

# Gender and tax forum

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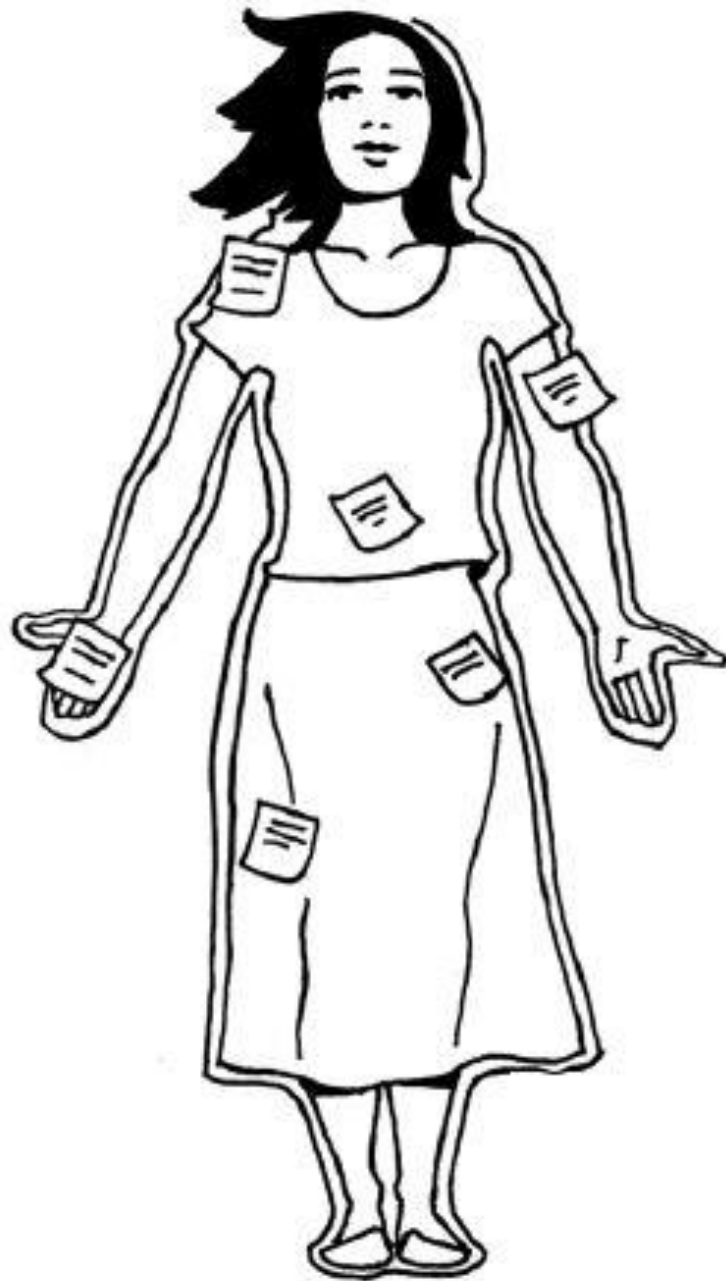
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# Women's lives and tax

What  
rights  
does tax  
pay for in  
my life?



What  
happens to  
me when tax-  
funded  
quality  
public  
services  
don't exist?

What taxes  
do I pay?

# Chiara's slides.....

**Why corporate tax?**

# How much money are developing countries missing out on?

We all pay tax, but right now, big companies aren't paying as much as they should in developing countries.

**Tax incentives:** ActionAid estimates that eliminating corporate tax incentives in developing countries could raise over **US\$138 billion** in revenue annually

**Tax avoidance and evasion:** developing countries are estimated to lose between **US\$120 and US\$160 billion** a year in revenue owing to money hidden in tax havens – more money than they receive in aid.

# Impact of tax breaks in poor countries

ActionAid found that: the US\$138 billion lost to corporate income tax breaks given by poor countries is enough to:

Pay for the education of 57 million children who currently don't go to **primary school**

**AND** provide the agricultural investment (US\$42.7 billion) needed to achieve a **world free from hunger**.

**AND** meet international goals to **reduce ill health** more than twice over (costing a maximum of US\$58.9 billion).

In low and middle income countries tax breaks total a staggering:  
**\$138,000,000,000**

WHAT COULD THIS PAY FOR?



