

A Recipe for Success in Achieving MDG7: Ensuring Environmental Sustainability

Instructions

1. Complete one card per person and print your name and details clearly.
2. Collect the signed cards and deliver them to your local MP.
(See www.aec.gov.au for MP contact details). Ask your MP to personally pass them on to the Prime Minister on your behalf. Otherwise post them directly to:
The Hon Julia Gillard MP, Prime Minister, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

Please Note: We suggest you complete this card with your church or group as part of a 'Share the Table' event.

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In Australia we take it for granted that we have food on our tables, clean drinking water in our taps and toilets that work. But for people in poor countries, who rely heavily on their local environment and ecosystems, environmental instability means access to these basic needs is not guaranteed. For example:

- An estimated 75 million people in the Asia Pacific region alone are expected to be displaced due to the impacts of a changing climate by 2050. Entire countries, such as Kiribati and Tuvalu in the Pacific, are already becoming uninhabitable through rising sea levels and loss of fresh water supplies.
- Around the world today there are approximately 2.6 billion people without access to sanitation and 884 million without access to safe drinking water. Approximately 25% of the 8.1 million child deaths could be avoided by sanitation interventions alone. That's 2 million children who could be saved.

MDG7: Ensure Environmental Sustainability
Micah Challenge believes Australia has a responsibility to help ensure poor countries have access to secure food sources, clean water, working toilets and a safe climate.

Achieving MDG7 saves lives!

Ingredients & Method:

1. Ensure Australia takes a leadership position on carbon emission reduction targets.
2. Increase the level of aid allocated to sanitation, hygiene and water (WASH) to meet Australia's fair share of AUD \$500 million per year by 2015.
3. Ensure that at least 50% of funding for WASH is allocated to sanitation.

*Dear Prime Minister,
I believe Australia can do more to ensure success on MDG7. Please make sure Australia delivers the ingredients outlined in this recipe card, in order to achieve greater environmental sustainability for the world's poorest people.*

Signed: _____

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Electorate: _____

Micah Challenge Australia is a coalition of more than 50 aid and development agencies, as well as churches, groups and individuals who want to see the Millennium Development Goals achieved by 2015.