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## The Population Crisis – A Call to Arms Part Two Eric Rimmer

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The following post is Part Two of Eric Rimmer's earlier article,  
[\*The Population Crisis – A Call to Arms.\*](#)

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Global Human Population continues to rise, inexorably.

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Human Population (Total number)	7.0 Bn	7.1 Bn	7.2 Bn	7.3 Bn	7.4 Bn	7.5 Bn	7.6 Bn

The rate of increase is 88 million a year – or about 240,000 a day.  
Every minute of every day, it looks like this:

[Total Human Population Clock](#)

If we are to make an impact on population growth We must slow, then **STOP THAT CLOCK!**  
This provides a slogan, a goal, **and** a measure of progress!

Assuming we can have a fully active global campaign in place by 2020, and if we made 2030 a target to **STOP THE CLOCK** – we would have 10 years to achieve an end to human population growth. At a current daily growth rate of 240,000, we would need to slow human population growth by 24,000 year on year for 10 years, or 66 per day. That does not sound like an impossible target! (After we **STOP THE CLOCK** we could decide how much further to shrink the population).

However, to bring about the target reduction, it must be fully recognized that only universal one-child families can deliver our goals. (<https://mahb.stanford.edu/library-item/population-workbook>). That will be an extremely hard sell.

In the poor countries the huge number of births is often the product of beliefs and circumstances that span many centuries, and will be tough to change. However, without the change, many countries are on a suicidal path, and may be induced to recognize that. In the rich countries, the bonus will be a reduction in consumption and CO<sup>2</sup> emissions, as well as births.

To achieve any of that, we must influence those that can help to influence others. Possible targets include:

- The United Nations organization
- Each Leader of the 193 UN Member Nations
- World Scientists (They have just issued [a 2<sup>nd</sup> warning](#))
- The so-called “Greens” e.g. WWF
- Population campaign organizations.
- (Are there others?)

Each of those targets would need a specific campaign organization, to be integrated into an overall campaign. Related campaigns, like “World Vasectomy Day”, could be combined with other campaign activities.

As we design an overall campaign, there are many related activities to consider – all ideas are welcome!

But everything depends on widespread recognition that we **MUST** stop and reverse that clock, if we are going to have any chance of averting a massive global tragedy.

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