

Day Three of the 2016 World Social Forum By Andrew Mbega, ActionAid Tanzania



The struggle continue (in English), *A Luta Continua* (in Portuguese) and *Mapambano Yanaendelea* (in Swahili) as many in East Africa would prefer to say. It's Thursday, 11th August 2016 morning, day three of the 2016 World Social Forum in Canada begins. I and my brother Amade Suca from Mozambique begin a journey from Delta Hotel where we reside to Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) where the ActionAid International stand on Education is located.

The people here speak more French than English, I don't know French but luckily Amade is more conversant in French and Portuguese. Convincing people to listen and talk to us about

our campaign is hard but we managed to tell and inform people about our campaign on Tax and Education and were happy to take photos for sharing on social media with #TaxPaysfor girls' education. More than 100 bags of IEC materials were distributed today and almost the same number of pictures was taken by the team with our own camera but also with participants at the forum personal camera for them to post the picture on their face book or to be used on Tweeter using "#Taxpaysfor".

Great diversity in people stopping to listen to our message and taking the picture action (Students, members of CSOs, Academicians, members of parliament, etc.)!



Support the campaign: Spread the message !!!!!

Yes! Corporates need to pay their fair share of tax so that governments can invest more in education so that more young girls and boys are in school and this mean that the longer the girls stay in school, the less cases of child marriages we can notice in our countries.

The day did not end there; other members of the education team (Victorine, Julie Juma and Denis Kalekani) also participated in events and discussions such as Tax Justice and Human Rights, Women & Girls, Equality and Tax Justice all of which aimed at creating solidarity with other movements to ensure that there is equality for all across the globe and we join hands with others in the fight against poverty.



Our campaign today on tax and education reminded me 22 years back while I was a young school boy in my coastal town of Tanga, Tanzania. In our class of nearly 90 students half of them were girls but hardly 5 of them managed to go all the way to attain a University education. To date millions of girls in developing countries continue to be out of school because their parents are not able to pay for school fees and their government are not able to mobilize domestic resources to fund for quality education of their children. We must all strive and work hard to make sure that our governments honour

their commitment on the SGDs and especially goal number four on quality public inclusive education.

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