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Rich countries and polluting corporations in the global north are the most responsible for climate change. As much as 92% of the carbon emissions that are in excess of safe planetary limits come from those rich countries. These include the UK, which is historically the world's 5th biggest polluter. Billions of people across the global south are facing climate chaos, despite being the least responsible for causing it.

At the COP27 climate talks, held in November 2022, countries finally agreed to set up an international compensation fund for 'loss and damage' due to climate change.

Global Justice Now is campaigning to make sure that this compensation is paid by the big polluting corporations in the fossil fuel industry, including in the UK, which has a moral and historic responsibility to act.

Global Justice Now is encouraging us to stand in solidarity with the global south in their demands. We can do this by telling the UK government to make polluters pay for loss and damage! You can do this by signing the petition addressed to the Prime Minister that is on their website www.bit.ly/mpptcd

Prayer

God, thank you that we have the privilege of serving you. Give us the courage to face down injustice, the strength to make a difference, and the wisdom to choose the right action to bring about your desire for peace, equity, and justice, especially for the poorest in the world. In Jesus we live and pray. Amen.



Photo: Hijra in Bangladesh: Wikipedia; public domain

In Bangladesh, there are small, well-defined, transgender communities called Hijras. Hijras are often born male but look and dress in traditionally feminine ways. They face discrimination in every aspect of life: healthcare, education, public transport, and constitutional rights. The main reason is lack of awareness in the wider population, along with no official recognition or formal statistics.

Our partner Bandhu Social Welfare Society has been lobbying on behalf of the transgender and Hijra communities for seven years, alongside UNFPA (the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency) and UNICEF. This year, they achieved a significant victory when the National Curriculum and Textbook Board of Bangladesh agreed to incorporate comprehensive sexuality education into the national curriculum, which helps sensitise children on gender diversity. Bablai Raj Kumar is a Hijra. He writes that he used to work as a manual scavenger. Our Christian Aid partner in the region trained him in manufacturing cleaning products and flower stands. Now he earns 20,000 rupees a month, enhancing his status in society.