

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Attention: Assignment /Foreign Editor**

**On the ground in Tanzania:  
World Vision president to join CIDA president for World Health Organization's  
Accountability Commission**

*Dave Toycen keeping women and children at the centre of the Commission*

**MISSISSAUGA, Ont. (April 30, 2011)** – Today, World Vision Canada President Dave Toycen travels to Tanzania to join the 25 Commissioners at the WHO Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health. The Commission, which will tackle the monitoring and reporting of pledges made to women's and children's health, is co-chaired by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the president of Tanzania. Margaret Biggs, President of CIDA, will act on behalf of the Prime Minister at the May 2011 conference.

World Vision is the only child-focused NGO represented at the Commissioner level. In this unique role, World Vision will pressure Commission meetings to effectively use the \$40 billion committed to help save the lives of the most vulnerable and marginalized women and children. This \$40 billion includes \$5 billion pledged by G-8 countries for the Muskoka Initiative and additional money from other countries, foundations, corporations and NGOs. World Vision has committed \$1.5 billion globally.

Dave Toycen will also travel to Kenya and meet with women, children and aid workers engaged with and benefiting from child and maternal health projects. These projects provide lifesaving support for children and mothers through the work of World Vision.

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**Background**

The Commission on Information and Accountability was tasked by the WHO to develop a framework for global reporting, oversight and accountability for pledges made to women's and children's health.

In January 2011, Prime Minister Steven Harper co-chaired the first meeting of the Commission along with the President of Tanzania. World Vision provides child-focused advice on the working group reports and promotes accountability for health amongst civil society, in particular through the aid agency's new role as NGO board member of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health.

**On Dave Toycen**

Dave Toycen, president and CEO of World Vision Canada, is passionate about the health and well-being of children around the world.

Dave's leadership has led World Vision into significant justice and advocacy work in areas such as child and maternal health, the rights of girls and the protection of children in armed conflict. He spoke before the World Bank, met with heads of state, key global executives and development leaders and is a recognized media commentator on issues of child well-being in developing countries.

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