

# Anti-Poverty Week 2005

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## Some Facts and Figures on Poverty

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### NATIONAL POVERTY

- The life expectancy of indigenous Australians is 20 years less than for other Australians. It is similar to Bangladesh, yet Australia is ten times richer.
- About a quarter of a million Australian jobseekers have not had substantial work for a year or more. Many have had little or no work for two years.
- More than 10% of the workforce are unemployed or want more work. The number of jobseekers greatly exceeds the number of job vacancies.
- About half a million families have no members in paid work.
- Each night, about 100 homeless families cannot find places in refuges.

### INTERNATIONAL POVERTY

- About 2 billion people around the world have incomes of less than US\$2 per day.
- About 2 billion people do not have basic sanitation.
- About one-fifth of all adults are illiterate.
- In some African countries, life expectancy is less than 45 years and falling.
- Trade protection by wealthy countries costs many poor countries more than they receive in overseas aid.
- Australia's overseas aid has fallen to about one-third of the agreed international benchmark.

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