



### Create a Climate for Justice Campaign

People living in poverty across the world are the most vulnerable to the devastating effects of climate change. This Lent, we are highlighting how changes in the climate are undermining people's efforts to work their way out of poverty and causing ever more frequent and severe natural disasters.



Valeriano, a farmer in El Salvador, told us "Climate change in this country makes things complicated. Often the river floods and all life is swamped with water.

Our animals drown, our crops are destroyed and we need to start all over again. It's difficult to know what to do to cope with the situation.

We are taking the biggest hit, as they say, because we do not have the resources to defend ourselves and wealthy governments are not helping to stop the contamination of our environment. Nobody seems to remember that poor countries such as ours remain vulnerable and are the ones that are going to suffer the impact of their actions."

This year is the moment for **urgent action**,

as world leaders will meet in Copenhagen in December to decide our global response to the chaos already being caused by climate change, and how to prevent it getting worse. Leaders must reach an agreement on mitigating (cutting down the emissions that cause climate change) and adapting (providing support for people living in developing countries to adapt to climate change) to replace the Kyoto Protocol, which runs out in 2012. Without an agreement by the end of this year, we run the risk of leaving it too late for action.

Together with over 170 of our sister development and aid agencies, SCIAF is campaigning for a climate for justice, and we need you to join with us in calling for a UN agreement at Copenhagen that includes justice, support and commitment. The agreement must:

- Recognise and protect the right to sustainable development of people in developing countries.
- Ensure industrialised countries provide sufficient, secure and accessible financial and technological support for adaptation and mitigation efforts by developing countries.
- Commit to at least 30–40% reduction in industrialised countries' greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 (based on 1990 levels).

Please sign and send the campaign postcard you received with the Review magazine, or get in touch to order more for your parish, school, workplace and friends. Contact us on 0141 354 5555 or email [campaigns@sciaf.org.uk](mailto:campaigns@sciaf.org.uk) Thank you!

# Campaign Update

## Sexual Violence in the DRC: Update



Many thanks to the thousands of you who have sent postcards and emails calling on the Department for International

Development to scale up its support to survivors of sexual violence in the DRC. We have had a response from the department and are following up with a series of meetings with key department members. We will keep you updated on developments. In the meantime, please keep promoting this vital campaign to friends so we can keep up the pressure. You can take action at [www.sciaf.org.uk](http://www.sciaf.org.uk) or take five minutes to write to your MP or Douglas Alexander - Secretary of State for International Development.



## Spring into action for a strong Scottish Climate Change Bill!

Wednesday 22 April 2009 12 - 2pm Outside the Scottish Parliament

Come and join us for a rally outside the parliament with speakers, music and a chance to keep up the pressure on MSPs for a strong climate change bill. Thanks to you, a lot of our key demands have been included in the bill! But as it moves through parliament every MSP's vote will count in order to keep these measures in and keep the bill strong. With world leaders meeting this year to decide the global response to climate change, Scotland has the chance to demonstrate legislation that leads the world, and shows exactly what can and must be done. Please continue visiting and writing to your MSPs, and come along to join us on 22nd April. For more information see [www.sciaf.org.uk/whatson](http://www.sciaf.org.uk/whatson)

## Age of Stupid

Oscar-nominated Pete Postlethwaite (In The Name of the Father) stars as a man living alone in the devastated world of 2055 and asking - why didn't we stop climate change when we had the chance? Each screening of the film will be followed by discussions with speakers from Stop Climate Chaos Scotland. SCIAF will be hosting the following themed screenings at the Edinburgh Filmhouse:

**Sunday 22nd March:** 8.20pm Climate Justice and the World's Poor

**Monday 23rd March:** 8.20pm The Scottish Climate Change Bill: Towards an International Agreement

**Wed 25th and Thurs 26th March:** 10am Schools and Climate Justice

For the full programme, as well as the chance to win tickets, please see [www.takeoneaction.org.uk](http://www.takeoneaction.org.uk)

## Put People First! Sat 28 March 2009

Assemble 11am, Victoria Embankment, London-march to Hyde Park



- Decent jobs and public services for all
- End global poverty and inequality
- Build a green economy

On 2 April the leaders of 20 of the world's biggest economies meet in London to tackle the recession and global financial crisis. But even before the banking collapse caused recession, the world suffered vast poverty and inequality and faced the looming threat of climate chaos. Recession must not be an excuse for putting off action on these issues. **Creating a just, fair and sustainable world is the only lasting way out of recession.**

Please come and join the thousands of people who will march through the streets of London. There will also be special religious services organised to mark the event. For more information please see [www.sciaf.org.uk/whatson](http://www.sciaf.org.uk/whatson) or call Lexi on 0141 354 5555.