

17 OCTOBER



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR ERADICATION OF POVERTY



"There is enough in the world for everyone's need, but not for everyone's greed."
- Frank Buchman -

Why do We Mark This Day?



According to the UN (2020), more than 700 million people still live in extreme poverty today. They belong to the 10 % of the world's population who struggle to fulfill the most basic needs like shelter, health, education, and access to water and sanitation. Experts predicted that poverty would continue to rise because of the COVID-19 crisis together with the ongoing impacts of armed conflicts and climate change.

To highlight the importance of promoting the need to eradicate poverty and destitution worldwide, the UN General Assembly designated the 17th day of October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. This day reminds us of the hardships and struggles of the people living in poverty, the root causes of the extreme poverty, and the concerted efforts required to fight against poverty.



Questions for Discussion

- ✓ Have you or someone you know experienced poverty? How do you define poverty?
- ✓ What things come into your mind when you hear the word 'poverty'?
- ✓ Can you think of a symbol that illustrates poverty?
- ✓ Do you know any global campaigns or projects to eradicate poverty? What kind of activities are being done globally?



Meet Today's Global Citizens



Joshua Briscoe

He is a secondary student who calls everyone to end poverty and challenges everyone to take responsibility and to help vulnerable communities.



Obakeng Leseyan

He is the global ambassador for a global children's charity organization committed to ending the global education crisis and fighting extreme poverty.

(Poverty and Inequality)



(Enslaved By Poverty, Education Was My Liberation)

