





CANADIAN CONFERENCE
OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

1967



A democratic movement for global solidarity
rooted in **Catholic Social Teaching**

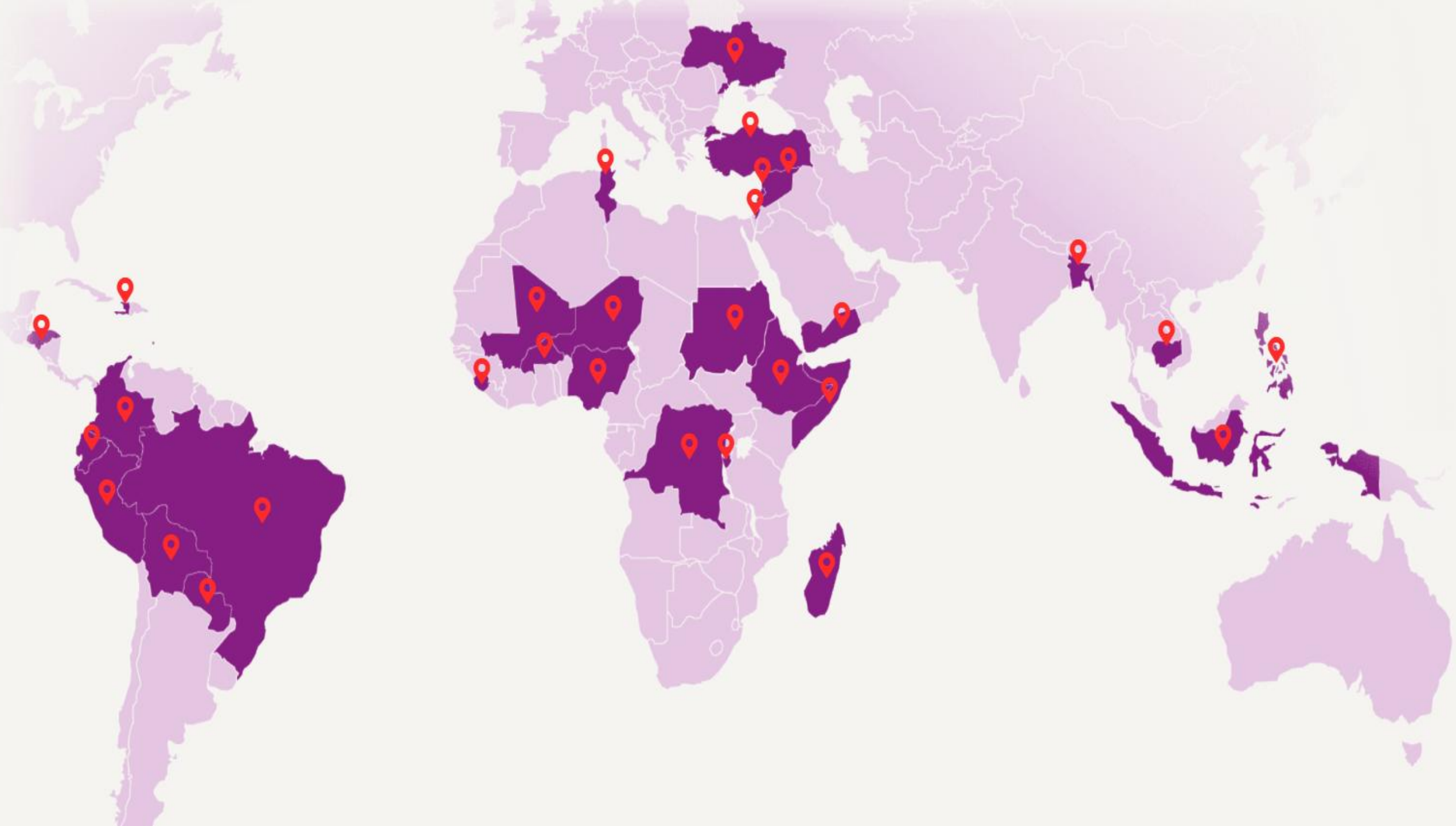
A TWO-FOLD MISSION:



