

RUN YOUR OWN STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BANNER ACTION

Help build visible support to protect Australian Aid

THE MOMENT WE'RE IN

We are living through deeply uncertain times. Conflict is rising, displacement is at record highs, and more than 300 million people require humanitarian assistance.

In an interconnected world, these crises don't stay distant. They shape the stability, security, and future we all share.

But importantly, this is not a situation we are powerless in. Every day, Australia is already part of the response — through Australian Aid.

WHAT AUSTRALIAN AID DOES

- Saves lives
- Supports communities
- Prevents crises escalating
- Strengthens stability in our region

It's not just charity.

It's a practical, proven way we contribute to a safer world, for our neighbours, and for Australia.

THE BIG MISUNDERSTANDING

Most Australians dramatically overestimate how much we spend on aid.

- People often think it's around 10–14%
- In reality, it's **less than 1% of the federal budget**

And when people learn this?

They're often surprised.
They don't think it should be cut.
Many believe we could be doing more.



WHY THIS ACTION MATTERS

Aid is often politically vulnerable, not because Australians don't care, but because decision-makers don't always hear clearly that we do.

That's why visible, collective support matters.

A SHARED VOICE

Leaders across the Australian Church have already taken a stand to protect Australian Aid.

National Heads of Churches and leaders of major Christian organisations have signed a unified Statement of Support for Australian aid.

This action is an opportunity to **add local voices to national leadership** and show that *Australian Christians support Australian Aid*.

THE ACTION

The Statement of Support banner is a simple, visible way of doing that.

People are invited to write their **name, postcode and signature**.

That's it. A clear and collective expression of support.

SHARING YOUR BANNER WITH YOUR FEDERAL MP

We'll work with you to share your banner publicly and bring it to your Federal MP to demonstrate real, local support for Australian aid.

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN

This guide is designed to help you facilitate this action in your own context – whether that's a **church, school, organisation, or community group**.

The goal is simple: to create a moment where people understand the issue, and are invited to respond together

1. GATHER YOUR AUDIENCE & SHARE THE VISION

We've created a set of resources to help you do this:

- Aid explainer videos
- Presentation slides & notes (including key stats and theological framing)

Access all resources [here](#)

These can be used in whatever combination fits your setting.

At its simplest, this can be expressed clearly:

Most Australians think we spend far more on aid than we do. In reality, it's less than 1% of the federal budget. When people learn that, they support it. But leaders don't always hear that support clearly. This is one way we can make it visible.

2. INVITE THE RESPONSE

Introduce the banner as a shared action.

You might frame it as:

This is a simple way of adding our voice to a growing national statement of support to protect Australian Aid.

Then invite people to come forward and: write their **name, postcode** and **signature**.

Keep it simple and unhurried. Some contexts may include music, reflection, or prayer.

3. CAPTURE THE MOMENT

Afterwards:

- take a clear photo of the banner
- optional: take a group photo

These help show the collective nature of the action.

Ensure everyone in the photo knows it will be used publicly.

4. SHARE AND CONNECT

Send photos to the Micah team and/or share online.

You can:

- Tag @micahaustralia
- Encourage others to take part at **church.saferworld.org.au**

Provide our QR code (printed or on screen) so those signing the banner who wish can stay connected and receive updates on the campaign, future actions, and events.

A printable A4 QR code sheet is in the resource folder, and an on-screen version is included in the presentation slides.

5. ENGAGE YOUR FEDERAL MP

The Micah team will work with you to help organise the most effective way to deliver your banner to your Federal MP and engage them on its message.

ORDERING YOUR BANNER

To run this action, you'll need a *Statement of Support* banner.

Scan the QR code to request your banner ▶



The form asks for a few simple details to help us provide the right banners and support.

WHAT YOU'LL RECEIVE

- A durable A1-sized synthetic banner
- Designed to be easy to transport and reuse
- Suitable for approximately **60–100 signatures per banner** (depending on spacing)

The Micah team is here to support you with anything you need – info@micahaustralia.org