2: Performance Targets by Percentage and Number

Target Group	Number of Homeless Persons (2006 Census data)	Target Reduction Percentage by 2013	Target Number (persons) by 2013
Overall Homelessness	4785	7%	334
Indigenous	1652	33.33%	551
Rough Sleepers	1588	25%	397

KEY STRATEGIES

27. Projects under the Northern Territory's Implementation Plan will respond to the three key strategies outlined in the Commonwealth Government's White Paper on Homelessness, *The Road Home*. These strategies are:
 - 27.1. *Turning off the tap* - Delivering services which intervene early to prevent homelessness, especially among children, families and young people.
 - 27.2. *Improving and Expanding Services* – Linkages between specialist homelessness and mainstream services will be more connected and responsive, and aim to prevent homelessness through sustainable housing, economic and social participation.
 - 27.3. *Breaking the Cycle* – Specialist models of supported accommodation will create exit points so that people can move out of crisis accommodation into stable housing quickly.

REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

28. The Northern Territory will provide a report on an annual basis to the Commonwealth against the outputs and targets listed in Schedule A.
29. The Northern Territory report will be provided within 12 weeks of the end of the financial year.

GOVERNANCE

30. This Implementation Plan will be monitored by Northern Territory Government agencies with responsibilities under the Implementation Plan and the Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Projects under the Northern Territory's Homelessness Implementation Plan

NEW INITIATIVES

NPAH CORE OUTPUT 16(a) A Place to Call Home

A Place to Call Home (APTCH) will be broadly targeted towards individuals or families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, with a focus on Indigenous people.

APTCH program participants will be housed and supported for a 12 month period in a public housing dwelling. Through the provision of life skills, tenancy training and other support, APTCH aims to assist clients to develop capacity to maintain an independent public housing tenancy in the long term.

Once the intensive support period concludes, APTCH clients will not be required to move from their dwelling, rather the tenancy will transition into public housing (change in tenure, not change in premises) and support will continue to be made available through normal public housing support programs.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Core Output 16(c) and Additional Output 17(g) and 17(i).

Targets:

74 households are supported to transition from homelessness into public housing (18 households in 2010-11; 24 households in 2011-12; and 32 households in 2012-13).

Increase of 32 public housing dwellings by 2012-13.

NPAH CORE OUTPUT 16(b) Street to home initiatives for chronically homeless people (rough sleepers)

Alice Springs Crisis Accommodation

The Mental Health Association of Central Australia's (MHACA) Housing and Support Program will provide crisis and transitional housing through 2 beds in hostels, 2 one-bedroom units and 1 two-bedroom unit for people with a mental illness who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. This includes providing clients with a support program to develop the necessary life-skills to access and maintain their housing and broader psycho-social needs.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Core Output 16(d) and Additional Output 17(c) and 17(i).

Target: 50 clients per annum access crisis and transitional housing accommodation facilities and support services.

Case Management - Salvation Army Red Shield Hostel

This initiative will provide case management to work with clients who cycle through homelessness at the Red Shield Hostel and as an outreach program. This program assists clients in developing relationships, committing to budgeting, looking at goal setting, self esteem and dealing with complex issues that might hinder their success.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Core Output 16(c) and Additional Outputs 17(b), 17(c), 17(g) and 17(i).

Target: 50 clients per annum that cycle through homelessness receive case management services and are supported to achieve stable accommodation.

Development of a Response to Youth Homelessness in Katherine

The initiative will develop specifications for a service in consultation with community partners to respond to the needs of homeless or at risk young people in Katherine. The proposed model may include the establishment of a service to provide crisis and short-term supported accommodation in the Katherine area; and the coordination of a range of services to ensure young people are linked to other supports such as education, training, alcohol and other drugs services, living skills and counselling. The service may also actively work to re-unify young people with their families. It is proposed the service will be established in early 2011.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Additional Outputs 17(d) and 17(i) and 17(j).

