

# **World Vision response to leaders' debate and validity of G8**

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## **World Vision's President and CEO Dave Toycen said:**

"Questions were raised last night around the importance of the G8. But the value is clear to me. Canada showed leadership last June when the G8 committed \$7.3 billion for child and maternal health. 1.3 million children will survive past their fifth birthday and 64,000 women will survive pregnancy and childbirth if the G8 follows through with this commitment. This is something of great value."

"However, it's hard to be a global leader with a frozen aid budget. All leaders must commit to lifting this freeze on aid funding. Canadians are generous and compassionate people. We saw this generosity during the Haiti earthquake response when individual Canadians donated \$220 million and we see it at World Vision with our 600,000 supporters. Frozen aid is less effective aid. This is not what Canadians want to be known for."

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