

Subject: Constituent Concern – UK Aid Cuts

Dear _____ MP,

I am writing to express my dismay at the cuts the UK Government has made to crucial international aid.

With 44% of the world living in poverty, I am extremely disappointed that the UK would reduce its already low aid budget from 0.5% to 0.3% of Gross National Income by 2027.

This decision will be devastating for communities in need around the world, and 55 million people will suffer as a result. As the government scales back programmes across education, family planning, water and food aid, vulnerable women and street-connected children will be among the hardest hit.

Railway Children Charity are concerned that with tens of millions of people losing out on access to crucial nutrition and clean water, more children will be forced to take to the streets. Street-connected children are vulnerable to violence and abuse, and are at high risk of being groomed and exploited by gangs, human traffickers and extremist groups.

Educational programmes are a lifeline for children who, without them, face little hope of escaping poverty. The Education and Development Forum estimates that 2.2 million fewer children will be in school and learning as a result of the cuts. Through education, girls learn valuable skills and knowledge, giving them the power to challenge discriminatory gender norms and speak out against gender-based violence.

The UK is one of the largest economies in the world. I want to feel proud that the UK is doing the right thing and taking steps toward achieving the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With these cuts, it will be impossible for us to meet the SDGs.

As my MP, I am asking you to please write to the Prime Minister to share my concerns and ask him to stop the cuts. I look forward to your response on how you will stand up against these inhumane cuts.

Thank you,
