

Her Majesty's Treasury
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**THE CAMPAIGN FOR
REAL AID**
REAL AID FOR REAL CHANGE

Dear Chancellor,

We are a cross-party group of Parliamentarians writing to express our support for the '**Campaign for Real Aid**', an initiative from the **ONE Campaign** which aims to improve the quality of UK aid. We are proud of the UK's leadership in aid and development, and proud that the UK keeps its promises to the world's poorest by meeting the 0.7% aid target.

Aid works, and when well spent it can transform opportunities for the world's poorest. We want the UK's aid programme to be poverty focused, effective and transparent. Adhering to these principles will deliver value for money to British taxpayers and allow us to play our part in the global effort to eradicate extreme poverty, and deliver a fairer, healthier, and more prosperous world. This is in the interest of citizens everywhere, from London, to Lagos and Llandinam.

In the lead up to the next Spending Review, campaigners from across the country will be calling on Ministers spending more than £100m in ODA to support The ONE Campaign's Charter for Real Aid. The Charter asks Ministers to:

- Put the poorest first, by ensuring their aid spending is poverty focused, prioritising the countries that have the least and the issues that matter most to poor people.
- Ensure that aid is effective by avoiding any form of tied aid, ensuring aid programmes delivers results and are aligned with the priorities of developing countries.
- Deliver on the commitment outlined in the 2015 UK Aid Strategy that all UK Government departments will meet high standards of aid transparency, including by achieving at least a 'Good' rating in the Aid Transparency Index by 2020.

Aid is a precious resource for the poorest and most vulnerable people. Our aid budget is there for families fleeing war in Syria, for communities ravaged by Ebola and for millions of women and girls facing violence in their communities. It's right that we deploy the skills and expertise across Government in our development efforts and there are examples of poverty focused aid programmes right across Government.

The Charter for Real Aid is a set of common sense standards that reflects the public's priorities for aid spending, and will help to protect public support for aid. We hope that you will consider these principles as you make decisions about how to allocate the ODA budget in the 2019 Spending Review. Please use this opportunity to protect the UK's reputation as a leader in international development, to improve standards of aid spending across Government and to ensure that all UK aid really delivers for the poorest.

We look forward to your support and response.

Yours sincerely,

List of Peers and MPs