ENSURING EVERY CHILD ON THE PLANET RECEIVES A  
**PRIMARY EDUCATION**

**IMPROVING MATERNAL HEALTH & TACKLING INFECTIOUS DISEASES**



**MEETING INTERNATIONAL TARGETS TO REDUCE CHILD DEATH RATES**



INVESTING IN FARMING & FOOD PRODUCTION TO  
**END HUNGER IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD**

**WE'D STILL HAVE OVER \$25,000,000,000 LEFT**

Act now to make big companies pay what they should in developing countries:

[www.actionaid.org/tax](http://www.actionaid.org/tax)

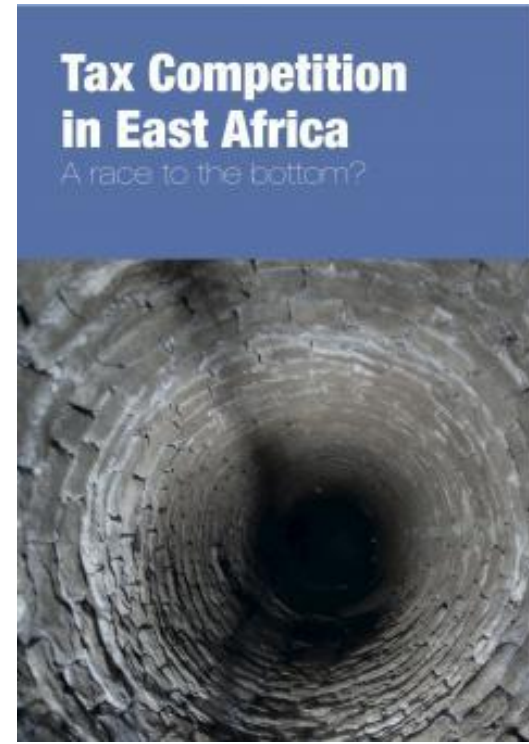
# Impact of tax breaks in East Africa

ActionAid found that:

**Uganda:** US\$272 million in 2009/10, **twice health budget** for 2008/09.

**Rwanda:** US\$234 million in 2009, 4.7% of GDP in 2009, nearly **double education spending**.

**Kenya:** US\$1.1 billion every year – amount to **more than twice health budget** of US\$461 million.





# Impact of tax avoidance in poor countries



ActionAid found that one beer company, SAB Miller: **GBP 20 million** per year in lost tax revenue – **enough money to educate an additional 250,000 children.**

ActionAid found that one multinational company, Zambia Sugar: cost Zambia **US\$17.7 million** since 2007. That's **enough to put 48,000** Zambian children in school a year





# MINING GIANTS PALADIN CUT THEIR TAX BILL IN MALAWI BY US \$43.16 MILLION

In one year, this could have paid for



# 17,000

nurses in Malawi

Change lives. For good.

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**TAKE ACTION NOW  
TO END TAX DODGING**

**Impact on women  
when good public services  
don't exist**



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**#taxpaysfor**  
public services that  
meet women's rights

**#taxpower**



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**#taxpaysfor**  
safe cities for women  
**#taxpower #safecitiesbecause**





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**#taxpaysfor**  
safe schools for girls  
**#taxpower**

**#taxpaysfor public services that help reduce women's unpaid care work, and increase the time they have for education and paid work**

