

# END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE

**COVID-19, climate change, and conflict have led to the first rise in extreme poverty in a generation.**

## NOTICING

We are in a new landscape of poverty and suffering. In 2020, an additional 119-124 million people were pushed back into extreme poverty. Though the "new poor" are mostly urban-situated, 79% of the world's poor still live in rural areas. Women, children, and marginalized communities continue to be most vulnerable to the adverse effects of extreme poverty.

## INTERPRETING/EMPATHIZING

To alleviate suffering caused by widespread poverty, we must recognize where and why our global systems fail to imbue worth upon human beings and ecosystems. Inequitable global power dynamics is a source of injustice and structural suffering.

## TAKING ACTION

Organizational structures that emphasize trust, inclusion, respect, and collaboration can create compassionate economies of worth that generate human prosperity. The rise of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)-focused investments demonstrates how organized compassion can have an impact on sustainable development progress. Responsible supply chain management that emphasizes fair wages is key to lifting agricultural and manufacturing workers out of poverty. Government focus on expanding social protection is also crucial for providing relief from extreme poverty for the most vulnerable.

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POVERTY**



**751.5**

**MILLION  
PEOPLE LIVE  
IN EXTREME  
POVERTY  
(1 IN 5  
CHILDREN)**

**ONLY**

**1 IN 10**

**OF THE WORLD'S  
LARGEST  
BUSINESSES  
HAVE LIVING  
WAGE  
COMMITMENTS**

**50%**

**OF THE  
WORLD'S  
POPULATION  
IS NOT  
COVERED BY  
SOCIAL  
PROTECTION  
MEASURES**



**“POVERTY DEHUMANIZES THOSE WHO ARE POOR. CREATING MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT GIVES PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE TO THEMSELVES AND TO THEIR COMMUNITIES THEY ARE CAPABLE OF CARING FOR THEMSELVES AND CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR COMMUNITIES' WELL-BEING, THUS REGAINING THEIR LOST HUMANITY.”**