



As you may know, there is an important event coming up called '**Stand Up Against Poverty**'. It's a campaign led by the UN and will take place this year on 16-18 October 2009, when millions of people around the world will be showing their support for the global fight against poverty.

We want to encourage all Girl Guides in Australia to **Stand Up Against Poverty on 16 October** - which is also **World Food Day**. This fits together very well because World Thinking Day 2010 will have the theme of MDG1: Poverty and Hunger. Check the official website <http://www.standagainstopoverty.org> for more information.

This is the fourth year this event has taken place. On October 16, people all around the world will Stand Up and Take Action, showing their support for the fight against poverty and extreme hunger, and the achievement of the MDGs by 2015.

This year, it is particularly important that we Stand Up Against Poverty, with much of the world caught up in the financial crisis, and a slowing global economy. The effect of the current global economic climate is not only putting at threat all that's been done so far to meet the MDGs, but it might send us backwards. The world's poorest and most vulnerable are being effected by growing food prices, and greater difficulty accessing loans - things are not looking great. With only six years left, it's really important that we all **Stand Up** and **Take Action** against extreme poverty and hunger, and remind our world leaders of their promise to all of us – to end extreme poverty and hunger.

Join millions worldwide to STAND UP and TAKE ACTION against Poverty and for the Millennium Development Goals.

Girl Guides Australia has five groups around the country who will be Standing Up and Taking Action, so we can let all of Australia know that Girl Guides are standing up against poverty. Will you join them?

If you would like to get involved, and run an event in your State, Region, Division, District, Unit, or Patrol:

- Register on <http://www.standagainstopoverty.org> by using the name **WAGGGS: 'unit/troop name'** plus individual names if you wish. You will be able to register your event here: <http://www.standagainstopoverty.org/en/create-an-event>
- Stand up on 16 October and take some small action which could be linked to World Thinking Day
- Take a photo of your group 'standing up against poverty' and wearing your Guide uniform
- Send the photo and a brief description of what you did on **16 October** to acc@girlguides.org.au

For ideas of what you can do on 16 Oct, or for more information on the Millennium Development Goal One, refer to the WAGGGS GAT Curriculum.