



If you saw a child drowning you'd save them, right? What if that child were out of sight - at risk because of poverty?

Peter Singer, author and philosopher, famously asked:

"Can we really believe that we are living a good life, an ethically decent life if we don't do anything serious to help reduce poverty around the world and help save the lives of children or adults who are likely to die if we don't increase the amount of aid we are giving?"

What questions do you want to ask Peter about our moral obligation to give? Submit your question by emailing info@results.org.au by March 27.

17,000 kids are still "drowning" every day. Can we afford to just walk by?

In December 2014, Treasurer Joe Hockey announced \$3.7 billion [would be cut](#) from Australian Aid over the next 3 years. This cut, along with \$7.6 billion in cuts announced since September 2013, means Australia's spending on programs that help remove the barriers of poverty and enable people to live lives of dignity will drop by over \$11 billion – the largest cuts in history.

One of the major areas at risk of being cut again is funding for new TB and malaria vaccines, diagnostics and treatments. This is the same funding which you as RESULTS advocates [fought for in 2014](#) and managed to triple from \$10 to \$30 million.

As Peter Singer said, *"In an ideal world, the amount of money we spend on medical research to prevent or cure a disease would be proportional to its seriousness and the number of people who suffer from it."*

With TB and malaria killing about 2 million people per year, and 17,000 children still dying daily due to hunger and diseases of poverty, we can't afford to give up the fight to protect Australian aid.



Image: The Life You Can Save in 3 Minutes by Peter Singer - [Youtube](#)

Reversing cuts will allow Australian aid to continue saving lives. We can encourage the public and parliamentarians to be champions for aid.

Recently a delegation of RESULTS staff and volunteers met with 30 parliamentarians and their staff at Parliament House in Canberra. Every parliamentarian agreed to take an action in support of Australian aid and the programs it supports – including vaccines, TB research, education and nutrition.

But plenty of parliamentarians either don't know about the extent of the cuts to aid, or have not heard from their community members who oppose the cuts. They need to hear from YOU.

By publishing Op-Eds in the newspaper we will draw the attention of our political leaders and the public to the aid cuts, and call on them to take action to reverse them.

Australian aid has been sent to Vanuatu in the wake of the devastating Cyclone Pam.



What will be our response to future disasters with \$11 billion cut from Australian aid?

Image: World Vision

Treasurer Joe Hockey must reverse announced cuts to Australian Aid.

Action: Approach the editor of your local newspaper and ask them to publish your Op-Ed.

1. Listen to the Op-Ed Workshop on 21/22 March at 3pm AEDT on the usual [teleconference line](#)
2. Write the Op-Ed using the draft text available at www.results.org.au
3. Pitch the Op-Ed to a newspaper editor.
4. Unsuccessful? Turn your Op-Ed into a letter to the editor and [submit](#) to a newspaper.

Keen to be supported to write letters to the editor regularly? Sign up to our Letter Writing Team at results.org.au/get-involved/writing-team

How did you go? Please let your Group Leader or RESULTS know by emailing info@results.org.au