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Government Will Push More Families Back into Poverty If It Doesn't Change Course

Commenting on the new Household Below Average Income Figures launched today Family Action Chief Executive Helen Dent said: "With 3.8 million children still living in poverty the Government has a mountain to climb to go to meet its pledge of eradicating poverty by 2020. The Child Poverty Strategy won't be worth the paper it's written on if concrete action isn't taken now to invest in families and lift children out of poverty.

Whilst we welcome the reduction in the number of families living in poverty these figures show we're concerned that welfare cuts and the slashing of services will reverse these modest gains and push the families we work with deeper into poverty. Welfare caps, cuts to support for new parents and their children and plans to slash support for disabled children all threaten to push families into poverty and will lead to the Government failing with more, not less families in poverty."

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New HBAI figures have been published today and are available on the link below:
http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/hbai/hbai2010/pdf_files/first_release_0910.pdf