

WHAT DO NUKES HAVE TO DO WITH CLIMATE CHANGE?

LET'S TALK ABOUT: RESOURCES



SHIFT RESOURCES

Instead of spending huge amounts of money on the development and maintenance of nuclear weapons that harm people and the planet, governments and companies should invest their resources in climate action, such as by financing projects in the field of clean energy, research in innovative low-carbon technologies and climate-smart agriculture.

FOR EXAMPLE

The United Kingdom is replacing its current nuclear weapons system, Trident, at a cost of at least £205 billion. Meanwhile Christian organisations are asking the government to increase its climate budgets and deliver the UK's existing commitment of £11.6 billion for international climate finance.

IN NUMBERS

In 2020, nine nuclear-armed states spent \$72.6 billion on their nuclear weapons, more than \$137,000 per minute. To successfully tackle the interlinked climate, biodiversity and land degradation crises annual investment should reach \$536 billion annually by 2050.

RUNNING OUT OF TIME

We are running out of time for mobilising the big amounts of money needed to stop climate change. Governments and companies should urgently shift nuclear weapons budgets to protect the planet instead of destroying it. If not, we will be faced with more flooding, extreme heat, droughts, and rising sea levels.

WHAT NOW?

Ask your government to move nuclear budgets to climate action. Check if your own investments and pensions with financial institutions are ethical and ask your church institutions to do the same. Tell them that the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the Paris Agreement, both international legally binding treaties, reflect common consensus that nuclear disarmament and climate action is urgently needed.

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