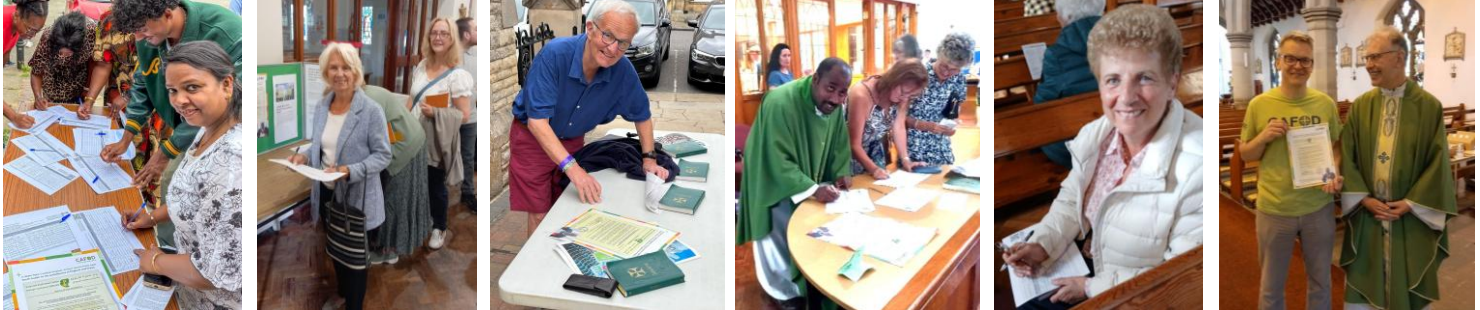




Campaign Update

Aug/Sept 2026

Thank you for all the petition signings!



Dear CAFOD volunteers,

If you were able to hold a debt petition signing in your parish this summer, or still have one planned, a huge thank you. We have received petitions from almost 300 churches so far which is fantastic, totalling over 15,000 signatures. Thank you for being the people who made this possible! If you can, please send us your completed sheets by 1 September, but we can accept them after that. You will get an email letting you know we've received them safely. Email us at campaigns@cafod.org.uk with any questions or feedback. Thank you!

With our prayers and best wishes,
Helen, Andrea, Aisha and Phoebe, CAFOD Campaigns Team

How are we going to use the petition?

We are collecting petition signatures throughout 2026 and will communicate the results with the government at the end of the year, as they take over the presidency of the G20. As you might remember, we did a similar petition last year calling for debt justice, which we delivered to the Foreign Office. We want to build on that success and make sure that the government knows we won't give up! Our petition will add to the global campaign from church groups, bishops, economists and others, increasing the pressure on those in power to act. The petition is only one of the ways we are seeking to influence the government – more about that overleaf.

What's next?

We will continue to campaign on the debt crisis in 2027 since the UK hosting the G20 gives us a special opportunity to push for urgent action – and we will continue the calls for the UK government to pass a 'Debt Justice Law'. More news next time!

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Multilateral, Human Rights, Latin America and the Caribbean

(Chris Elmore): "Supporting developing countries to tackle unsustainable debt is a key priority of this government. Debt servicing costs are at their highest for 25 years and are crowding out vital investments in growth and development....we commend the pioneering work of the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD), both in terms of the life-changing support it delivers through its partners in developing countries, and its advocacy and campaigning for long-term systemic change through measures such as debt relief."
Parliament, 13 May 2026



More on our global debt crisis campaign

In addition to the petitions you have been organising in parishes, we have also hosted a series of Parliamentary events for politicians to hear about the detail of the debt crisis.

In July, two All Party Parliamentary groups, the UN Global Goals and the Friends of CAFOD, had a joint meeting to discuss this crisis (right). CAFOD was represented alongside Her Excellency Ms Macenje Mazoka, High Commissioner of Zambia to the UK, to discuss the role the UK can take to alleviate the crisis when hosting the G20 in 2027.



Send a real postcard!



We are inviting supporters to send a physical postcard to the new Chancellor, John Healey, about the debt crisis. The Treasury has a vital role to play in unlocking solutions to this, and sending physical postcards is a different way to catch their attention in this digital age! To send your card please visit **cafod.justpost.cards**



New action to end illegal settlement trade

One of the greatest obstacles to building peace in the Holy Land is the ongoing expansion of illegal settlements which displace Palestinian families.

As Palestinians are forced from their homes, settlers are using this land to grow and export produce – such as dates and wine - across the world. We must stop the trading of all goods and services produced on land that has been illegally occupied.

If you haven't already responded to an email from us about this, do please visit **cafod.org.uk/takeaction** and see 'End settlement trade'. You can write to the Trade Secretary demanding that the UK follows in the footsteps of countries such as Spain and Ireland and bans trade with illegally occupied Palestinian land.

Come to Parliament with us on Weds 21 Oct

All around the world, the people who grow our food, make our clothes and provide us with the latest tech are suffering from dangerous working conditions, poor pay and polluted working environments. This happens throughout the global supply chains of UK businesses and the public sector. It doesn't have to be this way and we are calling for change.

A new Business, Human Rights and Environment Act would hold UK companies legally responsible for any harm they caused. On **Wednesday 21 October**, as part of a coalition of organisations, we will take part in a lobby of MPs in Parliament called **Good Business Matters** to push for new legislation. The UK is falling behind other countries in Europe on this. We aim to take around 20 CAFOD supporters to this lobby. If you'd like to find out more, with no commitment at this point, please email Helen hmosley@cafod.org.uk



Campaigners' WhatsApp group!

We have a Whatsapp group for CAFOD campaigners, where we share new actions and updates. Scan this QR code with your phone, or you can text us on 07553 040 376 to be added.

Save the date!

On **Saturday 31 October** we will be having our online Faith in Action event, from 10am to 12pm TBC. More details soon.

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