Target: 15 young people per annum access accommodation and other support services to transition into stable accommodation and re-unify with family.

South Terrace Managed Accommodation

This initiative will provide operational funding for a short to medium term managed accommodation facility for homeless Indigenous people and families who are visiting the Alice Springs region to seek medical treatment, or to address other essential needs. Aboriginal Hostels Limited will manage and operate the facility at 32 South Terrace, Alice Springs on behalf of the Territory Government. The Territory Government has committed \$1.3 million towards refurbishing the facility, which includes seven x 1-bedroom and eleven x 2-bedroom ground level units, as well as a commercial kitchen, common room, office space and security system.

By providing short to medium term accommodation to people from both Alice Springs urban areas and surrounding remote communities, this project will: reduce primary homelessness; reduce overcrowding pressures on family and relatives' households in Alice Springs; and improve the sustainability of housing situations for people from remote communities.

Approximate bed capacity is 50 to 65 persons.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Additional Outputs 17(g) and 17(i).

Target: 200 individuals per annum who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness access accommodation and where required, are supported into stable accommodation.

Palmerston Medium Term Transitional Accommodation

Provision of medium to long term transitional accommodation and case management service to youth aged 15 - 19 years. This service aims to provide young people who are homeless or at risk with access to stable accommodation and support to engage in employment, education or training.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Additional Outputs 17(g), 17 (i) and 17(j).

Target: 15 young people per annum received accommodation and other support services to assist them to transition into stable accommodation and engage with education/training and community.

Percy Court Managed and Supported Accommodation in Alice Springs

This initiative will provide establishment and operational funding for the Percy Court Managed and Supported Accommodation Facility. This facility will comprise self contained units (seven x 3-bedroom, three x 4-bedroom, eighteen x 1-bedroom), as well as an administration building with the option for one self contained unit to be dedicated as a manager's residence and a meeting room for the delivery of life skills training and other support services.

The facility will be constructed with funding through the Nation Building and Jobs Plan National Partnership Agreement and the National Affordable Housing Agreement (\$8.4 million). The facility will be owned by the Territory Government and once constructed; it will be operated and managed by a Community Services Organisation/s on behalf of the Territory Government.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Core Output 16(c) and Additional Output 17(i).

Target: 28 households per annum receive accommodation and other support services including life skills training to enable the transition into stable accommodation. This is inclusive of a target of 5 new households in years 2011-12 and 2012-13.

Supported Accommodation

This initiative will provide supported accommodation to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Delivery of services under this project will incorporate provision of accommodation and strength-based case management with a focus on capacity building, supporting linkages with key services and preparing clients to exit into alternative accommodation.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Additional Output 17(i).

Target: At least 36 clients per annum who are homeless or at risk of homelessness receive accommodation and are provided case management services to transition into stable accommodation.

St Vincent de Paul Society – Extension of Vincentcare

Construction of 10 units of accommodation and provision of support for adult males to transition from homelessness through to stable accommodation. The clients will participate in the Vincentcare holistic support program.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Core Output 16(c) and Additional Outputs 17(b), 17(c), 17(g) and 17(i).

Target: 20 clients per annum participate in the Vincentcare holistic support program with an aim to transition from homelessness into stable accommodation.

YMCA Doctor's Gully Hostel

Major upgrade works to the YMCA Doctor's Gully hostel in Darwin to keep open 63 rooms and bring online an additional 15 rooms, a three bedroom house and a two bedroom unit. The Doctor's Gully hostel provides medium- to long-term accommodation to people who fit into a client group at risk of primary or secondary homelessness due to mental illness, substance abuse, economic circumstances, age and disability.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Additional Outputs 17(b), 17(c) and 17(i).

Target: Capital works completed by 30 December 2010.

NPAH CORE OUTPUT 16(d) Assistance for people leaving child protection services, correctional and health facilities to access and maintain stable, affordable housing.

