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Re: Poverty Relief

The Department of National Health's attempt to tie Operation Hunger up in red tape while two million people face starvation is yet another example of the government's insincerity in responding to the critical needs of the people it claims to serve.

Six months ago, and in response to heavy pressure from all over the country, the government undertook to provide poverty relief as a counter to the effects of introducing VAT. To date, little has been done to honour that undertaking.

Perhaps one should not be surprised. At the time, we stressed that, in order to avoid increased suffering amongst the poorest sections of our community, poverty relief must be in place before the introduction of VAT.

It seems that our anxieties were well-placed. The government has once again shown bad faith and a monstrous lack of concern for the suffering of people in desperate and urgent need.

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