

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

STAND UP AND MAKE NOISE!

Stand Up is the world's largest mobilisation. It is a worldwide initiative seeking to end poverty, address its causes and achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's).

Stand Up this year aims to add impact and pressure to what we want governments to achieve at the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Review Summit to be held in September. Stand Up will be held over three days, from Friday 17 September through to Sunday 19 September.

In 2009, over 173 million people stood together to urge world leaders to keep their promises and do their fair share to end poverty and climate change. Thousands of Australians Stood Up in schools, universities, workplaces, places of worship, and community groups to add their voice to the growing worldwide movement that does not remain seated in the face of poverty. However, many more steps need to be taken.

Why Stand Up?

Every day over 50,000 people die of easily preventable and treatable causes. Millions of people all over the world are living in extreme poverty. We can either stand-by and watch or stand up, show that we care and make a difference.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), agreed in 2000 by 191 heads of government, set out the pathway and promises of all to reach poverty reduction targets by 2015. Progress towards the MDGs is slowing and will slow even more unless climate change is also urgently addressed. Stand Up is a way of saying to our leaders that we will no longer stay seated or silent in the face of poverty and the broken promises to end it!

Further information and kits on how you can run a Stand Up event in your local church, school, workplace etc. will be available on the Make Poverty History website:

<http://www.makepovertyhistory.com.au/stand-up/>

For more information about the MDG's or about getting your congregation involved
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