

**Response to the campaign in support of the Private Members' Bill to enshrine the UK's commitment of 0.7% of GNI as Official Development Assistance**

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Thank you for getting in touch about Save the Children's campaign in support of Rt Hon Michael Moore MP's Private Members' Bill to enshrine the UK's commitment to invest zero point seven percent (0.7%) of Gross National Income (GNI) as Official Development Assistance (ODA).

I am proud that the Government met the longstanding pledge to invest 0.7% of GNI as ODA in 2013 – the first time the UK has met the target and the first member of the G8 to do so. This was achieved in a time of economic austerity and should put beyond doubt this Government's commitment to the world's poorest people.

The Government is committed to investing these resources where they are most needed and will have the greatest impact. By 2013-14 we had:

- Provided 43.1 million people with access to clean water, better sanitation or improved hygiene conditions
- Prevented 19.3 million children under 5 and pregnant women from going hungry
- Reached 11.4 million people with emergency food assistance
- Supported 10.2 million children - 4.9 million girls, to go to primary and lower secondary school
- Ensured 3.6 million births took place safely

I am sure that your constituent is aware that the Government supports the legislation to enshrine the 0.7% into law and we will continue to support as it passes through Parliament. By doing so, we believe that we will make it clear that this country – and this Government – will continue to deliver real change to the lives of the world's poorest people.

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