END COVID FOR ALL

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Celebrities, health workers, everyday Aussies stand in solidarity with vulnerable nations tackling COVID-19 on day Government announces free vaccine for Australians

SYDNEY, Wednesday 19 August - Australia's major humanitarian organisations have joined with church leaders, businesses and health organisations in their mission to 'End COVID For All'.

With news this morning that the Government has an agreement to secure vaccines for Australians, aid organisations leading the charge on the 'End COVID For All' campaign said it was encouraging to hear the Prime Minister bring assurance that Australia would look to secure early access to the vaccine for regional neighbours.

"We welcome the news this morning. Supporting each other and acting together is the only way out of this crisis," said Tim Costello, prominent voice on the campaign.

"'End COVID For All' opposes vaccine nationalism, and while Australia might be rejoicing right now about this deal, we also acknowledge it's only secure for us Aussies. We encourage the Prime Minister to continue his work and lock down vaccines for vulnerable nations in our region."

"Because as this virus has shown us; this doesn't end until it ends for everyone."

Together with high profile supporters, from former Prime Minister Julia Gillard, to epidemiologists, CEOs, health specialists and celebrities, humanitarian organisations are asking Australians to pledge support for vulnerable nations who are battling COVID-19 with weaker health systems.

Today - on World Humanitarian Day -'End COVID For All' will be joined by prominent Australians including Carrie Bickmore, Sammy J, Adam Liaw, Dr. Susan Carland, Mel Doyle, and Benjamin Law. They will voice their support by 'masking up' and ask fans to join them in signing the 'End COVID For All' pledge.

Over 150 organisations and over thirteen thousand Australians have 'signed the pledge' to stand in solidarity with our neighbours and to encourage the Australian Government to continue to provide vital support to developing nations through this crisis.

It comes as close neighbours like Indonesia and the Philippines struggle to contain the virus, with the outbreak in India now the fastest growing in the world, with around 60,000 cases being reported each day.

Tim Costello continued:

"Many of our closest neighbours such as Papua New Guinea have no running water for thousands of school children to wash their hands. In Timor-Leste, there are only five ICU beds for the whole population and 70% of health posts lack access to running water."

In the world's largest refugee settlement, in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, 40,000 refugees live in each square kilometre, meaning social distancing is near impossible.

Tim Costello called for Australians to join #EndCovidForAll:

"Aussies are kind and compassionate. Even though we are still battling the virus here, thousands of people have shown they are ready to show solidarity with those overseas, and encourage our government to be generous.

"Today, we stand together and say ‡ ^¿&a}Á[[\&ec^¦Ác@•^&æÁ@{^&}åÁ^}åÁˇ]][¦o&[Áˇ¦Á*¦[àa¦Á^ã@[ˇ¦•q"
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Caption: Members of the NSW Nurses and Midwives Association show their support for the End COVID For All campaign by wearing the End COVID For All masks.

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