Alice Springs Emergency Accommodation and Youth Streetwork Outreach

Operate a Triage Centre to provide an after-hours response to children and young people on the streets who are identified as being at risk. The Triage Centre will provide emergency accommodation for children and young people and will connect them to support services and case management.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Additional Outputs 17(d) and 17(i).

Target: 56 clients per annum receive emergency accommodation and are referred to support services to transition into stable accommodation.

Assistance for People Leaving Correctional Services

This initiative targets people exiting prison and juvenile detention. The key aim of the program is to enable a smooth re-integration into community with a case management model which builds on the strengths of participants to assist people to overcome barriers to re-integration and reduce re-offending behaviour.

The service will be provided pre release, at prison or detention centre, on the street and at other places. The service will participate in and facilitate the development of reintegration plans, and facilitate the active involvement of clients, their families and other significant support networks and agencies in finding suitable accommodation and support services.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Additional Outputs 17(i) and 17(k).

Target: 80 clients per annum are assisted to reengage with the community and transition into stable accommodation.

Palmerston Youth Homelessness Response

A community organisation consortium in partnership with the Department of Health and Families will develop and deliver an integrated service response to children and young people at risk of homelessness in the Palmerston region.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Additional Outputs 17(d), 17(i) and 17(j).

Target: 40 young people per annum access accommodation and other support services to assist them to re-engage with their family/and or community.

Transitional Aftercare Service in Darwin

This initiative will provide a medium stay (up to 16 weeks) after-care, outreach and case management service for adults aged 18 years and over, that operates as a transitional service between intensive alcohol or other drug rehabilitation and independent living.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Additional Outputs 17(b) and 17(i).

Target: 50 clients per annum are accommodated for up to 16 weeks and provided case management services to transition through to independent living.

NPAH ADDITIONAL OUTPUT 17(e) Improvements in service coordination and provision.

Client Information Management and Referral Services

Implement a housing and homelessness client information and referral mechanism to better connect people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to service providers in the Northern Territory. Consideration will also be given to a case-management tool for use by frontline services.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Additional Output 17(i).

Target: Housing and Homelessness Client Information and Referral Mechanism established by 2010-2011.

NPAH Additional Output 17(g) Assistance for homeless people, including families with children, to stabilise their situation and to achieve sustainable housing.

Patterson Street Domestic Violence and Transitional Accommodation in Darwin

This initiative will provide operational funding for 8 self contained units adjacent to the existing Darwin Aboriginal and Islander Women's Shelter for transitional accommodation in Darwin for women and children escaping domestic violence.

The facility will be constructed with funding through the Nation Building and Jobs Plan National Partnership Agreement (\$1.975 million). Once constructed, this facility will be operated and managed by the Darwin Aboriginal and Islander Women's Shelter in Malak.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Additional Outputs 17(f), 17(i) and (k).

Target: 15 households per annum escaping family violence are provided safe accommodation and are supported into stable accommodation as required.

Remote Safe Houses

New Safe Houses will be operationalised in Gunbalanya and Wadeye. Both of these Safe Houses will provide crisis accommodation services for women and children escaping family violence and contribute to and support an integrated service response to family violence.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Additional Outputs 17(f) and 17(i).

Target: 60 households per annum escaping family violence are provided safe accommodation and supported into stable accommodation as required.

CURRENT INITIATIVES

NPAH CORE OUTPUT 16(b) Street to home initiatives for chronically homeless people (rough sleepers)

Intervention and Case Management Service

Intervention and Case Management Service (ICMS) aims to reduce antisocial behaviour and primary homelessness in the Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine and Alice Springs regional areas. The ICMS, principally aimed at Indigenous people sleeping rough in town areas, provides a range of services including Return to Country, intervention, referral and identification services for homeless and itinerant people across the Territory. The ICMS links in with a range of patrolling, rehabilitation and accommodation services provided through the government and non-government sector to assist people living as itinerants and, where appropriate, assist them to return to their home community. Services are tailored to regional needs.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Core Output 16(c) and Additional Outputs 17(h) and 17(i).

