

Cancel the debt!

Coronavirus is causing devastation right across the world. Many of the world's poorest nations are not only dealing with this health emergency but also facing unimaginable financial hardship as a result of the global economic slow-down.

Many countries are being plunged into a new debt crisis as they respond to the threat of the virus while managing spiralling debt payments.

If these payments were cancelled, money could be diverted to find vital healthcare and help countries to recover and rebuild from the crisis.



The World Bank and IMF will gather in October for their annual meetings. The UK is a powerful shareholder in both, and has an important role to play in ensuring these global institutions act fast to avoid the pandemic causing lasting damage to the world's poorest people.



As they gather we will be ready, presenting them with the faces of thousands of people from all over the world saying it's time to #CancelTheDebt. Join our call to action and encourage others to join in, too!

How to join in:

- Take a photo of yourself creatively displaying the words 'Cancel the debt', if possible, by a town sign or notable feature
- Share your image on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and use the hashtag #CancelTheDebt. Be sure to tag @cafod so we can find your photos!

•If you don't have a social media account, email your photo to us at campaign.writer@cafod.org.uk

•Inspire others by sharing your photo with friends and family.

Visit cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt for more information

Save the date!

Want to learn more about debt? Join us for an online talk about how the debt crisis is affecting countries in the Global South on **Thursday 17 September, 6 – 7.30pm**. Sign up at cafod.org.uk/debtinjustice

