

JUSTICE FOR AFRICA: DON'T CUT OUR FUTURE!

Youth activists, student leaders and survivor-advocates from Africa, Europe, Asia and the Americas are uniting to protest the **injustices and education inequality** facing African children and young people due to **systemic global discrimination**.

For more information visit:
www.100million.org/justice-for-africa



ACTION GUIDE:



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MAKE A JUSTICE FOR AFRICA SOLIDARITY WRISTBAND

The **Justice for Africa** wristband has been designed with youth and student activists around the world as an easy way to show your solidarity with the campaign. You can make it as an individual or as part of a group ahead of a bigger mobilisation, wear them to start conversations about the campaign.

STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR MATERIALS

Your wristbands can be made with any material you would like or is easiest to find locally. All you need is try and find material in the **five** Justice for Africa colours, but this can also include painting neutral materials if certain colours are harder to source. Example materials you could use are:

string | rope | ribbons | thread or wool | fabric | elastic | old t-shirts, scarves or bedsheets ripped into strips |



STEP 2: CREATE YOUR WRISTBAND

- **Cut** your chosen material into equal strips long enough to tie around your wrist, head or waist depending on where you want to wear it.
- Then **twist** or plait the fabric together so the colours are intertwined. This is important so that your band doesn't look like a country's flag.
- Finally, **wrap** the twisted material around your wrist, head or waist and **tie** each end together so it forms a secure loop.



STEP 3: WEAR AND SHARE

Now you have made your wristband, take a **photo** or **video** and share online to stand in solidarity with youth and student activists across the world. Use **#JusticeForAfrica** on social media or send your photos to **georgia@100million.org** or WhatsApp/Telegram **+44 7586 375128** with your name and country.

You can also use them as part of a larger mobilisation or action, for example make bigger versions from thicker rope or sheets to create banners for events and marches or to tie around lampposts, traffic lights or buildings in your community.

You can find more ways to include wristbands in your actions, either as group or individual, in the ideas throughout this guide.



IDEAS FOR TAKING ACTION WITH A GROUP

What to think about if planning to take action as a group:

- **Be inspired!** Take a look at the previous actions taken by youth activists on the [World Day of Social Justice](#) and ahead of [Africa Human Rights Day](#) in 2023.
- **We are here to help.** Register your action [here](#) where you can request a planning support call
- **It doesn't have to be huge!** You can take action with a small group of friends, family or classmates.
- **Our networks and connections are our power.** If you want to attract more people to join, try reaching out to other groups such as your student union, clubs, or community organisations.
- **Capture & post.** Promoting your event or action on social media is a great way to spread the word about your plans, use #JusticeForAfrica so we can share your posts! Make sure you take lots of photos or videos so we can share your mobilisation with other activists also taking action to demand Justice for Africa.
- **Make it your own!** Remember, the ideas below are just suggestions, you know best what type of action will work in your country or community, trust your judgement!

MARCH OR RALLY

A **march** to, or a **rally** in front of, an important public place in your country or community is a tried and tested tactic to get your voices heard. This could be a political office or building, popular square or street in your town or even around your campus or school.

If demonstrating publicly on the street is safe for you, all you need is a banner or placards with '**Justice for Africa**' and any other messages you'd like to share.

You could also use a megaphone to chant your demands, make giant Justice for Africa wristbands out of rope to tie around buildings, bring instruments or hear speeches from different participants on the importance of ending the injustice facing Africa.

Photo (right) from a Justice for Africa rally in Ghana.



TEACH-IN OR PANEL DISCUSSION

Holding a **teach-in** or **panel discussion** at your school, university or community is a powerful way to educate others about the impact and scale of the injustice facing Africa.

All you need is a few speakers (this could be fellow activists, student leaders, academics or local leaders), facts about the scale of injustice (you can find these on [page 5!](#)) and an audience to listen.

Asking everyone to take a photo or video calling for **Justice for Africa**, or even making wristbands together, at the end of your event and sharing this on social media would also be a powerful display of solidarity.

Photo (left) from a Justice for Africa teach-in in Austria.



IDEAS FOR TAKING ACTION WITH A GROUP

CREATIVE PHOTO-BOOTH

Holding a **creative photo-booth** in a busy public place in your school, university or campus is an effective way to capture lots of solidarity photos on the 20th October.

You just need a camera (a smartphone is fine!) and some placards or signs for people to hold as you take their photo. Setting up your photo-booth in a space that many people will walk by, or outside somewhere recognisable will attract more numbers!

You could even hold a creative sign making session the day before or during your photo booth, allowing people to make their own signs showing '**Justice for Africa**' with recycled cardboard and paints.

Photo (right) from a Justice for Africa photo-booth in Nicaragua.



CHALKING CAMPAIGN

Chalking is a great tactic to use in a public space where lots of people will see your message. All you need is some pieces of chalk and a place to write your message. *Make sure you get permission if you plan to use chalk on private property- stressing that your message can be easily washed away with water or rain!*

Pick a slogan and/or fact from page five or six of this guide and write it out as big and as easy to read as you can. Be creative, use colour to draw attention to your message and add #JusticeForAfrica if possible so people can find out what your action is all about!

Photo (left) from a Justice for Africa chalking action in the USA

SPORT OR GAMES

Using **sports or games** to engage others on the Justice for Africa campaign is a creative way to attract people who may not have taken part in a protest or demonstration before.

You could use a sport event that's already happening or put on your own competition and ask player(s) to wear a solidarity wristband, hold Justice for Africa banners or hand out flyers with campaign information on.

Photo (right) from a Justice for Africa football match in South Sudan.