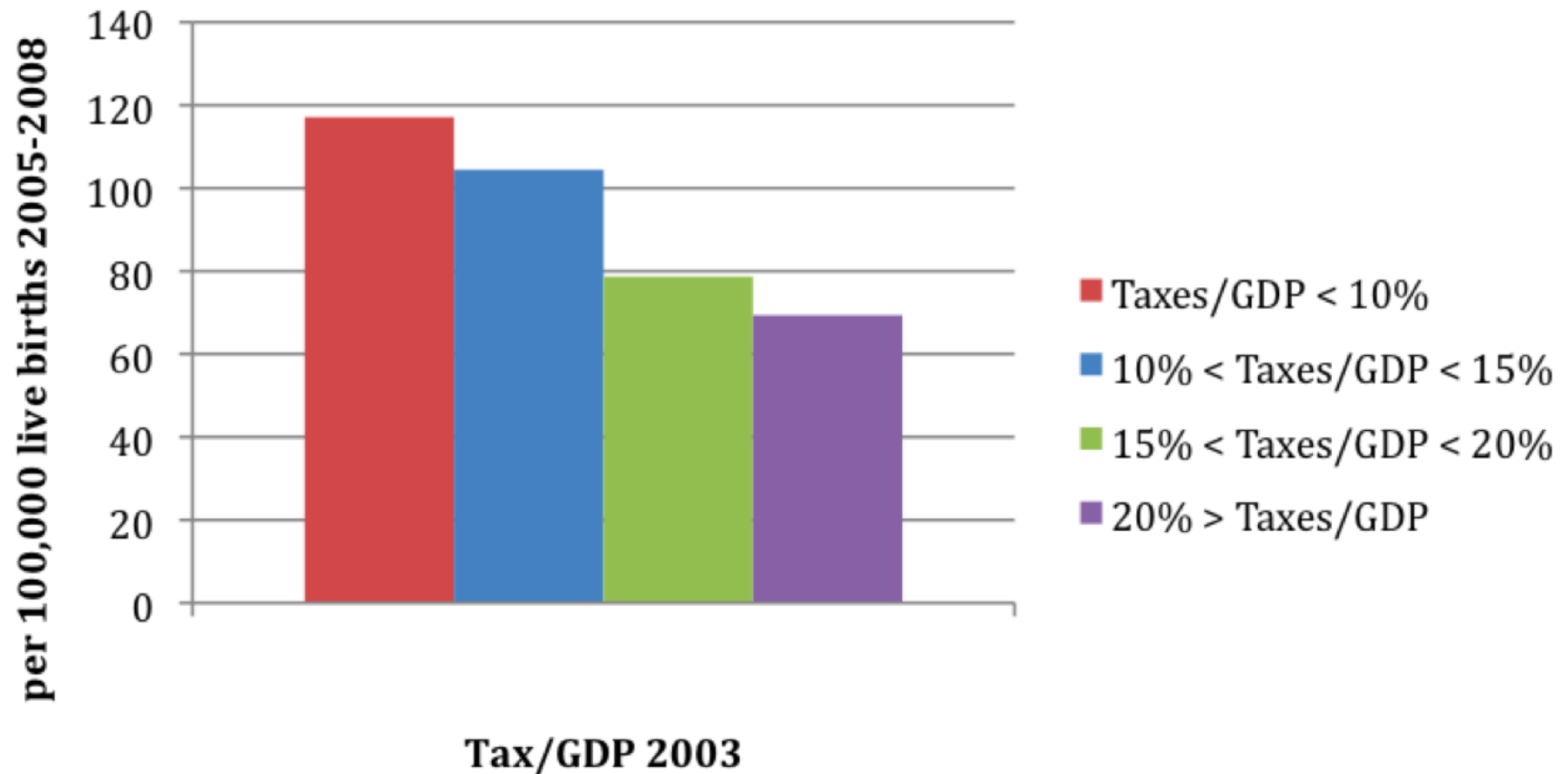
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# Tax to GDP ratio vs maternal mortality

Figure 13.

## Maternal mortality ratio *African countries*





**Further impacts on  
women's rights of  
regressive corporate tax  
system**

# The rush to privatise

The more public services decline, the more appetite it creates for privatised services which are impacting negatively on women and girls rights.

