WARNING: Climate change negotiations without water on the agenda may cause severe side effects for impoverished farmers throughout the world.
These are the harsh realities – made worse by climate change – that poor people around the world are already struggling to cope with.

For these people, climate change means water change.
For the 70% of the world’s poor who depend on small-scale farming for food, changes in rain and weather mean the crops they rely on are being put at risk.

The world will meet to discuss a new climate change deal in Copenhagen in 2009, but as we scramble to stop the causes of climate change, dealing with its effects must not take second place.

For the sake of the world’s poor, we need to JUST ADD WATER.
A recipe for disaster!

450 million small farms around the world
2 billion people dependent on small farms for food
1 world summit on Climate Change
1 handful of world leaders
0 water on the agenda

Instructions: Mix ingredients well.
Watch as world poverty increases.

In the scramble to stop the causes of climate change, world leaders risk forgetting a vital ingredient: water.

Climate change is already happening, and the world’s poorest people are feeling the brunt of the effects.

Be the voice of the world’s poorest people. Tell the UK government we cannot forget about water as we struggle to cope with our changing climate.

Just add water. It couldn’t be simpler. Fill in the attached letter and send it your MP!
Dear ________________________________________________________ MP

For the world’s poorest people, climate change means water change – changes in rainfall patterns, droughts and floods. 70% of the world’s poor depend on small-scale farming. This water change puts livelihoods – and people’s ability to grow the food they need – at risk. The UK has been a major contributor to climate change. Now it must help the people hardest hit. Please write on my behalf to the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy and Climate Change and urge the UK government to:

- Prioritise the water sector on funding for climate change adaptation, with particular attention to small-scale farmers in developing countries
- Advocate for a specific focus on water – due to its impact on the lives of the poor – at the UNFCCC negotiations at Copenhagen

Yours sincerely (signature) ___________________ Your Name: ______________________________

Address:  _________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________ Postcode: __________________________

Email (optional): ___________________________________________

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