



Population and Sustainability Network

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The Letters Editor
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Dear Sir,

Population Bombs – George Monbiot, 29/1/2008

We welcome the fact that George Monbiot has at last tackled this important issue. Like him, we want to see this elephant in the room talked about and seen as one of the crucial factors in the heady mix with which we are confronted.

Of course he is right to draw attention to the damage done by the rich 'minority' world. That is why our PSN Network addresses both sides of the 'coin': population growth and consumption, with particular reference to climate change.

Meanwhile, we owe it to the poorest to ensure that family planning and reproductive health services are generously resourced so that women can exercise their human right to plan and space their children.

The Parliamentary Report, *The Return of the Population Factor* (2007) concluded that none of the Millennium Development Goals could be delivered without attention to population growth.

Let us have an open and honest debate about population, in order that it may at last begin to receive the urgent and vital attention it deserves.

Yours faithfully,

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