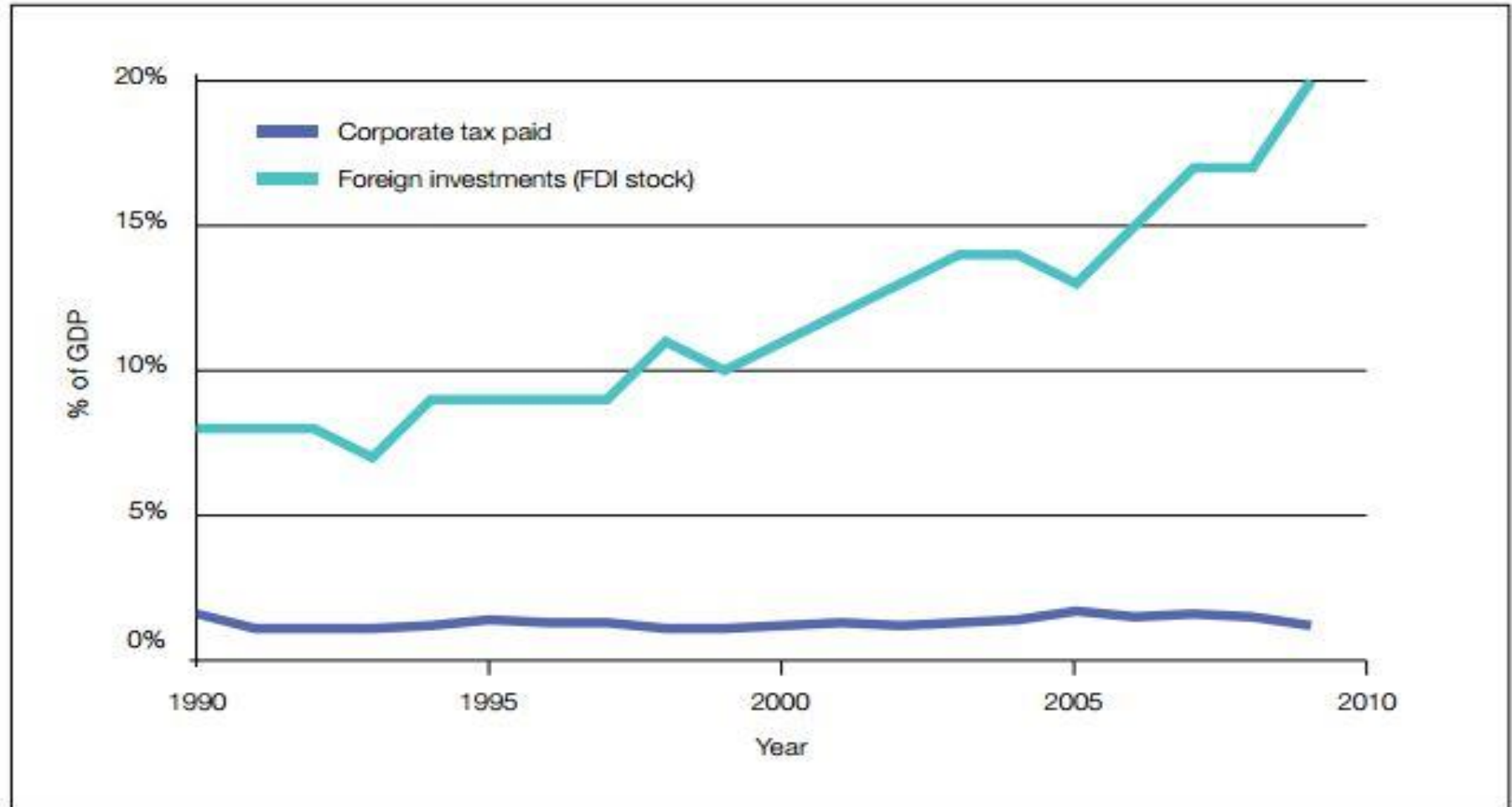
Double win for companies = don't pay tax, erode public services, benefit from delivering private services.





# More companies investing, no tax benefit

**Figure 2:** Foreign investment has grown as a share of the economy in low-income countries, but corporate tax revenues haven't



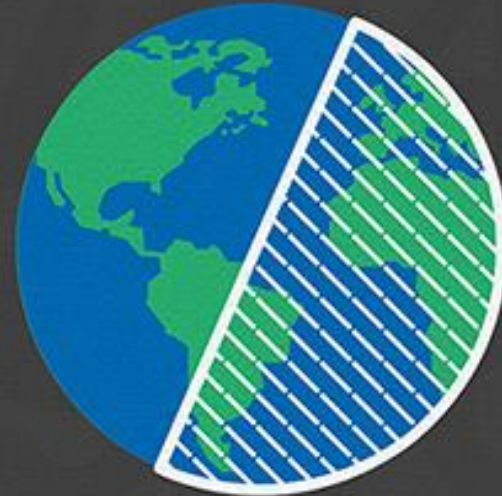


# World is very unequal – and getting more unequal.

A fortunate few have as much wealth as half the world.



