The Australian Labor Party has given the perfect Christmas present to Australian aid advocates, announcing a commitment to increasing aid funding if elected to government next year.
Meeting for their National Conference, the ALP announced yesterday that if elected, they will increase Australian aid as a percentage of gross national income every year (with the goal of achieving a funding target of 0.5% of GNI).

“This funding is in line with our values as a compassionate nation …” – Tim Costello

The news comes hot on the heels of the party’s Monday commitment to provide additional aid funding for refugee work, if elected. These commitments included: $500 million over five years to the work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; an additional $30 million to address the humanitarian crises in the Palestinian Territories, Myanmar and Bangladesh; and a commitment to reform the Community Sponsored Refugee Program from 10000, to 5000 refugees to resettle in Australia annually.
Get serious about solutions, say refugee advocates

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