

# DEMANDING CLIMATE JUSTICE FOR MARGINALISED AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES



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Mission East supports the establishment of a loss and damage fund and call for wealthy developed countries to lead by example in its operationalisation. We strongly believe that **contributions should be just and proportional to a country's emissions**, both historical, foreign, and domestic. We call for a funding mechanism that is equitable and transparent, where funds are allocated as closely as possible to the communities impacted by loss and damage, insisting that funding not detract from development nor humanitarian funds. Our stance is clear: **what is needed is grants, not loans**. The time for repaying our climate debt is now. We urge the leaders of the world to find the political will to face up to humanity's greatest challenge with urgency and solidarity.

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For Mission East, **the climate crisis is an injustice** that must be addressed with the same urgency as it is experienced by the most vulnerable communities we serve. We underscore the pressing need for financial compensation for the communities in Palaanta and Chaukune, remote rural areas of mountainous Nepal, who have endured substantial, disproportional economic and non-economic losses and damages due to climate-induced disasters without contributing to them. These losses are not just quantitative – they deeply affect the lives of these communities.



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We advocate for a **flexible approach to anticipatory action and resilience-building** which is based on **clear action thresholds**. We call for funders to provide the necessary flexibility to ensure that anticipatory action can be included as part of an integrated approach to responding to the needs of those most vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis.

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We stress the **importance of implementing early warning systems by authorities** to mitigate preventable adverse effects on vulnerable local populations. It is crucial that vulnerable and marginalised groups – in particular, women and people with disabilities - are effectively included in decision-making processes, policy creation, and planning. Their needs should be at the heart of all actions taken, which should be based on reliable and accessible data, to ensure that they receive timely, relevant and appropriate support. Clear and transparent methods should be established for holding duty-bearers accountable for their implementation.

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We call for the **strengthening and inclusion of local government institutions for disaster risk reduction** and management, as well as climate change adaptation and resilience. Local governments should be equipped with up-to-date policies, legal instruments, and resources (including funding) for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery, as well as for implementing climate-friendly development initiatives.

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We urge governments to commit to **dedicating a fixed amount of their national budgets** towards anticipatory action and disaster risk reduction efforts. This commitment should be transparent, with mechanisms in place for the planning and equitable distribution of funds.



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