

Our call for a new Business, Human Rights and Environment Act

So far, **518 MPs** out of a total 650 have been contacted by more than a thousand CAFOD supporters to call for a new **Business, Human Rights and Environment Act** which would compel UK companies to prevent abuses all around the world.

This is a great start so a huge thank you if you've already taken this action. But, in order to ensure that our Catholic voice is fully heard we still need thousands more people to contact their representatives, too. MPs have a stronger mandate to act on something if several constituents get in touch.

Please share this action with as many people as possible to ensure that we put an end to corporate abuses: cafod.org.uk/newlaw



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These are the words of Misael Socarras Ipuana, a member of the Wayúu community of La Gran Parada, Colombia, who have suffered the impacts of the huge open-pit Cerrejón coal mine for years. This mine has been owned by international companies all based in the UK or listed on the London Stock Exchange.

Read more at cafod.org.uk/news/latest-news:
“Why it’s now time to tackle corporate abuse.”



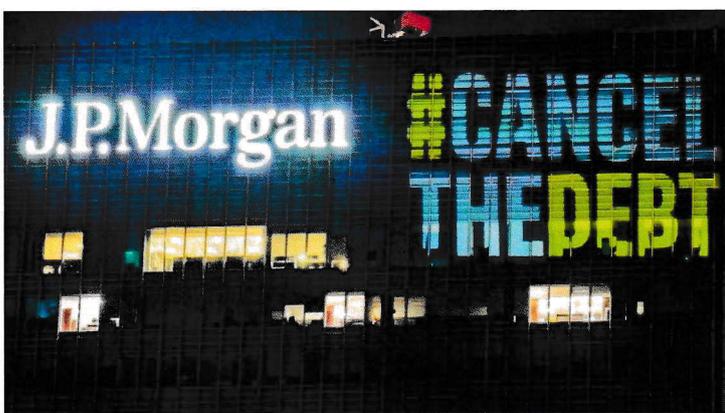
Parliament in your Parish: the next step Thursday 7 April 7pm

Join us to celebrate the success of our Parliament in your Parish initiative, when an incredible **112 MPs in England and Wales** were met by groups of CAFOD supporters between April and November 2021 and to ask, what’s next? How can the relationship with our MP be developed in 2022?

Catholics across England and Wales met their MP last year to call for urgent climate action to be taken at COP26, as well as debt cancellation for low-income countries.

Many MPs said how much they appreciated the chance for a detailed, productive conversation with their constituents, especially one that was focused on the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world.

What’s next? Now that those relationships between parish groups and an MP have been started or continued, what can be done to develop them further? How can we communicate with our MPs this year to build on the success of Parliament in your Parish, and work with our MPs for a better world? Join us online on **Thursday 7 April 2022, 7pm-8.30pm** at cafod.org.uk/PIYPnextsteps



Calls for debt justice become more urgent

We've been part of renewed demands for debts of low-income countries to be cancelled since the start of the pandemic so that countries can stop making debt payments and instead support their citizens.

Two years into the pandemic and many more countries are in debt crisis.

Zambia is about to start negotiating with its lenders including other countries such as the UK and private banks, asset managers and hedge funds – who have so far ignored our calls to cancel the debt. This is a crucial time for us to increase the pressure on the UK government and private lenders like BlackRock to cancel as much of Zambia's debt as possible to give the country a chance to deal with the health and economic impacts of Covid-19.

Whatever happens with Zambia will probably affect how much debt is cancelled for other countries. We will be in contact soon about how you can show solidarity with our Zambian partners by calling on private lenders to cancel Zambia's debt. cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt

RENEW - CAFOD's Young Adult event on Sat 23 April

In the face of injustice will you sit back...or step up? Do you hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor...and will you answer?

If you're aged 18-30 and ready to raise your voice against injustice, this is your chance. Join like-minded young Catholics at CAFOD's main office in London at 11am on Saturday 23 April 2022 and find out how you can play your part in challenging the root causes that drive poverty, injustice and the climate crisis.

Sign up now at cafodyoungadulteventtickets.eventbrite.co.uk



Tell us what you think!

This monthly update is produced for CAFOD's Campaign Volunteers. We put it together carefully each month to help you stay informed about our campaigns and critically, to help you to share our campaigns with others in your parish.



We would love to know how useful it is for you, and how we can improve it.

Please take a few minutes to respond to these questions, either by emailing Helen Moseley (above), Campaigns Engagement Manager, via hmoseley@cafod.org.uk or by post to Helen Moseley, CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB, **by 31 March**. Or if you don't consider yourself a Campaigns Volunteer, do let us know that too. Thank you.

- 1) Does this update help you in your role as a CAFOD Campaigns Volunteer in your parish? If so, how do you use it?
- 2) Do you have any suggestions about how we could improve it or make it more useful for you?
- 3) If you would like to chat to one of our campaigns team about any aspect of our campaigns work or your role as a Campaigns Volunteer, do let us know that too as we would be happy to.

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