

From G7 to COP30

We were present at the G7 summit held in Alberta this summer. It was the first of several global meetings where we want to raise awareness about the Jubilee campaign. Help us amplify this message by collecting more signatures to present at COP30 and the G20 this fall. Like we did at the G7, a delegation from Development and Peace — Caritas Canada will be calling for action at the COP30 in Brazil.



Turn Debt into Hope

Around the world, many communities are living in precarious conditions because their governments lack the funds to finance essential services such as hospitals and schools.



No less than 40 per cent of the world's population lives in countries that spend more on repaying debt than on health, education or adapting to climate change.



Impoverished countries also have to repay loans at higher interest rates, which holds back crucial funding for development and sustainability.

TOGETHER,
let's send a clear message to the world's creditors and political leaders:

the unjust debts of the Global South, which oppress the most impoverished people, must be remedied, so that everyone can live in peace and dignity.



On the road to justice

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada joins Caritas Internationalis, KAIROS Canada and others around the world in the global **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign. In this Jubilee year, we are calling for the cancellation of the unjust and unsustainable debts of the Global South. Our campaign also highlights the ecological debt that wealthy countries owe to many of the same countries in the Global South that are caught in debt traps.

Ecological debt in PERU

Peru uses mining-friendly laws to attract major investments from international resource companies. Extractive industries account for over 60 per cent of the country's exports. But this does little for Peruvians, 30 per cent of whom remain below the national poverty line. Mining also leaves a trail of environmental degradation, conflict and human rights abuses. This adds to the ecological debt that the wealthy countries that benefit from mining owe to local populations that suffer its harms.

Our partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS) and the Bartolomé de Las Casas Institute (IBC), are working closely with affected communities to help them assert their rights. To learn more, watch this video:



Precarity in ETHIOPIA

In Ethiopia, a humanitarian crisis caused by a combination of internal conflicts and displacement; an influx of refugees from neighbouring countries; and recurrent climate shocks has left 28.6 million people needing aid. Having to pay billions every year in interest on the country's substantial debts hampers the state's capacity to address the people's worsening situation.

The crisis is not abstract; it affects real people like Ade and her daughter, Melati, 5. They were forced to flee conflict in West Tigray along a path paved with horrors. After a traumatizing month of witnessing deaths and violence against women, they reached a camp for internally displaced persons in Mekelle, where they finally found some relief.

There, our partner, the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul, provided food, dignity kits and psychosocial support to 568 women and children. Ade said gratefully, "Their assistance saved our lives!" But ideally, such lifesaving support should not come from an NGO. Remedying unjust debt burdens and creating a fairer financial system would enable states like Ethiopia to better attend to their citizens' humanitarian and developmental needs.



Let's prioritize people and the planet!

Join the call to cancel the unjust debts of the Global South



By the end of the 2025 Jubilee (scheduled for January 6, 2026), we aim to collect **60,000 signatures** in Canada on the global campaign petition that asks creditors and world leaders to:

1. Stop the debt crisis by cancelling and remedying unjust and unsustainable debts.
2. Prevent further debt crises by reforming the global financial system.
3. Establish a debt resolution mechanism within the United Nations.

Sign and share the petition!
devp.org/debt



Let's walk for debt justice



The Jubilee 2025 theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*, encourages us to walk to raise awareness of the debt crisis afflicting our sisters and brothers in the Global South.

Let's be especially visible on Sunday, **November 16, 2025**, the Jubilee of the Poor, for a moment of global mobilization. Learn more at devp.org/walk.



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