Community development and humanitarian aid overseas



Raising awareness, advocacy and action in Canada





GOVERNANCE

- National Council- 15 members from across Canada, including 4 bishops and 2 youth representatives
- Follow structures of church with Diocesan Council in each diocese, deanery reps and parish reps

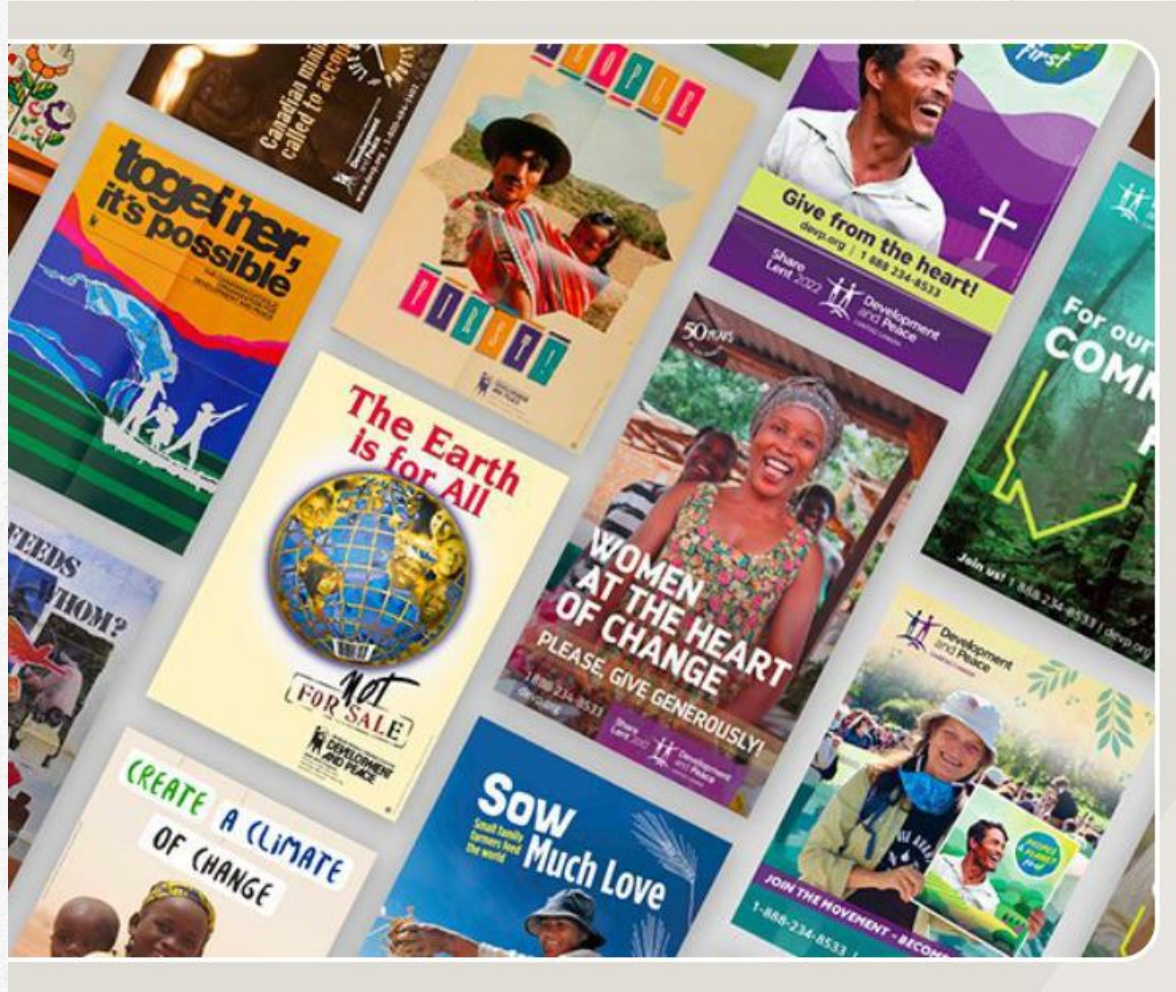
WHY? GOOD NEWS!

