

Into the Future: the next 25 years



Lots of good news

- Huge strides in life expectancy, literacy, girl and women's empowerment.
- Poor countries becoming middle income nations
- More environmental awareness
- Understanding of biodiversity
- Greater public awareness of development issues through media – Comic Relief etc
- Greater influence of Global South
- Increased professionalisation of the aid business

The Challenges

- Climate change... of course and more humanitarian disasters.



The challenges include:

- Waste, water, energy issues
- Food security
- Religious extremism - conflict
- Ageing populations
- Employment. Especially youth employment
- Influence of multi-nationals
- Migration
- Ensuring positive outcomes from technology
- Increasing complexity of global issues

Economic

Increased protectionism

Financial instability



Risks

Social

Development often leads to increased inequality

Donor fatigue

Political

Politicisation of humanitarian crises

Paralysis in the UN

Opportunities

- New actors and networks outside traditional NGO institutions
- Companies' CSR, citizen's movements
- New donors - China etc
- Increasing influence of Global South
- Increased scrutiny from social media

A wish list for the next 25 years

- Moral responsibility and compassion overcome political expediency
- The political will to end poverty and inequality
- Strong leadership from global leaders that everyone signs up to the same agenda
- Countries may genuinely have ownership of their own development, not driven by agenda of West
- We won't fall shy of the challenge of supporting the 'hard to reach'
- Strong message to the Developed World – **we have to have less so that others may have more**

A role for CWDF

- Effective advocacy – influence leaders
- Engage with Cestrians – inform, influence
- Provide opportunities to bring together NGO professionals and local people to learn, share, support.





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Let's go!