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Escribimos con espíritu de solidaridad y esperanza como representantes de las comunidades cristianas de todos los rincones del mundo.

Cada uno de nosotros ha sido testigo del impacto que la pandemia del coronavirus ha tenido en las personas más vulnerables miembros de nuestras comunidades a través de enfermedades, muerte, hambre y pérdida de medios de vida. Vivimos y trabajamos todos los días con quienes sufren y comparten sus esperanzas y temores para el futuro.

Ambas organizaciones han reconocido la devastación que está causando la pandemia. El Banco Mundial ha advertido que la pandemia “amenaza con empujar a más de 100 millones de personas a la pobreza extrema, exacerbando la desigualdad en todo el mundo” y ha instado a los gobiernos y acreedores privados a suspender y reducir las deudas, mientras que el Fondo Monetario Internacional ha reconocido que “muchos países ahora enfrentan múltiples crisis: una crisis de salud, una crisis financiera y un colapso de los precios de las materias primas”.

Mientras nuestros gobiernos hacen todo lo que pueden para responder a la pandemia, somos testigos de la injusticia constante que el dinero tan desesperadamente necesario para medicinas, equipo de protección personal, comida de emergencia y los suministros; las redes de seguridad social todavía se están desviando hacia el pago de la deuda.

Como tal, les pedimos que demuestren un liderazgo valiente en este momento crítico y cancelen las deudas de países en desarrollo y a sus instituciones mientras dure esta crisis. La cancelación de la deuda es la más forma inmediata de liberar las finanzas necesarias para evitar que millones de nuestras hermanas y hermanos sean innecesariamente empujados a la pobreza por la pandemia.

Nuestro llamado hace eco del de los líderes cristianos de todo el mundo. En su mensaje con motivo de la Jornada Mundial de Oración para el cuidado de la creación, Su Santidad el Papa Francisco instó a “la cancelación de la deuda de los más países vulnerables, en reconocimiento de los graves impactos de las crisis médica, social y económica que enfrentan como resultado de COVID-19”. Somos conscientes de que decenas de líderes religiosos a principios de este año han instado a los gobiernos y al propio Fondo Monetario Internacional a cancelar las deudas.

Hasta la fecha, sus instituciones han tomado varias medidas para responder a la crisis, incluida la decisión del FMI de cubrir los pagos de la deuda durante un período de seis meses para 28 países, así como la disponibilidad de nueva financiación de emergencia del FMI y el Banco Mundial por valor de 88.000 millones de dólares hasta el momento.

Sin embargo, estas iniciativas, aunque bienvenidas, son insuficientes y no responden a la urgencia y magnitud de la crisis. Sin la cancelación de las deudas, sigue existiendo un grave riesgo de que los países en desarrollo no tengan el dinero que se necesita con tanta urgencia y desesperación para detener la propagación del virus, para tratar a las personas que padecen el virus y para mitigar y recuperarse de la destrucción económica y social amenazada por el virus.

Ambas instituciones tienen reservas significativas en dólares estadounidenses y en oro, que se mantienen para un tiempo como este. Por tanto, es fundamental que estas reservas se utilicen para aliviar la carga de las deudas de países con necesidades precarias.

El papel del FMI y el Banco Mundial es fundamental para abordar esta crisis de una manera que dé prioridad a las necesidades de las personas más vulnerables, aprenda del pasado y busque sanar y reconstruir nuestro mundo.

Al reunirse esta semana, continuamos orando por usted y seguimos comprometidos con la cooperación continua.

Firman:

Africa

Cardinal Fridolin Ambongo Besungu OFMCap – Archevêque Métropolitain de Kinshasa
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Most Rev. Dr. Justin Badi Arama – Archbishop and Primate, Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Metropolitan Bishop of Juba Diocese

Most Rev. Msgr. Dr. Stephen Ameyu Martin – Metropolitan Archbishop of Juba; Apostolic Administrator Catholic Dioceses of Torit and Wau

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