Target: 4,200 rough sleepers per annum are supported to return to country or are referred to a specialist homelessness service and stable accommodation.

Youth Development Crisis Accommodation – Tennant Creek

This program provides youth accommodation services to assist young Indigenous people to access secure accommodation, attend school or training, remain engaged with family and receive the necessary support to build life skills. Accommodation is provided in two houses set aside in Mulga Camp in Tennant Creek. Accommodation in the crisis houses is contingent on the young people being identified as homeless or at risk of homelessness, and them agreeing to engage in work, training or education.

This initiative also responds to Additional Outputs 17(d), 17(i) and 17(j).

Target: 44 children and young people per annum are accommodated and receive support services to transition into stable housing.

NPAH CORE OUTPUT 16(c) Support for private and public tenants to help sustain their tenancies, including through tenancy support, advocacy, case management, financial counselling and referral services.

Domestic and Family Violence Support

Assistance to families, individuals and communities to provide for the care and protection of children and young people and support family wellbeing. Services are to include family and parent support services, residential care, domestic violence and sexual assault services and crisis support and accommodation for people who are at risk of homelessness. Crisis support services include accommodation, counselling, general advocacy, financial and employment assistance, referral to specialist services and basic support such as meals, laundry and shower facilities, recreation and transport. This measure will also support eight family violence counselling services.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Additional Outputs 17(f), 17(g), 17(i) and 17(l).

Target: 1657 clients per annum receive accommodation and/or support services.

Tenancy Sustainability Program

The Tenancy Sustainability Program provides intensive case management and life skills training to public housing tenants and applicants, as well as residents of Community Living Areas (Town Camps), who require assistance to manage and sustain their tenancies. Intensive tenancy support will also be delivered under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing and will be reported on separately as part of that agreement.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Additional Outputs 17(a), 17(g), 17(i) and 17(j).

Target: 300 people per annum who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness are assisted to sustain a public or private tenancy.

NPAH CORE OUTPUT 16(d) Assistance for people leaving child protection services, correctional and health facilities to access and maintain stable, affordable housing.

Young People Leaving Care Program

This program assists young people leaving the care system and those who have previously left care of Northern Territory Families and Children to gain independence by providing linkages to employment, education, housing and other support services in accordance with legislative requirements. The support provided to young people leaving care encompasses a range of support programs and services that relate to accommodation, education/ training, employment, legal and health services, and counselling.

This initiative also responds to NPAH Core Output 16(c) and Additional Outputs 17(d), 17(g), 17(i), 17(j) and 17(k).

Target: 20 young people per annum are assisted into stable accommodation and connected to services.

SCHEDULE B**OUTPUT CONTRIBUTIONS**

Tables 1.1 and 1.2 below show contributions to outputs listed in the NPAH under clauses 16 and 17. The initiatives will contribute to strategies outlined in the Commonwealth Government's White Paper, *The Road Home - Turning Off the Tap, Improving and Expanding Services and Breaking the Cycle*.

Core Outputs (Clause 16 of NPAH)

- a) Implementation of the A Place to Call Home initiative.
- b) Street to home initiatives for chronic homeless people and rough sleepers.
- c) Support for private and public tenants to help sustain their tenancies, including through tenancy support, advocacy, case management, financial counselling and referral services.
- d) Assistance for people leaving child protection services, correctional and health facilities, to access and maintain stable, affordable housing.

Additional Outputs (Clause 17 of NPAH)

- a) Support services and accommodation to assist older people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- b) Services to assist homeless people with substance abuse to secure or maintain stable accommodation.
- c) Services to assist homeless people with mental health issues to secure or maintain stable accommodation.
- d) Support to assist young people aged 12 to 18 years who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to re-engage with their family where it is safe to do so, maintain sustainable accommodation and engage with education and employment.
- e) Improvements in service coordination and provision.
- f) Support for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence to stay in their present housing where it is safe to do so.
- g) Assistance for homeless people, including families with children, to stabilise their situation and to achieve sustainable housing.
- h) Outreach programs to connect rough sleepers to long-term housing and health services.
- i) National, State, and rural (including remote) homelessness action plans to assist homeless people in areas identified as having high rates of homelessness.
- j) Support for children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness including maintaining contact with the education system.
- k) Legal services provided to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness as a result of legal issues including family violence, tenancy or debt.
- l) Workforce development and career progression for workers in homeless services.