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to **proclaim good news to the poor.**
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners

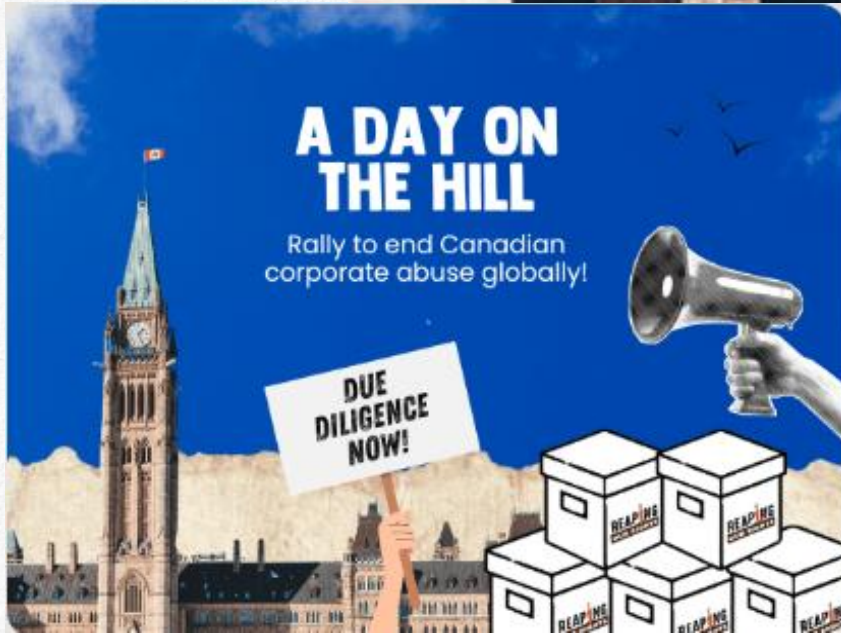
Is 61:1

Campaigns

TURN
DEBT
INTO
Hope



- Spring Share Lent Fundraising Campaign
- Fall Education and Action Campaign



- 41000 cards signed across Canada
- Friday, September 26
- Cards will be delivered to the government in a rally on Parliament Hill

TURN DEBT INTO Hope



**Development
and Peace**
CARITAS CANADA



An Appeal from the Canadian Bishops for Debt Justice

- International financial system is unjust
- Hinders development
- Traps many countries in cycle of unfair borrowing



Forgive Us Our Debts

Pastoral Letter on Debt Forgiveness in the Jubilee Year 2025

Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

END UNJUST DEBTS

- Interest on debt 2 to 12 times higher
- Inflation and the Covid-19 pandemic increased debt dramatically
- 3.4 billion people live in countries that spend more on debt payments than on health or education



PETITION

- **Public, private and multilateral creditors must cancel or reduce debts**, and political leaders must support a multilateral framework for debt resolution.
- This would be a transformative shift for billions of people, moving us from a model focused on profit and enriching creditors to one that **prioritizes a just society, centering people and the planet.**

