

## Taking Action

**You can use your voice to advocate for those not heard, and to build a just and green world. You may to choose to campaign on –**

- **Climate justice**

It is a simple fact that people living in the poorest parts of the world bear the heaviest burden of climate change even though they did little or nothing to contribute to the problem. We need more support for the people living on the front line of the climate crisis.

- **Extreme poverty**

Millions of people worldwide live below the international poverty line, surviving on less than £2.22 a day. Play your part in the fight against extreme poverty around the world.

- **Unfair systems and rules**

Our world is more inter-connected than ever before, and decisions made by our MPs and MSPs can affect the lives of people living in the world's poorest places. Ask decision makers to put a just and green world at the heart of every decision, to help tackle the root causes of poverty.

Lonnex, Malawi



## Here are some actions that can be taken individually and collectively as a class:

- Record video messages for your local candidates telling them why these issues are important to you. Share it on social media and tag your local MP, MSP and @sciaf.
- Write a letter to your local candidate. Personal letters to decision-makers can have a big impact. Tell them why you care about a specific issue and tell them, as a constituent, why you want them to prioritise this after the election. Here are more tips:
  1. Do some research. But don't feel like you need to be an expert with lots of facts and data. If they want more detailed information direct them to the SCIAF website.
  2. Keep it personal. Say how the issue affects you, what it means to you, and why you're writing to them.
  3. Show them the support for issue. Point out any media interest your issue has. Mention any involvement you have with your school or church on the issue.
  4. Call for a specific action. Ensure they know what you want them to do about the issue. The action should be appropriate and reasonable and timely to the decision-making processes. SCIAF can offer you more guidance on this.
  5. Ask for a reply. Ask them to respond to your questions, or to tell you when they've taken the action you requested.
  6. Give thanks. Letters of support and thanks for a job well done also make a difference. Acknowledge good work, and press them to do more.

