

# An open letter to the Prime Minister and Chancellor

Dear Tony Blair and Gordon Brown

## A big thank you.

It's unfashionable to congratulate politicians in public but we're going to anyway – to say thanks for increasing the funds available to tackle world poverty now and for committing to reach the UN aid-giving target by 2013 at the latest.

Many thousands of people including MPs and constituents, faith leaders and communities, trade union members and school kids campaigned to make this possible. They campaigned, and you responded, and lives in the poorest parts of the world will be transformed as a result.

Whatever our other disagreements, the impact of this achievement should be celebrated.

We cannot stop here. In 2005 as chair of the G8, the Commission for Africa, and the EU you will have a unique opportunity. We're counting on you to lead rich countries to cancel third world debts, deliver more and better aid that meets the UN target, and end unfair trade rules.

What the aid increase announced by the government could enable

- Clean water for 14 million more people
- Education for 2 million more children
- Survival for 250,000 infants whose premature deaths can now be prevented

But there is still much more that we can and must do

Yours,



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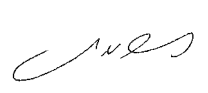
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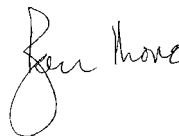
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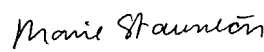
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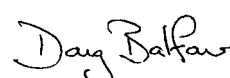
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