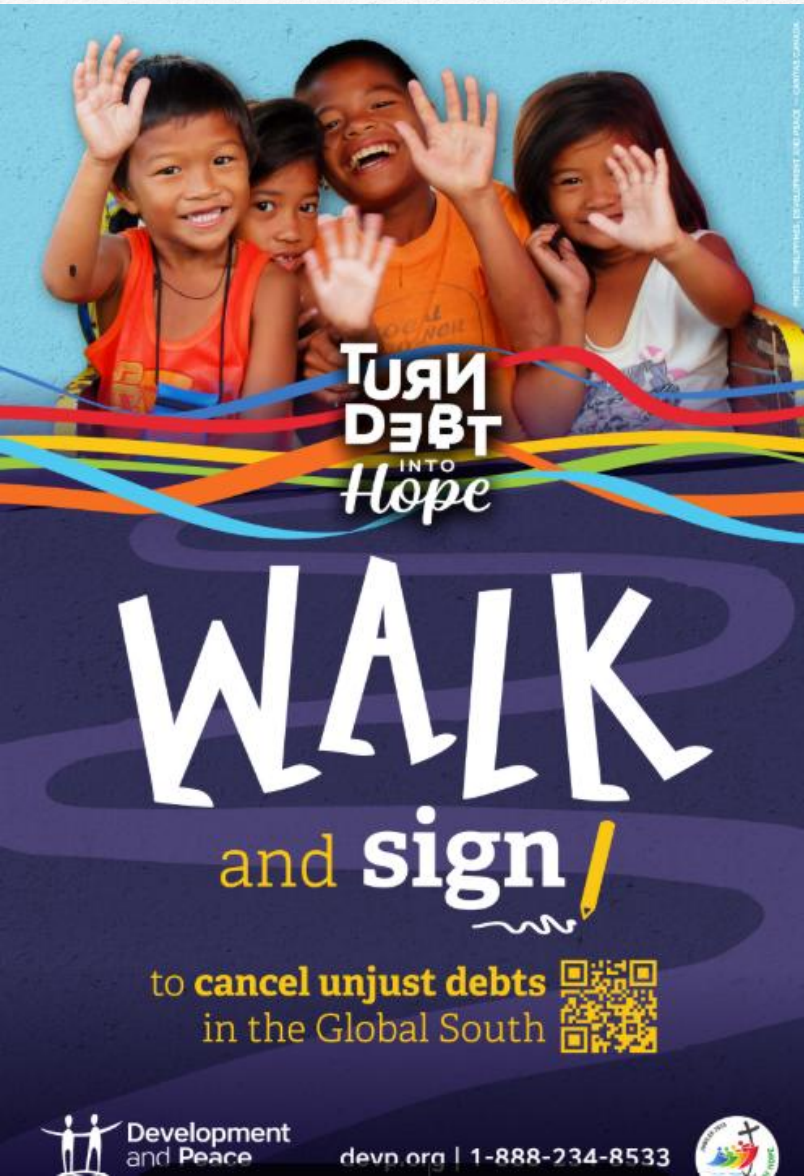
1. Stop the debt crisis now by **cancelling** and remedying unjust and unsustainable debts, without economic policy conditions.
2. **Prevent** debt crises from happening again by addressing their root causes, reforming the global financial system to prioritise people and the planet.
3. Establish a permanent, transparent, binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations.

Progress so far...

- Internationally- Caritas – 165,279
- Canada- 37,575
- Saskatchewan- ~3600
- Saskatoon diocese- 1459- from 8 parishes and 1 school
- Canadian Goal- 100,000 (in conjunction with other faith-based organizations)

What are we asking of you?

TURN
DEBT
INTO
Hope



- Make information available to parishioners
- Petitions – invite parishioners to sign
- Parish Development and Peace Representative
- Parish Administrative Assistant / Parish Associate
- Fall Action workshop, Wed. Sept. 24 @ 7 pm at St. Philip Neri
- Online- Oct. 18, 10am

“Peace be with you...”



TURN
DEBT
INTO
Hope

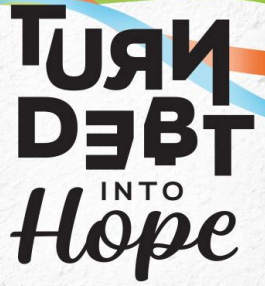
TURN
DEBT
INTO
Hope



Development
and Peace

CARITAS CANADA

Pope Leo



- Peace be with all of you
- All of us are in God's hands. So, let us move forward, without fear, together, hand in hand with God and with one another other! We are followers of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge that can lead us to God and his love. Help us, one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace.



- Where are petitions going?
- From Mike LeBlanc Sept 15/25
- Petitions will be presented to all relevant parties to the petition itself (i.e., those listed on the document and in the asks). Starting with the People's forum at the G7 (and the C7 before) we are stating our case before the international community and will continue to do so at key events particularly related to global finance. Lastly I believe we'll try in some form to present our petitions to our government so as to swing Canada on board international financial reform since it's the UN framework that we (and Pope Francis) have consistently listed as the key means of change. If you have further questions it's good to either message Dean Detloff or look up some of the things he's written or co-written (like the CCCB pastoral letter 🗨️)

Jubilee 2000

ТУЯН
ДЭВТ
INTO
Hope





Hospital



Did you know?

The World Bank estimates that low-income countries spend **more on debt servicing** than on health and education combined!