Table 1.1 Project contributions to Core and Additional Outputs

Project	Core Outputs				Additional Outputs											
	16a	16b	16c	16d	17a	17b	17c	17d	17e	17f	17g	17h	17i	17j	17k	17l
NEW INITIATIVES																
A Place to Call Home	✓		✓								✓		✓			
Alice Springs Crisis Accommodation		✓		✓			✓						✓			
Case Management – Salvation Army Hostel		✓	✓			✓	✓				✓		✓			
Development of a Response to Youth Homelessness in Katherine		✓						✓					✓	✓		
Mt Gillen (South Terrace) Managed Accommodation		✓									✓		✓			
Palmerston Medium-Term Transitional Accommodation		✓									✓		✓	✓		
Percy Court Managed and Supported Accommodation in Alice Springs		✓	✓										✓			
St Vincent De Paul Society – Extension of Vincentcare		✓	✓			✓	✓				✓		✓			
Supported Accommodation		✓											✓			
YMCA Doctor's Gully Hostel Refurbishment		✓				✓	✓						✓			
Alice Springs Emergency Accommodation and Youth Streetwork Outreach				✓				✓					✓			
Assistance for People Leaving Correctional Services				✓									✓		✓	
Palmerston Youth Homelessness Response				✓				✓					✓	✓		
Transitional Aftercare Service in Darwin				✓		✓							✓			
Client Information Management and Referral Services									✓				✓			

Project	Core Outputs				Additional Outputs											
	16a	16b	16c	16d	17a	17b	17c	17d	17e	17f	17g	17h	17i	17j	17k	17l
Patterson St Domestic Violence and Transitional Accommodation in Darwin										✓	✓		✓		✓	
Remote Safe Houses										✓	✓		✓			
CURRENT INITIATIVES																
Intervention and Case Management Service		✓	✓									✓	✓			
Youth Development Crisis Accommodation – Tennant Creek		✓					✓						✓	✓		
Domestic and Family Violence Support			✓							✓	✓		✓			✓
Tenancy Sustainability Program			✓		✓						✓		✓	✓		
Young People Leaving Care			✓	✓			✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	

Table 1.2 Distribution of Implementation Plan Budget across Output and Key Strategy Areas, revised November 2010

Turning off the Tap	Year					
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Total
Outputs : 16(b), 16(d)						
Commonwealth Government	0.000	0.285	3.510	3.063	3.071	9.929
Northern Territory Government	0.650	0.650	3.810	4.110	3.350	12.570

Breaking the Cycle	Year					
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Total
Outputs : 16(a), 16(b), 16(c), 16(d)						
Commonwealth Government	0.000	0.280	1.904	2.660	2.344	7.188
Northern Territory Government	0.200	0.200	4.070	4.069	0.200	8.740

A Place to Call Home	Year					
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Total
Commonwealth Government	0.000	0.000	3.864	1.288	2.688	7.840
Northern Territory Government	0.249	2.238	2.007	2.256	1.329	8.079

Improving and Expanding Services	Year					
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Total
Output : 16(d)						
Commonwealth Government	0.000	0.060	0.200	0.301	0.086	0.647

TOTAL **54,993**

Notes:

*Distribution of funding for specific initiatives was reviewed as part of the 2010 Review of the Northern Territory Homelessness IP and where appropriate reallocated in the development of this revised IP. Actual funding may vary across the years of this agreement

* Some projects are relevant to multiple outputs. Refer to Table 1.1 for more information on outcomes of projects across outputs.