

# Why do so **many** African countries spend more on repaying their **debts than** they do on **health or education?**

## why do we owe you money?

Each year, African governments pay more in debt repayments than they receive in aid from rich countries, banks and international organisations. For many countries, this is money they want to spend on essential services like health and education. The poorest African countries need their unpayable debts cancelled immediately. Rich countries need to dramatically increase the amount they give in aid.

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