

UK aid is changing

When the Coalition Government came to power in 2010, we made a commitment to keep our aid promises to the world's poorest people.

We will provide 0.7% of our Gross National Income as aid from 2013 because it is the right thing to do and it is in Britain's interests.

But **we will change the way we give aid**. A complete review of British aid has looked at how to get maximum value for every pound of aid invested.

Some aid programmes will end. **We will no longer give aid to countries like Russia and China**, which do not need it, or to organisations which do not deliver.

Instead, we will invest more in the countries where our aid can make the biggest difference. Over the next four years, aid from Britain **will transform the lives of millions of the world's poorest people**.

We will provide the **building blocks of a better life**: sufficient food, clean drinking water, basic healthcare and education. And we will go beyond that.

We will tackle poverty and insecurity in some of the world's **most unstable countries** – because fighting poverty there can help to protect Britain.

We will focus on supporting **women and girls**. Improving their lives – providing health services and education, for example – will improve prospects for their families and communities.

We will help drive **economic growth**, creating opportunities for trade and employment so that people can support themselves instead of relying on aid.

We will **respond quickly and effectively to disasters** – whether earthquake, drought or flood – with emergency aid and expertise.

Aid can perform miracles, but it must be well spent and properly targeted. Britain's aid effort has now been reshaped to meet that challenge.



We know the UK is in the midst of making tough economic decisions, but it's great that the UK sees so clearly that development aid, when done properly, is the most effective investment a government can make for saving lives, improving livelihoods, and building prosperous and stable societies.

Bill Gates

Founder of Microsoft and co-chair of the Gates Foundation

Providing value for money

Above all, **we will be relentless in providing value for money for British taxpayers, and achieving results**.

We will scrutinise every pound spent to make sure it goes to the people it is designed to help. This leaflet gives just a few examples of the results you can expect us to deliver.

We will be **transparent** and give the public the chance to hold us to account for how we spend aid. We have set up an **independent watchdog** to scrutinise our work. And we will encourage other countries to play their full part in tackling global poverty.

People across Britain can be proud of the difference that our aid is making in the world's poorest countries.

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UK aid: Changing lives, delivering results



UK aid: changing lives

Global efforts to increase aid and cancel debt have made real progress in tackling extreme poverty over the past ten years. But **huge challenges remain**.

For example:

- One child in seven in sub-Saharan Africa does not live to see their fifth birthday;
- 69 million children around the world do not have the chance to go to primary school;
- More than a million children worldwide lose their mothers each year because not enough women get proper care during pregnancy and in childbirth.

It is a tragedy that such abject poverty continues in the 21st Century. It is **morally right** for us to help tackle that poverty – and it is in **our interests**. Fighting hunger, disease and illiteracy in poor countries can help to prevent global problems like terrorism, migration and drug trafficking that can threaten Britain.

British aid will make a real difference to some of the world's biggest challenges. But **aid is not an end in itself**. The aim of all our efforts is to help poor countries reach the stage where they no longer need aid.

“We will not balance the books on the backs of the world's poorest people. Britain will keep its promise to them.”

Andrew Mitchell
International Development Secretary

UK aid: delivering results

Feeding the world and helping the poorest

Some 1.4 billion people around the world live on less than £1 a day. With enough food to eat and a little financial help, millions can break out of extreme poverty.

UK aid will:

- help more than six million of the world's poorest people to escape extreme poverty
- stop more than ten million children going hungry

Changing children's lives through learning

Over 69 million children are still not able to go to primary school, leading to a cycle of poverty that continues through the generations.

UK aid will:

- secure good quality schooling for 11 million children – more than we educate in the UK but at 2.5% of the cost

Saving lives and preventing disease

Every year, more than eight million children under the age of five die from preventable causes, and more than 300,000 girls and women die in pregnancy and childbirth. We can help to end this tragic loss of life.

UK aid will:

- save the lives of at least 50,000 women and 250,000 newborn babies
- help vaccinate more children against preventable diseases than there are people in the whole of England
- help ten million more women get access to modern family planning

Combating climate change

The world's poorest people will be hit first and hit hardest by climate change. Droughts and floods threaten lives and livelihoods.

UK aid will:

- help millions of poor people to protect their livelihoods from the effects of climate change

Providing clean water and sanitation

Diarrhoea kills more children under the age of five in Africa than AIDS, malaria and measles combined. But there are simple solutions, such as giving communities access to clean drinking water and safe sanitation.

UK aid will:

- provide access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation to more people than there are in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

Helping people prosper

People can beat poverty for themselves if we give them the chance to work, trade and save.

UK aid will:

- help create millions more jobs worldwide and give more than 50 million people access to basic financial services, such as a bank account

Making countries safer, fairer and free from conflict

Stable, well-run nations lie at the heart of prosperity and progress. We will focus 30% of our aid on helping war torn and unstable countries by 2014.

UK aid will:

- support 13 countries to hold freer and fairer elections