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## **Andy Burnham MP says; "One year on from Gleneagles we must keep up the pressure on the G8"**

Andy Burnham MP is keeping up the pressure on the G8 leaders, who meet in Russia in July to deliver for the poorest people in the world.

### **Andy Burnham MP said:**

"Last year your response to Live 8 and the Make Poverty History campaign showed that people in the Leigh area demanded action to improve the lives of millions of the poorest people in the world. It was clear to us all the British people want to see international action to end the suffering caused by poverty.

"That's why a year ago the Labour government focused the leaders of the developed world on the fate of the poorest people in the world.

"A year later, we can see the practical difference the UK's leadership is making.

"As a direct result, this year Zambia, for example, has introduced free health care for people living in rural areas, scrapping fees which for years had made health care inaccessible for millions. This was made possible using some of the \$5.3bn Zambia received from debt cancellation and aid increases agreed at Gleneagles.

"We've come a long way, but we can do more. In July the leaders of the G8 will meet in Russia to discuss the next steps to take. It is vital that other world leaders take Britain's lead to increase aid and make trade fairer."

"Of course more needs to be done, but as long as Britain has a government that is committed to international aid, not just paying lip service to it, we will continue to make life better for the world's poorest people."

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