

MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY

Policy Platform

MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY is part of an international campaign calling for immediate and meaningful government action against poverty. Each national campaign has shaped its platform to suit its context. In Aotearoa New Zealand, **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** is calling for the following:

TRADE JUSTICE

The New Zealand government should advocate for:

- Fairly negotiated international trade rules that do not undermine people's livelihoods, the rights of poor farmers and workers, or developing countries' rights to determine their own development.
- International trade rules and practices that do not undermine protections enshrined in international agreements on human rights and labour standards, or the environment.
- An end to unfair trade practices that benefit rich and powerful interests, at the expense of poor people.
- The regulation of transnational corporations to ensure the protection of people and the environment.
- An end to the international trade in weapons and military equipment where that trade leads to or encourages armed conflict.

DROP THE DEBT

The New Zealand government should advocate for:

- The immediate cancellation of all external debt of the most impoverished countries, without harmful conditions.
- The establishment of a fair and transparent debt arbitration process.

MORE AND BETTER AID

More Aid

The New Zealand Government:

- Must fully commit to spending 0.7% of Gross National Income on overseas aid with a series of milestones for meeting the target by 2015.
- Should advocate for reduction of excessive military expenditure worldwide and for the redirection of those funds to social spending that meets human needs.

Better Aid

New Zealand Government aid must:

- Focus on poverty eradication and fostering human rights.
- Support poor countries' and communities' own plans and paths out of poverty.
- Not be linked to the acceptance of economic policies like trade liberalisation and privatization.

End Child Poverty in Aotearoa New Zealand

The New Zealand government must:

- Establish a systematic plan and timetable to end child poverty in New Zealand.
- Develop a comprehensive range of policies designed to ensure that all New Zealand children must be provided with the basic necessities of life, including warmth, housing, adequate nutrition, health care and educational opportunities.
- Ensure that no child is discriminated against in measures to reduce poverty, including discrimination on the grounds of parental employment status.