

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Indigenous Australians die nearly 18 years earlier than non-Indigenous people.

Indigenous infant mortality is around three times higher than for non-Indigenous Australians, a result 50% worse than for Indigenous children in New Zealand or the USA. (CTG)

Indigenous Australians are twenty times more likely to die of rheumatic heart disease, four times more likely to die of respiratory conditions, and three times more likely to die of circulatory conditions. They are three times more likely to have a major coronary event and three times more likely to have diabetes. (AMA)

58% of Indigenous people in Australia are at risk of poverty – approximately 300,000 people. (ABS)

The government spends less per person on Indigenous than non-Indigenous health. This year's Federal Budget allocated \$30million pa for Indigenous health funding. The AMA estimates \$460million pa is required to adequately address Indigenous health. (Caritas)

Inadequate housing, education, employment and access to basic services directly results in poor health for Indigenous communities.

Authors of the report into child abuse in the NT say the government's response bears 'no response' to their recommendations for addressing the crisis. (UCA)

Most material in this information sheet is drawn from the Uniting Church in Australia's Federal Election 2007 resource kit, *Growing a Nation of Hope*.