

# AFRICA ACTION SHEET

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## GLOBAL BRITAIN: EXPORTING HEALTHCARE DEBT

The Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) have been widely discredited in the UK, where they have saddled health services with enormous debts. The UK government must stop this dishonest promotion and instead tell the world the true cost of health PPPs.

### ZAMBIA

Zambia's economy has been devastated by the recent drop in commodity prices and it is teetering on the edge of debt crisis. In July 2015, the British High Commission set up a PPPs training unit in Zambia. Acting High Commissioner Sean Melbourne is quoted by British Government reports is keen to promote UK-Zambia trade for the benefit of both countries and to share its expertise in the development and successful implementation of Public Private Partnerships."

Sixteen PPP projects are listed on the website of the Zambia Development Agency, two in health, nine in transport, two in agriculture and three in energy. One of the health PPPs listed is a hospital in Lusaka.

### LESOTHO

The UK's Department for International Development has funded the World Bank to provide 'advice' on implementing PPPs in healthcare. One of the first countries in the global South to complete a healthcare PPP is Lesotho. Oxfam have exposed how the PPP hospital, completed in 2011, is already costing three times more than the old public hospital it replaced. Meanwhile, the private investors are expecting a 25% return every year.

Please tell Jeremy Hunt to stop promoting rip-off health PPPs in the Global South. Take action at

**Jubilee Debt Campaign**

<http://jubileedebt.org.uk/actions/5974>

### "Dangerous Deals in the Dark"

This campaign is fighting for a democratic process for the UK as it begins negotiations on Brexit trade deals.

Five things would make the trade process democratic and accountable to the public:

- The right of parliament to set a thorough mandate to govern each trade negotiation, with a remit for the devolved administrations
- The right of the public to be consulted as part of setting that mandate
- Full transparency in negotiations
- The right of parliament to amend and to reject trade deals, with full debates and scrutiny guaranteed and a remit for the devolved administrations

See *Global Justice Now* and sign the petition at:

<https://act.globaljustice.org.uk/call-trade-democracy-uk>

### MEETING OF AEFJN UK ANTENNA

7th—8th November 2017

Wistaston Hall, Crewe

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**Programme includes:**

**AFRICA'S DEBT—UK'S ROLE**

*Speaker: Tim Jones, Jubilee Debt Campaign*

**"An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power"**

*Film on Climate Change— by Al Gore*

Questions, discussion, action

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**EVERYONE WELCOME**

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**Power to be:**  
**CAFOD's**  
**renewable energy**  
**campaign**



Every child has the power in them to achieve great things. But with one in six people still living without electricity, the hopes of millions of the world's children are too often a distant dream.

Local, renewable energy is usually the cheapest, fastest and most efficient solution to bring power to the poorest communities. It can help families to lift themselves out of poverty, without harming the world we share.

**Renewable energy can transform lives** for children – so they don't have to depend on unreliable, dangerous and unhealthy energy sources.

The UK already spends money on energy access for the poorest communities through the World Bank - but currently less than 3% of World Bank energy spending supports the kind of energy that we know tackles poverty.

**Take action: sign CAFOD's petition to the World Bank**

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Power-to-be/Energy-campaign>

## Fairtrade Gold: A journey from Mine to Maker

photographed by Ian Berry

More than 100 million people worldwide depend on artisanal and small-scale mining for survival. 90% of the labour force involved in gold mining is made up of artisanal and small-scale miners. Sixteen million men, women and children work in harsh conditions doing back-breaking work to scrape a living. **They produce 380-450 tonnes of gold each year – around 10% of the global gold supply.**



**Fairtrade gold is now present in more than a dozen countries around the world. The long term vision is to reach 5% of the gold jewellery markets over a 15-year period**

"Fairtrade have really good people on the ground there who are helping enormously. They are helping these miners by providing safety equipment and also helping miners deal with the middle man. Now miners wear smart boiler suits and rubber boots. Hard hats are essential around machinery. Care is taken to make the often 60ft deep open pits safe to work in and essentially, miners are rewarded with a decent price for the gold they produce. Child labour is prohibited under Fairtrade's Standards. The aim is to, eventually, remove children from the work in the surrounding conventional mines and get them into school or, at least to begin with, prevent them from distorting their young, growing bodies by being subject to day-long digging."

Ian Berry's *Mine to Maker* photographic series will be on display at the Goldsmiths' Centre during the London Design Festival between 21 – 24 September

**Part of the series will join a selling exhibition of jewellery curated by Fair Luxury made from Fairtrade and other sustainably sourced materials. It opens to the public 18 September – 27 October. Opening hours are Monday to Friday, 9am – 6pm, and admission is free.**

<http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/Media-Centre/Blog/2017/September/Fairtrade-Gold>

### News from the Kenyan Antenna

"From the RSCK (Religious Superiors Conference of Kenya) meeting, we had agreed that, since we are already involved in one way or another in what AEFJN is doing, it will be good to begin with a particular focus as we learn to build up the network.

We agreed to focus on issues of advocacy on **Climate Change**, which is a discussion that interests Kenya and Africans as there are very few organizations engaged in it. The global discussions on **Climate Change** are not attracting local interest or involving people who are directly affected by it. This will give us opportunity not only to make our voices heard but also for us to make practical contributions to discussions on **Climate Change** and global warming and ways to combat it.

We also agreed that it will be important to make this part of the agenda for the RSCK AGM, which is coming up in November so that we can mobilize religious to become involved. This could also form part of our agenda for next year."

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### Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

#### Livelihoods and Food Security Programme

In **Mali**, the FAO is implementing the **Caisses de Resilience** approach with a strong focus on nutrition to support 3,000 vulnerable households in 64 villages in the Mopti region.

It focuses on promoting women's empowerment and improving nutrition for vulnerable households through an integrated approach, which specifically supports women's communication and leadership skills.

Improving nutrition is the central objective of the programme with activities on production, training and awareness.

Reinforcing local authorities for improved governance, coordination and increased collective impact at the local level ensures the efficiency and continuity of the programme.

See more:: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i6440e.pdf>

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