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The Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations

Press Release

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TDs, Senators and NGOs spread the good news about developing countries with 2014 edition of "World's Best News" Paper

On Thursday 25th September, Irish TDs and Senators, along with the members of Dóchas, the Irish aid agency umbrella body, launched the 2014 print edition of the "World's Best News", an Irish NGO good news paper. The paper will be distributed to thousands of commuters on the streets of Dublin, Cork and Galway on Friday morning the 26th September.

The World's Best News was launched by Dóchas members in 2013, with the aim of telling the stories of real and positive change in developing countries. The 2014 edition is the second print edition of the paper, with the first edition printed in October last year.

Leading headlines highlight the fact that nine out of ten children in developing countries are now enrolled in school, and that global malaria infection rates have almost halved, while other articles draw attention to technology and trade initiatives.

Speaking at the newspaper's launch, Hans Zomer, Director of Dóchas, said:

"The World's Best News is about telling the stories of the huge changes that are happening around us: the unreported reality of steady and unrelenting improvement in human lives right across the world. At times there may not be space in today's media for these good news stories. With the World's Best News we aim to counter stereotypes of developing countries, and also to counter the myth that aid does not work and that ordinary citizens cannot make a difference."

As well as an annual print version, the news service also has online versions on [Facebook](#), [Tumblr](#), [Instagram](#) and [Flipboard](#). Some stories have already been published on the online platforms but the majority of stories and photos will be published for the first time in the 2014 edition.

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Notes to the editor

- Dóchas is the association of Irish Non-Governmental Development Organisations. It provides a forum for consultation and cooperation between its 62 members, and helps them speak with a single voice on development issues. For more information, visit: www.dochas.ie
- A list of the 62 members of Dóchas can be found at: <http://www.dochas.ie/membership/our-members/>