**62 REALLY  
RICH PEOPLE**



**3.5 BILLION  
PEOPLE**

# World is very unequal – and getting more unequal.



*There are a thousand hacking  
at the branches of evil to one  
who is striking at the root.*

– Henry David Thoreau, 1854 –

# **How to campaign on public services, women and tax justice?**







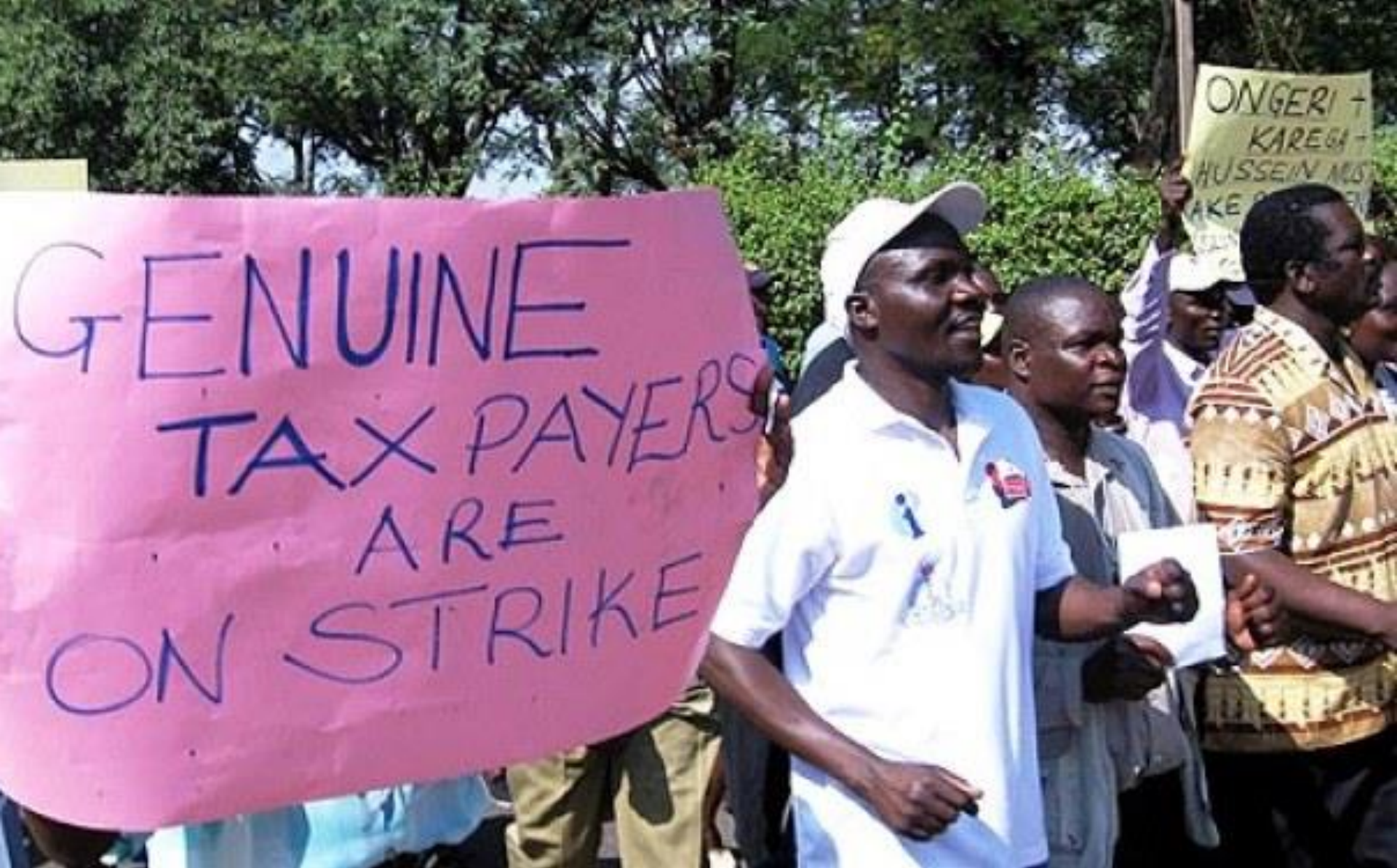


**ActionAid Uganda mobilises women farmers to keep public funding for basic farming materials**



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TAXPAYERS  
ARE  
ON STRIKE

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KAREGA -  
HUSSEIN MU  
AKE

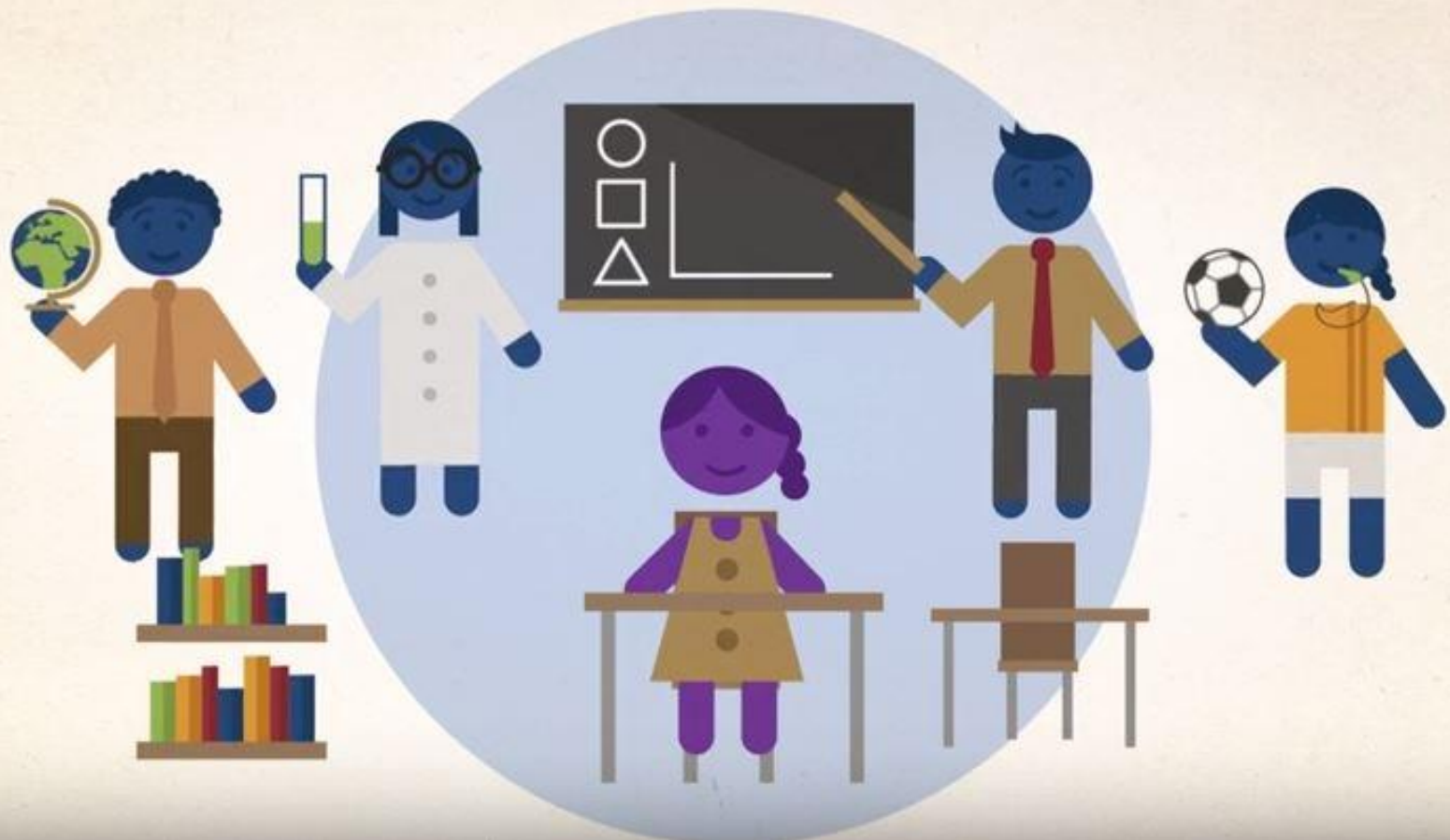




END  
TAMPON  
TAX

STOP  
TAXING  
PERIODS  
PERIOD.

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## ActionAid reports

[Give us a Break: How big companies are getting tax-free deals](#)

[Levelling up – ensuring fair share tax poor countries](#)

[Sweet Nothings: The human cost of British sugar giant avoiding taxes in southern Africa](#)

[Mistreated: The tax treaties that are depriving the world's poorest countries of vital revenue](#)

[Getting to Good - Responsible Corporate Tax Practice](#)

[Making Care Visible](#)

[The Price of Privilege: Extreme Wealth, Unaccountable Power and the Fight for Equality](#)

[Video – Tax pays for girls education](#)

## Christian Aid reports

[Taxing men and women' why gender is crucial for a fair tax system](#)

[Taxing Ghana's Informal Sector: the experience of women](#)

[Delivering for women and girls: the role of gender responsive budgeting](#)