

Debt and Climate Change



Industrialisation is having a **catastrophic impact** on the world's climate.



Climate change is causing displacement





starvation

disease and death



in poor countries.

Across Africa





rains are **less predictable**

and
droughts
are
becoming
more
frequent
and more
severe.



Higher temperatures mean that many **diseases** are spreading.



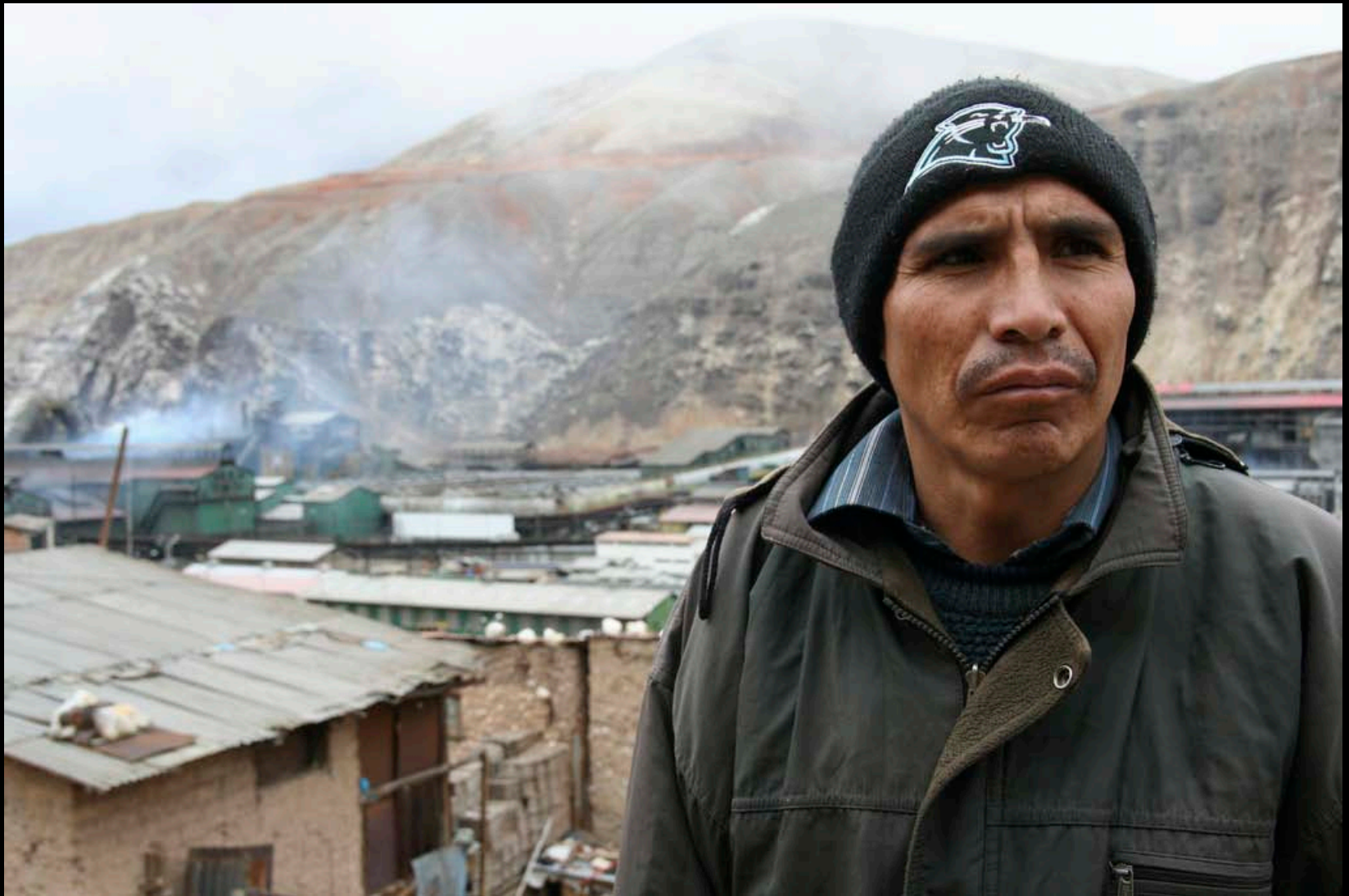
**Huge debt burdens
contribute to
environmental
destruction.**

Many poor countries have to increase exports of **cash crops**



or natural resources





which can drive **deforestation**

in order to pay
their debts in
the 'hard'
foreign
currencies
required.



**And debt burdens make it
harder to cope**



with the effects of
climate change...



The estimated cost for poor countries to adapt to the changing climate is

\$50 billion

per year.

But every year developing
countries pay

ten times
that amount
in debt repayments.

**Who owes whom,
anyway?**

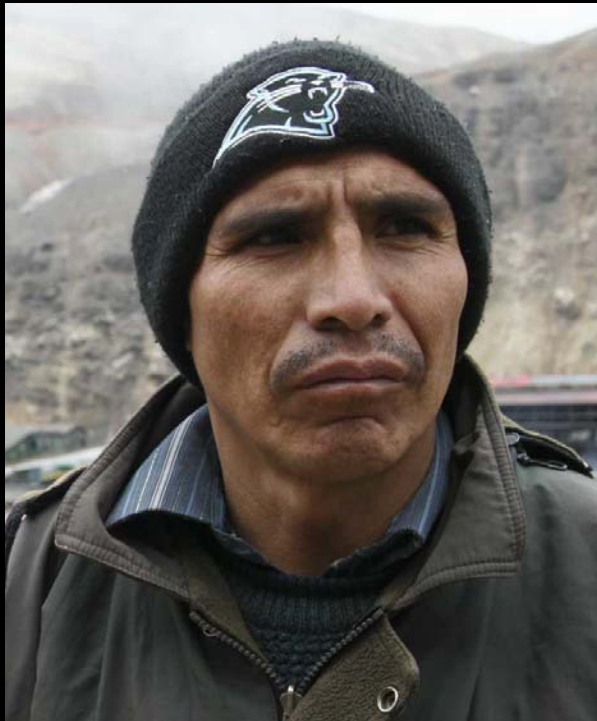


Because the rich world is responsible for the vast majority of carbon emissions,

they owe a huge 'carbon debt' to the poorest countries on earth,



who are paying dearly for
the rich world's carbon
addiction.



This debt has been
estimated at

more than \$1 trillion.

(\$1,000,000,000,000)

In reality, of course,
we cannot put a price on the
damage the rich world is
doing to the poor.





Yet they
continue to
demand
'debt'
repayments,
at the
expense of
people's
needs

while their own - **much larger** - debt goes unpaid.



Get active!

What you can do:

- Sign a petition or postcard
- Write to your MP
- Stay informed
- ***Spread the word!***



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