

# Children Australia



end global poverty

Sanctions deadly: Iraq

ACOSS claims 50pc increase demands \$1.2bn funding boost

600,000 children in poverty

parents jobless

Two million feel pain

10pc of traditional families

problems

Valley

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depending on their decision or forgo private health care, Ms Orr said. A \$90,000 family took on a \$90,000 house, they renounced water and sewage, putting them in a shanty town.

Car expenses Ms Orr said these families stand by

work clothing and child care increase disposable income. Ms Orr said although

family

poor: WEALTH GAP. Why?

Telephone couple no kids Single couple no kids One-income couple no kids Aged single

al poverty

Professor [unclear] growth in income setting factors. The number of mothers in part-time work rose from 1.5 million in 1994 to 1.8 million in 1995.

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Deal with forced

ing youth

poverty

Poverty gap is widening

PRIVATE RENTAL

YOUTH HOUSE (15-24 year olds)

BOARDING HOUSES

OWNER

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