

Aid and Reproductive Health

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The discussion around AusAid funding for abortion advice and abortions is part of a wider debate on the health of girls and women in poor communities. Micah Challenge acknowledges that individual agencies and churches which endorse the campaign may hold different views on maternal and child health and if you are interested in their policies, you may wish to contact them.

Improving child and maternal health is a key focus of Micah Challenge in its aim to address the glaring injustice of global poverty.

Each year over half a million women die in pregnancy and childbirth, 99% of them in the world's poorest nations. This statistic has not improved over the last twenty years. Development theory acknowledges that mothers are vital to a family's stability and the economic growth of communities; it is therefore imperative that Australia supports efforts to reach the targets for Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5.

Micah Challenge urges the Government to support the provision of vital basic health services for women and children with attention to the cultural context and local health systems and using the skills of local partners.