

## **Steve Robertson named Donor Relations Director for Opportunity International Australia**

1 July 2010, Sydney, Australia – Former Macquarie Banker Steve Robertson has been named Donor Relations Director of [Opportunity International Australia](http://www.opportunity.org.au), a non-profit organisation that uses a business approach to solve the problem of poverty.

Steve has 20 years' experience in the Australian and global financial services sector, having worked with leading global investment managers such as Citibank, JP Morgan and Rothschild, primarily in capital raising and client communication and relation roles. Most recently, Steve was an Executive Director with Macquarie Bank. With extensive experience in leading teams in Australia and overseas, Steve has a strong passion for customer service and building long-term sustainable business relationships.

Steve said: "After 20 years of working in the corporate financial services sector, I am keen to apply my skills, knowledge and network to invest back into the community. I have known and supported Opportunity International Australia for some time and have seen how effective their microfinance programs are in helping people living in poverty to change their lives. Opportunity International Australia is a world leader in the development of microfinance to help the poor. I am delighted to be joining them."

Robert Dunn, Chief Executive Officer of Opportunity International Australia commented: "We are delighted to have Steve joining the leadership team at Opportunity. Our microfinance programs have had a significant impact within poor communities throughout India, Indonesia and the Philippines, but our projects require strong donor support to do so. We need to expand and strengthen our supporter base, partnering with Australians who want to make a difference to families in need around the world. As a strong communicator and leader, and as someone with a passion to make a difference in people lives, Steve will be leading this program. His skills and network will be most valuable as we continue with our mission to see people lifted out of poverty permanently. The challenge to eliminate world poverty is significant but not insurmountable."

For more information about Opportunity International Australia, please visit:  
[www.opportunity.org.au](http://www.opportunity.org.au)

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### **About Opportunity International Australia**

Opportunity International Australia has over 35 years' experience in providing microfinance and other support services to the people living in poverty in developing countries. The organisation sees 97% of its loans repaid, which go on to help other families break the cycle of poverty, year after year. Each successful business can feed a family, employ more people and contribute to the entire community.