SHARE Australia with Health, Rights and Development (HEARD@UNSW) and the School of Social Sciences at UNSW invite you to an expert panel with ACFID, Jubilee Australia, Make Poverty History and the Australian Aid Campaign.

Australia has experienced unprecedented cuts to our foreign aid in recent years. Despite being one of the world’s wealthiest nations, significant reductions to our aid budget were announced in 2014; these reductions have been consolidated in the 2015/16 Budget. The latest announcements include 70% cuts to the aid program in Africa, 40% cuts to most multilateral United Nations agencies, and reduced allocations to key partner countries such as Indonesia. Civil society organisations are concerned that those most vulnerable will suffer and that Australia is less committed to playing its part as a global citizen. The Australian aid budget, as a proportion of Gross National Income, has dropped to its lowest point in 40 years. Economic growth, aid for trade, and value for money are now the key buzzwords. What are the implications? How should, civil society and the general community respond? What does a fair and effective aid program look like?

Join us and our expert panel for presentations and discussion on aid and development effectiveness, the role of Australia, the recent budget, and what our aid program should look like in the future.

Chair - Prof. Anthony Zwi (@heardatunsw), Professor of Global Health and Development, UNSW

Panel:

- **Marc Purcell** - Executive Director, Australian Council for International Development (@ACFID) - Marc has worked for 25 years in the community development and human rights sectors, including with intellectually disabled people, as well with Oxfam and the Catholic Commission for Justice Development and Peace.
- **Brynnie Goodwill** – CEO, Jubilee Australia (@Jubilee_AU) - Brynnie is a former international corporate lawyer who witnessed lending practices leading to the debt crisis of the 1980s. For 30yrs she has sought to establish a more sustainable and equitable paradigm in the private and not-for-profit sectors. Jubilee Australia began as part of a global movement speaking out against the injustice of 'third world' debt; it raises awareness of Australian government and corporate policies and seeks a more fair, just and equitable role.
- **Tony Milne** - Executive Officer, Make Poverty History (@MPHAustralia) - Tony was previously National Manager of Public Health for the Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand. The Campaign for Australian Aid is a joint initiative of the Make Poverty History and Micah Challenge coalitions. Comprising more than 50 aid and development NGOs and more than 40,000 individuals, it seeks to promote a greater role by Australia in ending extreme poverty around the world.

**When:** Wednesday, 27th May 2015
**Time:** 6:30pm start (network over refreshments from 6:00pm); end by 8.00pm
**Where:** Law Theatre G23, Ground Floor, Law Building, The University of NSW
http://www.facilities.unsw.edu.au/getting-uni/campus-maps

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**N.B:** Please allow enough time for parking and locating the venue