IDEAS FOR TAKING ACTION AS AN INDIVIDUAL

What to think about if planning to take action as an individual:

- **You are not standing alone.** Activists and advocates WORLDWIDE are standing with you, check out the #JusticeForAfrica hashtag across social media to feel part of a movement.
- All of the group activities suggested above can also be done as an individual! For example, you could hold a solo rally outside a place of significance with your sign or hold a teach in by going live on your social media channels.
- **Make it your own!** Remember, all of these ideas are just suggestions, you know best what type of action will work in your country or community, trust your judgement.



SOLIDARITY PHOTO OR VIDEO

A simple solidarity photo or video demanding is an easy way to stand with Justice for Africa, especially if you include your solidarity wristband.

Using the key slogans, phrases and facts from pages five and six, create a sign (get creative with colours and size!) and take a photo from wherever in the world you are. You could also take a short video, saying any of the slogans for example: *"Justice for Africa! We stand with you from Germany"*, or *"I'm from the USA and I know the rules are rigged to benefit countries like mine. I stand in solidarity with Justice for Africa!"*

Remember to post your photo or video online using #JusticeForAfrica for us to amplify your solidarity action!

Photo (left) from a Justice for Africa solidarity action in Chile.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

If you cannot mobilise in person on the 20th, you can participate online. Host an Instagram Live or organise a Twitter Space or storm. Or, submit an OpEd to your university or school newspaper or do a press release for your local paper.

Raising awareness about the staggering injustice facing Africa, the international community's role in this discrimination and the impact on children's and young people's rights is a core aim of the 20th October mobilisations.

Get involved in the conversation, share facts and help reach more people on social media using #JusticeForAfrica.

Photo (right) from a Justice for Africa media interview in Namibia.



KEY SLOGANS, MESSAGES AND FACTS TO SHARE

KEY SLOGANS

These are the words to be displayed boldly on any banner, sign or flyer during your mobilisation. These will unite all the different actions being taken across the world on the same day.

You can use one of the following slogans, or come up with your own based on the facts on page [six](#)!

- **JUSTICE FOR AFRICA!**
- **IN SOLIDARITY WITH #JUSTICEFORAFRICA**
- **DON'T CUT OUR FUTURE!**
- **WE STAND WITH YOU**
- **WE STAND WITH #JUSTICEFORAFRICA**
- **THE RULES ARE RIGGED ON DEBT, TAX AND AID**



KEY MESSAGES

These are some of the **key messages and phrases** being used to expose the injustice facing African countries you can use in your action, signs, flyers or in videos.

- Since **2015**, when world leaders **promised to leave no one behind** in the SDGs, there has been a **huge rise in the violation of African children's and young people's rights**.
- Africa is being excluded from its **fair share of global wealth** and millions of the world's most marginalised children and young people are paying the price.
- Since the year 2000 the number of children and young people out of school in the rest of the world more than halved, in Africa it has increased by **20 million**. There are now almost **100 million** children and young people in Africa **out of school**, likely the highest it has ever been.
- Without **urgent action**, we risk **cutting the futures of a generation** of African children and young people.

On the next page, we have included a snapshot of the staggering injustices facing Africa and the impact these have on delivering the rights to freedom, safety and education in Africa. You can find more shocking facts and information in the '[Justice for Africa's Children Report](#)'.

If you would like to know country-specific injustices and/or demands you can also contact the 100 Million campaign (georgia@100million.org).

KEY SLOGANS, MESSAGES AND FACTS TO SHARE

EDUCATION

The number of school-aged children out of education - at every level - in Africa has increased since 2015 and the inequality between education budgets is skyrocketing.

The total government budget for schools in the Netherlands alone is more than the school budgets of 47 sub-Saharan African countries combined.

This isn't because African governments aren't prioritising education in their national budgets. The average African country spends more of its budget on education than the *most generous* European country.

POVERTY AND INEQUALITY

Since 1980, people in rich countries have increased their wealth more every ten weeks than people in Africa have in **41 years**.

In 2021, global GDP was the **highest ever on record**. Global wealth increased by over \$9 trillion 2015-2018 alone. In contrast, there has been a **sharp increase in the number of people in Africa living on less than \$2.15 a day since the start of the SDGs**.

TAX INJUSTICE

All 48 sub-Saharan African governments **combined** receive less tax revenue per year than Italy.

Corporate tax evasion in Africa costs over **\$4.5 billion** every year and offshore financial wealth **\$2.3 billion** a year.

REPRESENTATION INJUSTICE

Many of the international institutions that shape global policies and financial decisions, such as the **G7, G20, OECD and IMF**, have either **shockingly unequal or no African representation at all**.

CHILD LABOUR

Even though child labour has reduced in much of the world, it has **INCREASED** in Africa. There are more children forced to work in Africa than **ALL** of the children in the European Union.

10,000 more African children have been forced into child labour **every day** since 2016. **Africa is now home to more child labourers than the rest of the world combined.**

AID INJUSTICE

Over **50 years** since the international target of 0.7% GDP pledge was agreed for development aid finance **only six countries** have ever met this promise.

In the first 5 years of the SDGs, broken aid promises cost countries in sub-Saharan Africa over half a trillion dollars.

DEBT INJUSTICE

Over **\$64 billion** in debt payments were due from Africa in 2022. This is almost twice the amount of expected aid to the continent.

Many sub-Saharan African countries are being forced to pay **similar amounts in interest** on their debt than they are spending on **education and health**.



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This action guide was created by the 100 Million campaign to support youth activists, student leaders, survivor-advocates and their representative organisations to take action demanding Justice for Africa.

You can find out more about the Justice for Africa campaign at www.100million.org/justice-for-africa

SOME OF THE YOUTH- AND STUDENT-LED PARTNERS SUPPORTING THE JUSTICE FOR AFRICA: DON'T CUT OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN

