

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Anti Poverty Week - a focus on who is being left behind

Anti Poverty Week (11- 17 October 2015) creates an opportunity to strengthen our understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship in Australia. As part of Anti Poverty Week, Anglicare Australia released the 2015 State of the Family report '*Who is being left behind?*'

According to Anglicare NT CEO Dave Pugh, the stories in *Who is being left behind?* are about people who are at risk of exclusion. "We see from these stories the importance of community support and access to key services that can make a real difference in people's lives. In the Northern Territory, we know that people are impacted by multiple factors that can all lead to poverty - low or no employment, low income, poor access to fresh food, health issues and in particular, the high cost of housing leading to housing insecurity or homelessness and social discrimination."

The Anglicare Australia Living Standard Trends research that was released at the Anglicare Australia national conference in September also shows that the 'poor simply get poorer and so are excluded from our society' (NATSEM 2015).

"We believe that governments of all levels need to act to address poverty. We call for further resources to be invested in northern Australian where they are so badly needed and matched with policy reform to help provide opportunities for those who are already behind," said Dave Pugh CEO, Anglicare NT.

Visit the website to download a copy of the reports:

#### State of the Family Report

[http://www.anglicare.asn.au/site/state\\_of\\_the\\_family\\_report\\_2015\\_who\\_is\\_being\\_left\\_.php](http://www.anglicare.asn.au/site/state_of_the_family_report_2015_who_is_being_left_.php)

#### Living Standards Trends in Australia

[http://www.anglicare.asn.au/site/living\\_standard\\_trends\\_natsem\\_research\\_report.php](http://www.anglicare.asn.au/site/living_standard_trends_natsem_research_report.php)

### FOR COMMENTS OR INTERVIEWS

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