

# Vote for Food

Governments are bailing out banks but who will be there for the 1 000 000 000+ people who won't get enough food to eat today? Raise the level of debate in the 2011 election



## Who gets to eat?

- Rising food prices pushed nearly 70 million people into extreme poverty in 2010-11 (World Bank)
- There are almost 80 million new people to feed each year.
- The main cause of hunger is poverty—not a shortage of food.
- Poverty is heavily concentrated in rural areas.

**How we produce food, how we distribute it and how we ensure that all people have access to food that is culturally appropriate is a fundamental matter of justice towards people, the Creation and God.**

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**New Zealand can do more to help the world feed itself.**

## Ask questions that count?

- What is your party's commitment to the United Nations' Millennium Development Goal to halve global poverty by 2015?
- 12 million people in the Horn of Africa face famine in part because of the effects of the changing climate. What will you do to make sure the poorest people don't suffer the most in disasters?
- In 2010 the government spent 0.26% of Gross National Product on aid, well below the 0.7% agreed at the UN. Will your party invest more to overcome hunger?
- Less than 5% of global government aid is invested in agriculture. Would your party invest in small scale, sustainable agriculture and better market access for farmers?
- Poor people want to be part of the solution, in Aotearoa New Zealand and everywhere. What will your party do to ensure that they have a say in how food is produced and marketed?

**Find out how you can be part of a global movement for food justice.**

**See the CWS Food for Life campaign at [www.cws.org.nz/the-issues/food](http://www.cws.org.nz/the-issues/food) or ask for more information.**

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