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SPEAK UP WEEK OF ACTION

The General Election isn't the only thing happening this summer

For millions across the world, climate change is the big event in their lives. We saw the horrific droughts in East Africa this year, a result of shifting weather patterns. And that's not the only problem many poor communities overseas face.

Many people still don't have access to energy

Imagine having no access to electricity. That's reality for one in six people worldwide - 1.2 billion people - who can't light their homes, power their hospitals, or run their businesses. The solution is clean energy, which doesn't just help combat climate change but can also bring energy and light to those who don't yet have it.

What can the new Government do?

Whoever is elected on 8th June, the UK must remain a global leader on climate change. In the UK itself, the new Government can do this by publishing an ambitious plan to shift the economy to a low carbon

footing. We want to see a plan to reduce energy wastage from our homes, clean up our air and transport and make it easier for communities in the UK to generate clean energy locally. Overseas, the UK Government can show leadership by increasing UK aid to provide clean energy for the poorest communities.

Let's speak up together for our sisters and brothers across the globe. Let's act now to build a world where all of God's people can flourish.



The Climate Coalition's Speak Up Week of Action – which we're supporting – is taking place 1-9 July. Thousands of people like you will be hosting events: whether nature walks, tea parties or community constituency visits with MPs, you'll be Speaking Up for what we want to protect from climate change.



WHAT YOU CAN DO IN JULY:

As one of our valued lobbyists, will you organise an event in your local area in early July and invite your newly elected MP? You'll be showing your love for communities affected by climate change worldwide and persuading your MP straight after the General Election that their voters care about this issue.

Please give your newly elected MP the enclosed Parliamentary briefing, explaining what we'd like your MP to do.

If not, will you attend a local Speak Up event organised by others?

Or visit your newly elected MP's surgery during the week of action, 1-9 July, and give them the briefing?

Important: remember that you cannot invite your MP to your local Speak Up event until *after* the General Election on 8 June.

We'll be supporting you!

You're invited to the trainings we're running across the country this June with our friends at Hope for the Future. We'll give you one-to-one support ready for meeting your MP.

We've also got resources to help you get planning your event and an online map which can show you who else is getting involved with the Speak Up Week of Action in your area.

Find out more at caid.org.uk/suwoa

Want more information?

Make sure you fill in the 'HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED' slip in this pack and post it to us in the enclosed freepost envelope, or email us at campaigns@christian-aid.org

In the meantime.....

If you're joining us for Christian Aid Week during 14-20 May, thank you for all you're doing! And if you'd like guidance on putting a question to your local candidates before the General Election, please contact us on **0207 523 2264** or email campaigns@christian-aid.org



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