



International Assistance and Cooperation

At the March 2002 *International Conference on Financing for Development* in Monterrey, Mexico, Ireland recommitted to a contribution of 0.7% of Gross National Product (GNP) to Official Development Assistance (ODA).

The UN Millennium Project's analysis indicates that 0.7% of rich world GNP can provide enough resources to meet the Millennium Development goals, but developed countries must follow through on commitments and begin increasing ODA volumes.

In the current *Programme for Government* (2011-2016), Ireland committed to reaching the target spending by 2015, but has so far failed to meet this target.

Standards of transparency, public participation and accountability are lacking when it comes to tax policies in Ireland. There are concerns about the spill-over effect of Ireland's tax policies on developing countries. The State does not systematically conduct impact assessments of the implications of its international tax policies.

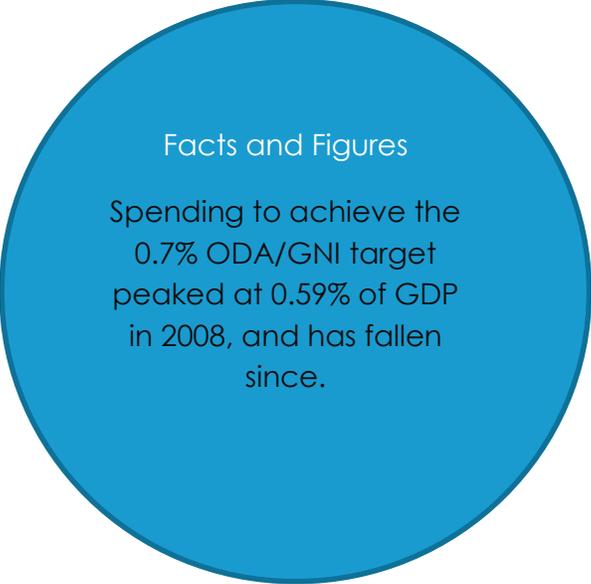
Recommendations

Make an explicit commitment to meet the UN target of 0.7% ODA/GNI by 2020.

Establish greater coherence across government departments to ensure fiscal policies do not promote inequitable growth, contribute to further marginalisation of people and inequality between men and women in Ireland and internationally

Ensure Irish companies and individuals are adhering to international law including human rights standards and international best practice standards for business

Introduce periodic independent, participatory impact assessments of any major changes to the Irish tax code for potential spill-over effects on developing countries



Facts and Figures

Spending to achieve the 0.7% ODA/GNI target peaked at 0.59% of GDP in 2008, and has fallen since.

About Your Rights. Right Now

Your Rights. Right Now is a coalition of 17 Irish NGOs, trade unions and civil society groups established by the Irish Council for Civil Liberties (ICCL) in 2010 to coordinate the civil society response to Ireland's first examination under the Universal Periodic Review. This group was re-convened in 2015 in advance of Ireland's second examination. The coalition conducted a number of general and thematic consultations and invited written submissions to inform its report which was submitted to the UN in September 2015.

Members of the coalition are:

- Age Action
- Educate Together
- Free Legal Advice Centres
- Gay and Lesbian Equality Network
- Immigrant Council of Ireland
- Irish Congress of Trade Unions
- Irish Council for Civil Liberties
- Irish Family Planning Association
- Irish Penal Reform Trust
- Irish Traveller Movement
- Mercy Law Resource Centre
- National Women's Council of Ireland
- NUI Galway, Centre for Disability Law and Policy
- Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre
- Transgender Equality Network Ireland
- Union of Students in Ireland
- Disability Federation of Ireland

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