

Union Aid Abroad - APHEDA's Budget Breakdown

On Tuesday night the Turnbull Liberal government confirmed its expected \$224 million dollar budget cut to overseas aid this year.

These cuts hurt Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA and so, again, we need your help. (Chip in straight away by buying raffle tickets [here](#) or making a donation [here](#)).

This year's cuts are just the latest in a series of attacks on the overseas aid budget - now totalling almost \$12 billion or in other words, one third of the overseas aid budget cut since the election of the Abbott government in 2013.

Australia now commits only 0.23% of our national income to overseas aid - the international gold standard is 0.7%!

In addition to cuts, the Liberal Party's increasing focus on market-based 'aid-

for-trade' programs (funding Australian businesses with our overseas aid money) makes a mockery of aid for humanitarian purposes, to help alleviate poverty.

Huge cuts have been made to programs focusing on health and education for those countries most in need - mirroring the Budget cuts to our own essential health and education services here.

Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA is an accredited aid organisation - these cuts hurt and will be felt in the way we do our work to help build trade unions and social movements all over the world.