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Blue Mountains residents push for boost to Australian aid

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A group of Blue Mountains residents has called for Australia to return to being a more generous nation towards our neighbours.

Twenty Blue Mountains residents have spent four days in Canberra meeting parliamentarians and showing their support for Australian aid.



 Several of the Blue Mountains group in Parliament House with Macquarie MP Susan Templeman.

The group held several face-to-face appointments with a range of politicians and their staff as part of the Micah Australia’s Voices for Justice gathering from December 1 to 4.

All together around 200 people travelled from around Australia, all wanting to see action taken to create a better, fairer world for all.

“As an Australian Mum, I support programs to improve child and maternal health and see more kids enrolled in school,” said one of the participants, Springwood resident, Ann Adams-Karlik.

In 2017 alone, through Australian aid, 3 million children were vaccinated against deadly diseases, 1 million children were enrolled in school and safe water was provided to more than 2 million people.

However Australian aid is at a historic low of just 0.23 per cent (23 cents out of every \$100) of our gross national income. Organisers of the Micah Australia event, along with all participants from the Mountains, are calling for Australia to return to being a more generous nation towards our neighbours.

Several local residents met with Macquarie MP Susan Templeman, who voiced her support for an increase in Australia’s aid giving.

For further information, see: www.micahaustralia.org

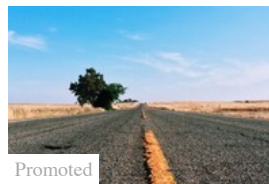
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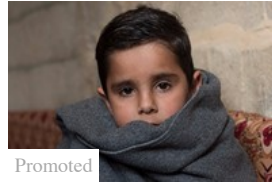
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