

## Steven Crabb Supports IF Campaign

By Sharron Hardwick, Tearfund's Voluntary Media Officer for Pembrokeshire.

Tearfund Wales Volunteer Manager, Fiona Michael, Tearfund Wales Volunteer, Francis Maull ( Broad Haven) joined Christian Aid Volunteers & Traidcraft supporters: Gwyndaf and Heather Tomos (Crymych) to meet MP Stephen Crabb recently.

The group represented 3 of the 150 strong coalition of organisations behind the Enough Food For Everyone - IF campaign. Around the world, people are struggling to feed their families, even in the UK. IF is acting for the almost a billion people who go to bed hungry every night; and 2 million children dying from malnutrition every year. Stephen Crabb said: "It's good for me to see people in my constituency are concerned about the 1 in 8 people who go to bed hungry in the world," and was interested to find out more about the IF campaign.

IF believe this year is our chance to act as in June the UK is hosting the G8. IF are addressing 4 main issues:

**Aid:** challenging our government to keep its promise to give 0.7% of aid, ensuring this aid goes to the people who need it most.

Tearfund Manager, Fiona Micheal shared how: "We asked for our thanks about being the first country in the G8 to commit to 0.7% gdp will go towards aid. We also asked if it would be considered that this will become law not just a one off."

**Land:** To stop companies and governments grabbing land from poor communities, and to change the EU biofuel target that makes land grabs more profitable and pushes up food prices.

**Tax:** IF wants to stop tax dodging by multinational companies, so they pay more tax in poor countries where they operate, so poor countries' governments can spend it on tackling poverty.

**Transparency:** IF want governments of poor countries to be more accountable to their people for how they use their budgets; and multinational food companies to be more accountable for their food stocks and food prices.

The group left an 'Enough If' wristband with Mr Crabb. Supporters can purchase IF bands at Oxfam, Haverfordwest, or online.

"Tearfund Wales are encouraging Pembrokeshire people and Churches to take part by using the Tearfund Recipe for Change pack. Together we can make 2013 the start of the end of world hunger." concluded Fiona".

For a visit, resources and to join IF visit [www.tearfund.org/if](http://www.tearfund.org/if) call Fiona Michael Tearfund Wales Specialist Volunteer Manager and Church Liaison Officer [07977 215 340](tel:07977215340).

