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# Indigenous MAKE POVERTY HISTORY.

## Welcome Newsletter

Dear Gabrielle,


Welcome to the **Make Indigenous Poverty History** campaign. Thank you for taking the time to sign up to the campaign email list and taking a stand against Indigenous poverty. This newsletter outlines the resources available and ways you can get involved.

### What is Make Indigenous Poverty History ?

 The **Make Indigenous Poverty History** campaign was started, by NATSIEC, in response to the omission of specific responses to Indigenous poverty in the Millennium Development Goals; particularly to poverty suffered by Indigenous peoples in developed nations such as Australia. While we wholeheartedly support the need to end the dire poverty overseas, we also believe that we should not forget the poverty here in Australia; we should be just as aware of, and just as active, for our own as for those overseas. Most key social and economic indicators show that in Australia it is Indigenous peoples who suffer most from poverty. But this campaign is about more than statistics; it's about understanding the stories and experiences behind the statistics and it's about each and every one of us taking some action to end Indigenous poverty today.

To find out more about the Millennium Development Goals and Indigenous poverty [Make Indigenous Poverty History](#)

### The Poverty Pole Charter

 The poverty pole charter is more than a petition, it's a symbol of your personal commitment to ending poverty. The charter calls us to remember the past, recognize the present and to take action to rectify the future. Make your own or create one at school, work, church or with your neighbours; however you make it, the poverty pole is a tangible reminder of your commitment to ending Indigenous poverty.

To find out more [MIPH Poverty Pole Charter](#)

### Campaign Resources

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### 40 Days of Action for 40 Years of Inaction

In 2007 we recognize the 40th anniversary of the referendum which finally gave Indigenous Australians citizenship rights. Sadly, the divide between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia remains stark; particularly in the areas of health, education and other key indicators of wellbeing. This year we invite you to take 40 days of action to rectify 40 years of inaction.

The 40 days of action are listed on a card and poster which are available from our office.

For each day we will post suggested actions on our website.

What will you do today to **Make Indigenous Poverty History?**

[40 Days of Action for 40 Days of Inaction](#)

### Quick Links

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NATSIEC has produced many resources, such as a series of worksheets addressing each MDG from an Indigenous perspective, to support your action against Indigenous poverty. Most resources are available from our website.

The MIPH CD-ROM is an excellent campaign resource which brings together downloadable pdfs of many of our worksheets and has the added bonus of short video interviews with Indigenous leaders from around Australia. Easy to use, it is an essential resource for teachers, groups such as social justice groups, and individuals who want to gain a deeper understanding of Indigenous poverty. [MIPH resources](#)

This campaign is all about getting involved and supporting initiatives that work. If you know about local programs and ideas that are making a difference please let us know. Also, don't forget to tell us about activities that you organise to support the campaign, we'll post it on the website to inspire others.

Sincerely,

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