DECOLONISATION OF AID IS URGENT FOR EQUALITY AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

INTRODUCTION:
The World Social Forum (WSF) is a civil society forum to speak out and challenge the existing neoliberalism and hegemonic globalisation that has historically perpetuated poverty, inequality, and injustice. It offers collaboration, and people’s struggles across the globe to submerge, collaborate and extend solidarity with each other for equality, peace, and justice. It is also a forum where not only are frustrations and waves of anger demonstrated, but they popularise the alternatives for alter-globalization that promote the counter-narratives towards building ‘Another World’ free from poverty, inequality, war, exploitation, and injustice. The WSF 2024 is taking place in Kathmandu, Nepal from 15 to 19 Feb 2024 where many forums like Intercontinental Youth Forum are going to be organised.

AID POLITICS AND CONSEQUENCES:
• The regressive conditionalities of foreign loans from international financial institutions like the IMF, World Bank, and ADB have a significant negative impact on the budgets of developing countries in the Global South. A large part of the budget is allocated for repaying debts, leaving less funding for essential public services such as education, health, agriculture, and social protection. The rising debt - in low and middle-income countries puts pressure on them to reduce public sector wages, affecting the quality of services like education and healthcare. This, in turn, has prompted a rapid increase in the privatisation of public services leading to violations of basic human rights in these countries.

• The decreasing trend of official development assistance (ODA) in low-income (LIC) countries further limits socio-economic development in these nations.

• ActionAid has undertaken various studies and research as evidence to scale up the agenda of fair and just distribution of aid and the need of tax system reform. ActionAid Nepal is actively engaged in assessing the fiscal policy and programme status to raise the agenda of foreign aid effectiveness especially their impact on public sector wage bills.

• ActionAid has published a report named 50 Years of Failure, the IMF, Debts and Austerity in Africa (Oct. 2023) which also provides the facts of power over to the least developed countries by the International Financial Institutions (IFIs).

• ActionAid along with the larger CSOs also facilitates public forums to initiate debate around the agenda of underfinancing of public services and its nexus to a fair tax system bringing diverse stakeholders e.g., policy influencers, lawmakers, academicians, government counterparts and civil society leaders.

In this backdrop, ActionAid Nepal in collaboration with partners, alliances and movements will organise a series of events during the WSF 2024 to amplify people’s voices against neo-colonization and debt crisis and around the agenda of decolonisation of aid.
EXPECTED OUTCOME OF THIS EVENT:

• Offer a common platform to share experiences and struggles’ stories around the agenda of Decolonization of Aid in the Global South and connect among various actors/activists to speak / oppose on these issues.

• Dissemination of findings/recommendations of different studies and research reports on foreign aid and debt politics to popularize and alter the globalisation narrative in aid and debt.

• Strengthen global solidarity among the people’s struggles and voices from the different corners of the world especially from the global south on economic justice.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

• Mass mobilisation- Youth artistically led rallies/demonstrations.

• Panel discussion and possible invitees from Africa, East & South Asia on decolonising the Aid politics - unfair/regressive conditionality of aid, decreasing share of ODA targeting Global South. (Story sharing is a part of this section).

• Production and dissemination of research findings of the study on Foreign Aid Effectiveness, 50 Years Failure- The IMF, Debt and Austerity in Africa and including Education Financing and Tax system.

• Booth setup for dissemination of IEC

• Media Engagement

OUR DEMANDS / OPPOSE & OBJECTIONS:

• Eliminate Privatization of Public Services – education and health
• We demand debt free life in south globe.
• No more debt crisis in the Global South
• Stop! External Debt Distress in the Global South
• No Austerity in public service wage bill
• We strongly boycott regressive conditionality of debt.
• We demand a progressive economic model.
• We demand progressive taxation.
• Lower the indirect tax, higher the direct tax.
• Enough is enough, the South cannot pay back unjust interest.
• We demand the cancellation of unjust debt.

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DATE OF THE EVENT:
18th Feb 2023 (Sunday) from 9:00-11.30 A.M.
वैदेशिक सहायताको राज्यपति तथा प्राधान्य:

- अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय मुद्रा को, विश्व बैंक र एमन्याली बिकास वैक्यकता अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय वित्तीय सम्बन्धबाट विवेकी बार्लको प्रतिमाला रहनेसह पदातिको गोल्डको विकासी शर्तको निर्धारणको निष्क्रिय कार्यकर्ता सम्पर्कमा घटना नकारात्मक प्रभाव पारिश्लाषण हुने । राष्ट्रीय आयोगको दृष्टि कार्यकर्ता बार्लको साधारण वित्त विभागलाई अध्ययनको संगठनका संगठन अर्थशास्त्रीय नियुक्तिको संचालनको लागि विभिन्न विभाग गठनका आधारभूत सार्वजनिक संस्थाहरू भविष्यवाणी दिएको छ।

- बार्लको वैन्याली प्राध्यापक ग्यान तथा विकासी विशेषणको निर्धारण भएको हो। यसले बार्लको विवेकी बार्लको निर्धारणको लागि अध्ययनको संगठन अर्थशास्त्रीय नियुक्तिको संचालनको लागि विभिन्न विभाग गठनका आधारभूत सार्वजनिक संस्थाहरू भविष्यवाणी दिएको छ।

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#DebtFreeSouth
#EconomicJusticeNow
#EndAusterityMeasures
#GlobalSouthDevelopment
#FairEconomy
#PeopleOverProfits
#NoToPrivatizationOfPublicServices
#GlobalDebtRelief
#WageJustice
#IMFReform
#WBTransformation

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