



## International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 17 October 2019



In a world characterized by an unprecedented level of economic development, technological means and financial resources, that millions of persons are living in extreme poverty is a moral outrage. Poverty is not solely an economic issue, but rather a multidimensional phenomenon that encompasses a lack of both income and the basic capabilities to live in dignity.

Persons living in poverty experience many interrelated and mutually reinforcing deprivations that prevent them from realizing their rights and perpetuate their poverty, including:

- dangerous work conditions
- unsafe housing
- lack of nutritious food
- unequal access to justice
- lack of political power
- limited access to health care

This year marks the:



- 27th anniversary of the declaration by the General Assembly, in its resolution 47/196 of 22 December 1992, of 17 October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
- 32nd anniversary of the Call to Action by Father Joseph Wresinski — which inspired the observance of October 17 as the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty — and the recognition by the United Nations of the day as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
- 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) on 20 November 1989. This landmark human rights treaty sets out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion or abilities. In particular, the Convention recognizes the right of every child to a standard of living adequate for the child's physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development. Poverty hurts children's development and, in turn, leads to lower income and health in adulthood. When child poverty is recognized as a denial of children's human rights then people in positions of responsibility and power are legally bound to promote, protect and fulfil children's rights. Above all, it is imperative to recognize and address the specific discriminations experienced by the girl child.

### Now is the time to act!

**We can act Together to Empower Children, their Families and Communities to End Poverty.** GPV/KCV invited you to call the **Prime Minister's office on (02) 6277 7700** with a request that the federal government do more to eradicate poverty in Australia, especially for children and young people.