

Subject: Re Comments

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Re: Contribution to Discussion on White Paper

Dear Sir or madam

We missionaries have been embedded in Local third world communities and have a deep knowledge of the culture and life. As a missionary Congregation I would like to give some ideas the Government could respond to

- Basic needs for poorest of Poor through Health, especially Primary health care and health education and all aspects of HIV and AIDS. Continue to fund Education at all levels placing emphasis on upgrading and helping trained teachers in poorer areas. Agriculture with emphasis on food for health and a move from traditional ways encouraging more modern methods. Emphasis should be on Agricultural Education.
- Climate change in poorer areas can be in part over come by water conservation e.g. reservoirs to preserve rain water. Encourage nationwide education on climate filtering from Government Level right to the tiniest villages.
- Gender Equality I believe is interwoven with Justice and more funding should be allocated to the huge area of Justice which should embrace human rights and governance.
- Less aid for Bilateral and Multilateral and more aid to Civic Society

- Bilateral aid to the nine countries be well monitored and Governments be accountable and there be transparency so that the fruits of the funding are clearly seen thus preventing corruption.

Irish Aid deserves a big thanks for the support given to the work of Missionaries for many years. However I would like to request that your support continue. The decline in Irish missionaries has not lessened the service given. In many instances we Irish have handed over to our indigenous Missionary counterparts and lay missionaries.

Grateful thanks for your support

Best wishes

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