

In 2013 we can take action to address these IFs as the G8 group of world leaders meet on our shores and tens of thousands of people join with one voice to demand action.

THERE CAN BE ENOUGH FOOD FOR ALL.

IF COMPANIES AND GOVERNMENTS ARE TRANSPARENT IN THEIR DEALINGS

THEY NEED TO FEED THEIR CITIZENS

WE TACKLE TAX DODGING SO

SMALL FARMERS HAVE THE LAND THEY NEED TO GROW FOOD

WE FULFIL OUR EXISTING COMMITMENTS ON AID

Despite all the progress made, one in eight people go to bed hungry each night and 2.3 million children die from malnutrition every year. Yet the world produces enough food for everyone. We must take action to repair the broken food system, to ensure nobody goes to bed hungry.

In recent years momentous steps have been made in tackling poverty around the world. Over 50 million children have started going to school in sub-Saharan Africa in the past decade, and deaths from measles have fallen by almost 75 per cent.

INTRODUCING... IF

POVERTY

ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE IF: AN INTRODUCTION



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GET INVOLVED

Your support is crucial if we are to tackle the four IFs in 2013. There are a number of ways in which you can get involved. To find out more, visit christianaid.org.uk/if or return the slip below with your details and we will send you more information about our campaigns.

- ☐ I would like to find out about the IF campaign and other Christian Aid campaigns
- ☐ I would like to hear more about how I can get my church more involved with Christian Aid

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Email: * _____

Church: _____

Please return to: Campaigns, Christian Aid, 35 Lower Marsh, London, SE1 7RL

For more information on what is happening in your area, contact your local Christian Aid office. To find their number visit christianaid.org.uk/contact

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A PRAYER FOR IF

Lord Jesus,
You came that all might have life in abundance.
When you fed hungry people, everyone ate
and had enough.

We know that there is enough food for everyone.
If we don't look the other way.
If we give the poorest people the power to
feed themselves.
If we use land for food not fuel.
If we stop poor farmers losing their land.
If taxes are paid where they are due.

So, Lord Jesus,
direct our attention to see beyond our own needs.
Strengthen the hungry, the poor and their rights.
Preserve and protect the land that brings forth food.
And contend with us for justice.
Amen.

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we keep our promises on aid

The government's promise to spend 0.7 per cent of national income on aid is crucial in tackling hunger. This promise was made by all three major political parties at the last election in 2010, and the government's support of it in the 2013 budget was welcomed by us. Aid is crucial for supporting small-scale farmers, and women farmers in particular, to ensure they have access to land that is essential for feeding their families. At the same time, poor countries need to be supported in adapting to the impact of climate change, which could halve crop yields by 2020.



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'Every coin that is not remitted to the tax man in Africa is money that should have gone to the provision of essential services.'

– Alvin Mosioma, director of Christian Aid partner Tax Justice Network Africa



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'Now we don't even think about what will we eat or how will we manage: that is already taken care of.'

– Samuel Soren from Jharkhand, eastern India, who struggled to feed his family before receiving support from a DFID-funded self-help group set up by Christian Aid partner Sona Santal Samaj Samiti (SSSS)



we tackle tax dodging

Many of you have campaigned with Christian Aid to tackle tax dodging over recent years. We estimate that it costs poor countries US\$160bn each year – much more than the global aid budget. If tax dodging could be prevented, governments in poor countries would have the money they need to end hunger once and for all. Currently too many financial systems and structures make it easy for companies to hide the profits they make and dodge the taxes they owe. If we make the system more transparent, it would help poor countries detect tax dodging and increase revenues for tackling hunger.



farmers have the land they need to grow food

In poor countries an area the size of London is sold or leased every six days. Some of these deals can be beneficial, however all too often they lead to harmful 'land grabs'. These deny small farmers the land they need to grow food for their families. Shockingly, two thirds of foreign land investors intend to export everything they produce on the land – preventing countries from accessing food that is essential for survival. At the same time, the production of biofuels to run cars reduces the amount of land available for food production. The UK government must push for global action to halt these practices. If we can end land grabs and the use of crops for fuel, we can stop millions going hungry.

'We can't eat African Palm. We are not motorbikes or cars that can be fed with petrol.'

– Carmen Alicia Martínez Alvear, Colombia

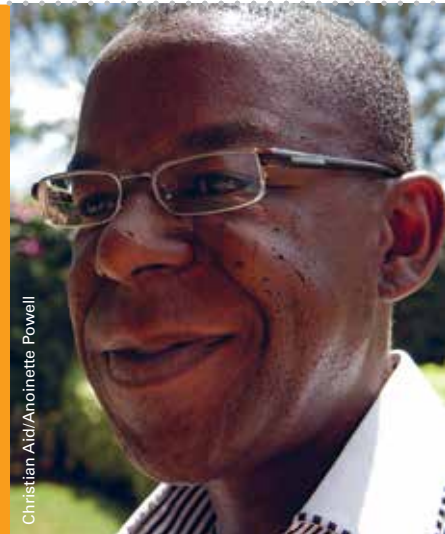


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businesses and governments are accountable for their actions

Ninety per cent of global trade in grain is controlled by just five companies. Decisions that have an impact on the lives of millions of people are taken behind closed doors, without those affected by them having a voice in what is agreed. Companies and governments need to be transparent in their actions so that they can be held accountable by the people who are affected by those decisions. The government must push for new transparency measures at the G8 in June and require UK companies to report on the environmental, social and human rights impacts of their business.



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'Every US\$10m stolen at the top will have a direct impact on you at the bottom.'

– Mwalimu Mati of Kenya's Mars Group