Sudan

In South Kordofan State, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's support allowed our partner *Trócaire* to provide cash assistance to vulnerable families. Most used the money to buy food, some bought household items and clothes, and others paid for medical services. With Canadian Foodgrains Bank funding arranged by us, *Trócaire* also provides therapeutic food and treatment to malnourished women and children at 17 health facilities.



Financial institution



DEBT FOR CLIMATE
IMF & WORLD BANK:
CANCEL THE DEBT!

Did you know?

Impoverished countries get locked into debt cycles because they are forced to borrow at much higher interest rates than rich countries.

Photo: March of the counter-summit of social movements during the meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Marrakesh, October 2023. (Credit: OTE)

Tunisia

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, the *Tunisian Economic Observatory* (OTE), analyzes Tunisia's debt and economic policies. It identifies governmental mismanagement and unfair conditions imposed by international creditors. Through workshops and advocacy, OTE empowers citizens to understand complex issues and demand fairer policies and sustainable economic alternatives. This fosters a more just and inclusive approach to the economy that can benefit all Tunisians.





School

Did you know?

3.4 billion people live in countries that spend more on debt servicing than on education or health.



Ethiopia

In a camp for internally displaced persons in Mekelle, Ethiopia, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, the *Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul*, provided food, dignity kits and psychosocial support to 568 women and children. Among them were Ade and her five-year-old daughter, Melati. They had fled the conflict in West Tigray. Ade says **the assistance they received saved their lives.**

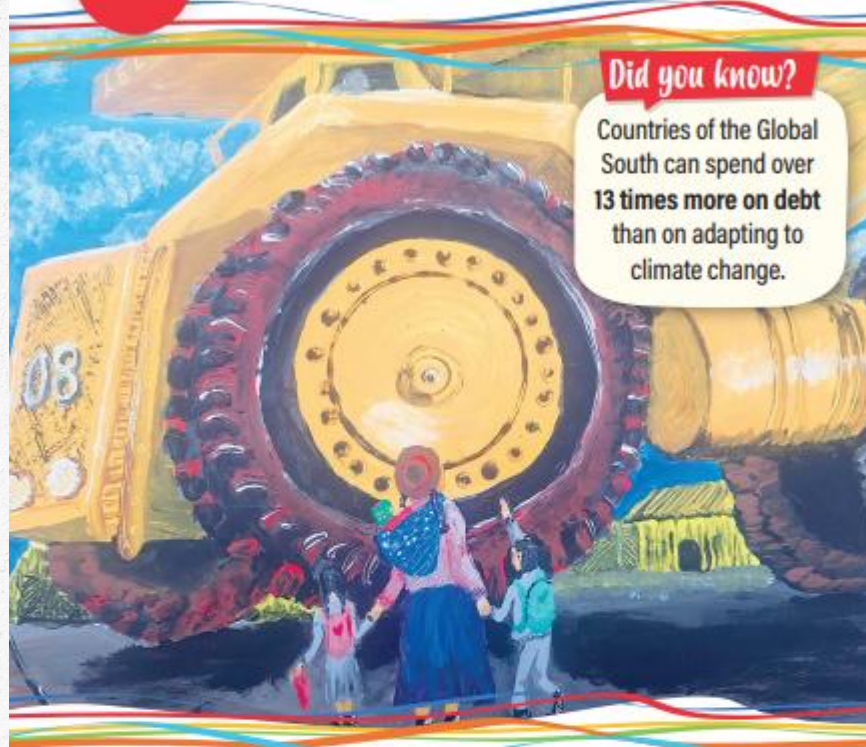
Struggling for basic survival, Ade used to not place much importance on education. Now, however, she has come to understand the value of education and childcare services. She hopes that the children in the camp will get to enjoy full-day schooling some day, rather than only the half days they are offered now. That would allow her to find work to support her family.



Church

Did you know?

Countries of the Global South can spend over 13 times more on debt than on adapting to climate change.



Peru

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partners, the *Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS)* and the *Institut Bartolomé de Las Casas (IBC)* work with communities affected by the unscrupulous exploitation of their natural resources. Through training and advocacy, they equip people to understand and defend their rights and protect their future.



Development
and Peace
CARITAS CANADA

TURN
DEBT
INTO
HOPE