

**Poverty
is human
made**

**...
so we have
the power
to undo it.**

**We need to understand the powers that
maintain poverty and seek to change
them... You have started this journey - now
let's keep moving!**

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**Global Poverty
and its Colonial
Roots**

A reEDUCATION

What is Colonialism?

From the 1500's Britain and other countries in Europe colonised countries in Africa, South and Central America, Asia and other regions. Colonialism is the policy or practice of a country seeking to exploit and exert power over other people or territories, with the aim of extracting more money from them.

Colonisers imposed their governance structures, religions, economics, and other cultural practices on indigenous peoples.



Some colonisers used slavery, a practice that allowed individuals to own, buy and sell other humans to labour for free, to increase their yield and profit.

Slavery has caused generations of trauma and racial inequality, a legacy which persists today.

The political activist Angela Davis described the current Black Lives Matter movement as a "global challenge to racism and the consequences of slavery and colonialism"



Wealth and Power

Many countries, multinational corporations and financial institutions in the Global North continue to benefit from the Global South. They create trade deals, tax systems and offer risky loans that they benefit from.

Foreign companies extract natural resources through mining, logging and fishing, damaging the environment.

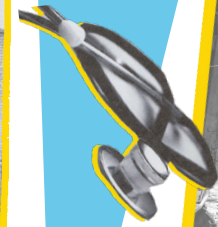
Climate change impacts people in the Global South disproportionately.



The World Bank says ...

'You live in poverty if you live on less than \$1.90 per day'

This needs to cover food, water, housing, and medicine!



Poverty is often measured by how much money you have available to spend.

BUT really ...

Global poverty is also about access to healthcare, a home, community, education, energy, opportunities, decent work, living free from conflict, safety, air quality and more.

When you factor these other issues in, the number of people living in poverty goes up. This would look more like 1.3 billion people, that's 23% of the world's population!

Global poverty is about lack of power

It has been created by human decision making

Global systems are rigged to favour rich companies and countries

But people power can change things for the better