

**To:** #HQ-DCD PP&E White Paper Review

**Subject:** Irish Aid

### **Progress Made**

Has the Government been successful in implementing the commitments contained in the White Paper on Irish Aid?

*I think that for a country the size of Ireland the government has done an excellent job meeting the commitments contained in the White Paper.*

### **Changing Context**

What are the implications of the changes in the global and domestic context for the Government's aid programme in the future, and how will these affect current priorities?

*Keeping in mind the good work done, the financial situation in this country needs to take priority. Aid should be made more available to the private donations of individuals and reduced from the government budget. Only in the cases of world natural disasters should Irish aid provide funding and Ireland should significantly reduce its payments to countries that have become reliant on aid as a source of income rather than developing their own country to be successful*

### **Key Issues**

How should the Government respond to the key issues of hunger, fragility, climate change, basic needs, governance and human rights, and gender equality? Are there other issues?

Given the limited resources and the need to focus these, which issues should the Government prioritise in its future aid programme?

*Yes the government should respond, but respond first on a national level. The fact is that Ireland is bankrupt and there is no logical reason why we should borrow money to give it away. An individual in financial trouble would not take out a loan to give the money away, the government needs to recognize that it represents the people and should behave accordingly and not be putting its own people in further debt to provide aid elsewhere.*

### **Ways of Working**

How can the Government further strengthen its ways of working in delivering an effective aid programme with a view to delivering real results in poverty reduction?

*Have former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern tout to impoverished nations and give speeches on how to make small countries successful.... Oh wait.. maybe not...*