

Be part of an international movement to Make Poverty History

Did you know...?

- Africa's death-toll from poverty is on the same scale as the tsunami, **every week**.
- 1.2 billion people currently live on less than US\$1/day
- Many developing countries spend more on interest repayments on their debt than they do on health and education combined
- Over 11 million children under five die each year, most from preventable diseases
- 133 million young people cannot read and write
- Two-thirds of the world's illiterate people are female
- About 4.8 million people became newly infected with HIV in 2003 (more than 13,000 each day)
- Over one billion people lack access to drinkable water

Wear a White Band!

The symbol of the international campaign is a simple White Band worn around the wrist, your arm - in fact anywhere you like that it can be seen by everyone!

ANYONE who believes in eradicating poverty should wear the White Band. By wearing one you are part of a worldwide effort to work towards ending extreme poverty.

GLOBAL White Band action days:

- **Saturday 10 September** - Influence the UN Summit on 14-16 September
- **Saturday 10 December 2005** - Influence the WTO meeting on 10 December

Make your own white band with a piece of fabric, or buy a band from Oxfam shops, HNV music shops or online!

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Call on the Australian Government

to help halve global poverty by 2015 by doing our fair share!

Successive governments have reduced the share of our national income going to aid.

19 of the 22 rich OECD countries have made firm, timetabled commitments to increase their aid spending (or maintain it at 0.7% GNI or above)

...Australia is one of the 3 that hasn't.

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MORE AND BETTER AID. TRADE JUSTICE. DROP THE DEBT.

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

FACTS

- **A child dies as a result of extreme poverty every three seconds**
- **30,000 children die every day from preventable causes**
- **Nearly 11 million children under the age of five die every year**
- **One woman dies every minute as a result of pregnancy and childbirth**
- **More than 500,000 women die in childbirth and pregnancy each year**
- **58,000 people die each day from hunger and easily preventable diseases**
- **One in five children in the developing world does not have access to safe water**
- **103 million children of primary school age do not attend school**
- **1.3 billion people live on less than US\$1 a day**
- **Nearly a billion people entered the 21st Century unable to read a book or sign their names**
- **The Gross Domestic Product of the poorest 48 nations – a quarter of the world's countries – is less than the wealth of the world's three richest people combined**
- **The developing world now spends around US\$3 on debt repayment for every US\$1 dollar it receives.**