Gender and tax forum
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Women’s lives and tax

What rights does tax pay for in my life?

What happens to me when tax-funded quality public services don’t exist?

What taxes do I pay?
Chiara’s slides.....
Why corporate tax?
How much money are developing countries missing out on?

We all pay tax, but right now, big companies aren’t paying as much as they should in developing countries.

**Tax incentives:** ActionAid estimates that eliminating corporate tax incentives in developing countries could raise over **US$138 billion** in revenue annually.

**Tax avoidance and evasion:** developing countries are estimated to lose between **US$120 and US$160 billion** a year in revenue owing to money hidden in tax havens – more money than they receive in aid.
Impact of tax breaks in poor countries

ActionAid found that: the US$138 billion lost to corporate income tax breaks given by poor countries is enough to:

Pay for the education of 57 million children who currently don’t go to primary school

AND provide the agricultural investment (US$42.7 billion) needed to achieve a world free from hunger.

AND meet international goals to reduce ill health more than twice over (costing a maximum of US$58.9 billion).
Impact of tax breaks in East Africa

ActionAid found that:

**Uganda:** US$272 million in 2009/10, twice health budget for 2008/09.

**Rwanda:** US$234 million in 2009, 4.7% of GDP in 2009, nearly double education spending.

**Kenya:** US$1.1 billion every year – amount to more than twice health budget of US$461 million.
ActionAid found that one beer company, SAB Miller: GBP 20 million per year in lost tax revenue – enough money to educate an additional 250,000 children.

ActionAid found that one multinational company, Zambia Sugar: cost Zambia US$17.7 million since 2007. That’s enough to put 48,000 Zambian children in school a year.
MINING GIANTS PALADIN CUT THEIR TAX BILL IN MALAWI BY US $43.16 MILLION

In one year, this could have paid for

17,000
nurses in Malawi

TAKE ACTION NOW TO END TAX DODGING

Change lives. For good.
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Impact on women when good public services don’t exist
#taxpaysfor
public services that meet women's rights
#taxpower
#taxpaysfor
safe cities for women
#taxpower  #safecitiesbecause
#taxpaysfor
safe schools for girls
#taxpower
#taxpaysfor public services that help reduce women’s unpaid care work, and increase the time they have for education and paid work
Tax to GDP ratio vs maternal mortality

Figure 13. Maternal mortality ratio
African countries

- Per 100,000 live births 2005-2008
- Tax/GDP 2003

- Taxes/GDP < 10%
- 10% < Taxes/GDP < 15%
- 15% < Taxes/GDP < 20%
- 20% > Taxes/GDP
Further impacts on women’s rights of regressive corporate tax system
The rush to privatise

The more public services decline, the more appetite it creates for privatised services which are impacting negatively on women and girls rights.

Double win for companies = don’t pay tax, erode public services, benefit from delivering private services.
More companies investing, no tax benefit

**Figure 2:** Foreign investment has grown as a share of the economy in low-income countries, but corporate tax revenues haven’t.

Source: ActionAid estimates based on ICTD and UNCTAD data.
World is very unequal – and getting more unequal.

A fortunate few have as much wealth as half the world.

62 REALLY RICH PEOPLE

3.5 BILLION PEOPLE

SOURCE: OXFAM INTERNATIONAL
World is very unequal – and getting more unequal.

There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the root.

– Henry David Thoreau, 1854 –
How to campaign on public services, women and tax justice?
ActionAid Uganda mobilises women farmers to keep public funding for basic farming materials
GENUINE TAXPAYERS ARE ON STRIKE
END TAMPON TAX

STOP TAXING PERIODS PERIOD.
Want more info?

ActionAid reports
Give us a Break: How big companies are getting tax-free deals
Levelling up – ensuring fair share tax poor countries
Sweet Nothings: The human cost of British sugar giant avoiding taxes in southern Africa
Mistreated: The tax treaties that are depriving the world’s poorest countries of vital revenue
Getting to Good - Responsible Corporate Tax Practice
Making Care Visible
The Price of Privilege: Extreme Wealth, Unaccountable Power and the Fight for Equality
Video – Tax pays for girls education

Christian Aid reports
Taxing men and women’ why gender is crucial for a fair tax system
Taxing Ghana's Informal Sector: the experience of women
Delivering for women and girls: the role of gender responsive budgeting