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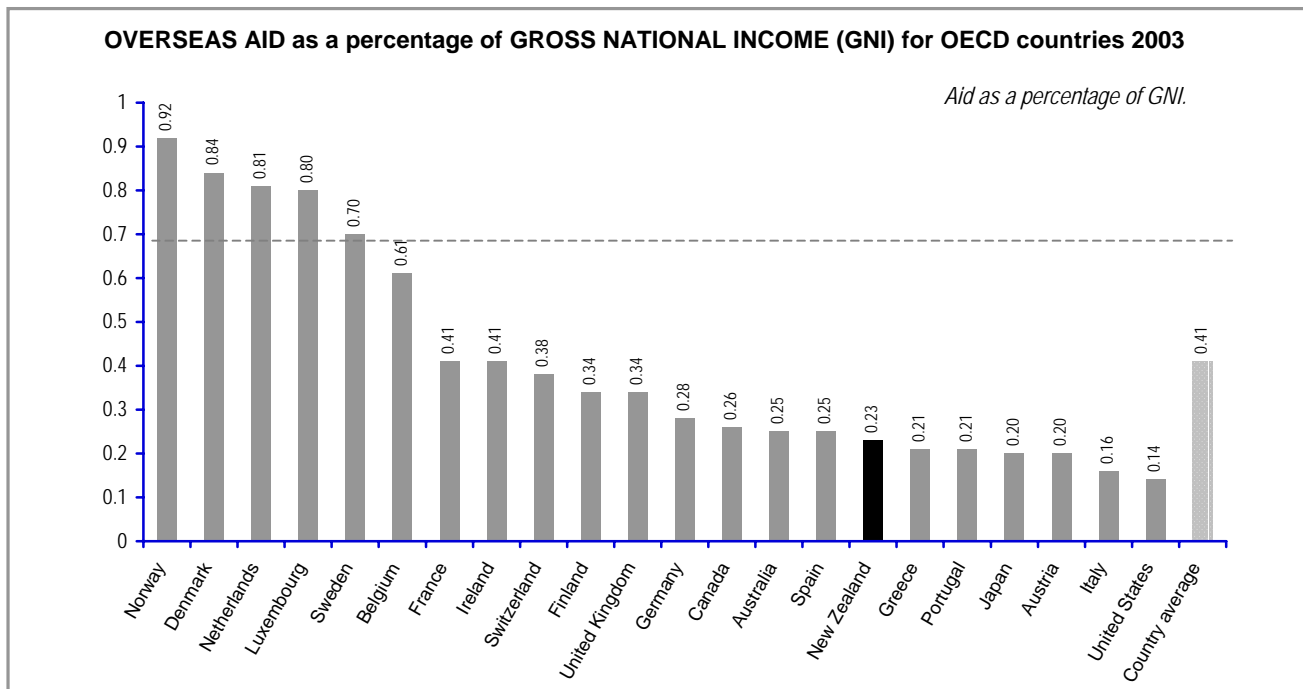
POINTSEVEN

invest in a better world

It's time our Government honours its Promise

As New Zealanders we were generous to victims of the recent tsunami and so was our Government. After all, it's only right to rush to the aid of our neighbours when there is a crisis. Yet, there is a tsunami-scale crisis in the world every week due to poverty. Every week more than 200,000 people die from poverty. One child dies every 15 seconds due to unsafe water. This is a global crisis largely overlooked by our Government.

In fact, New Zealand is one of the least generous developed countries in the world when it comes to our government giving aid to poorer countries. We're down near the bottom with the United States in our level as a proportion of our national income. This is embarrassing and shameful.



The New Zealand government will provide around \$370 million in development aid this year (including tsunami relief spending). This is around \$1.75 per person per week – less than a loaf of bread or a cup of coffee.

Why should we care? Did you know that:

- × More than 1.2 billion people live on less than US\$1 per day - that's one in every five people in the world.
- × Each day 30,000 people die from extreme poverty.
- × More than 10 million children die of preventable diseases every year.
- × More than 1 billion people lack access to safe water, and 2.4 billion lack access to adequate sanitation.
- × Women are 100 times more like to die in pregnancy and childbirth in Sub-Saharan Africa than in rich countries.
- × 876 million adults are illiterate - two thirds of them women.

Many New Zealanders signed the petition reminding the Government that it should stick to its international promises to help reduce global poverty. To find out what you can now do please visit our website www.cid.org.nz

Campaign Supporters

New Zealand musician **Dave Dobbyn** (pictured) supports the campaign. On a recent visit to Wellington he said to the Dominion Post that:

"We owe it to our fellow human beings to help. We're in a perfect position to be generous. There's more mana in giving than receiving and it makes you feel good."

In pledging his support for the Campaign, Dave went on to say that:

"Every bit of aid those countries can get makes a difference. To cynically say it doesn't make any difference is not fair. People are living hand to mouth. There's more need than ever."

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

Five years ago, New Zealand, along with 188 other countries agreed to helping achieve a series of goals aimed at significantly reducing global poverty by 2015.

The MDGs aim to:

- × halve the number of people living on less than US\$1 a day;
- × reduce childhood mortality;
- × ensure all children complete primary school;
- × halt the spread of disease;
- × give more people access to safe drinking water and sanitation;
- × deal with developing countries' debt problems;
- × develop fair trade, work and access to technology for developing countries;
- × promote gender equality.

International levels of giving

To help achieve all this, developed countries, including New Zealand, agreed to increase their level of aid. They repeated earlier promises to provide 0.7 percent of Gross National Income in overseas aid – a United Nations target first agreed in 1970. Nearly all the developed countries have either achieved the 0.7 percent target, are on track to achieve the target, or have agreed to interim targets. **Only Australia, Japan and New Zealand have no set timeframes for reaching 0.7 percent or some increased level of aid.** The government must commit to a timetable for achieving the 0.7 percent target by 2015.

Twenty New Zealand-based aid organisations have joined together in this **POINTSEVEN** campaign to increase New Zealand's overseas aid and have launched a petition calling on the Government to honour its promises and contribute our country's fair share towards reducing global poverty.

Organisations involved in the Campaign

The point seven campaign is supported by: • Alay Buhay Foundation • CCF • Caritas Aotearoa • Christian World Service (CWS) • Family Planning Association International Development (FPAID) • IHC/Inclusion International • Leprosy Mission NZ • NZ Vietnam Health Trust • Oxfam NZ • Rotary New Zealand World Community Service • Salvation Army • Save the Children NZ • TEAR Fund • Trade Aid • UNICEF NZ • United Nations Association of NZ (UNANZ) • UNIFEM NZ • Volunteer Service Abroad • World Vision NZ • Worldwide Fund for Nature NZ (WWF) *and coordinated through the Council for International Development.*

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Dave Dobbyn lends his support and signs the petition.