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Eradication of poverty requires strategies that recognise the humanity of all people

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“17 October was the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, this year, we find that the gap between rich and poor has exploded to a new gloomy outcome.” Said AFIC President Dr Rateb Jneid.

“Since the international community slowed down the impact of Covid and its variants, the world has been hit with other natural disasters that have seen traditionally poor nations suffering devastating floods and price hikes. Even right here in Australia, climate change has brought extreme weather patterns with long periods of rain and flooding. Prices of many goods have skyrocketed as we face supply shortages. The middle class is diminishing and the poor-base not only in Australia, but throughout the world is increasing.” Said Dr Jneid.

“We need to strike a balance in rewarding the work of entrepreneurs whilst recognising the value of the work offered by those who bring the profits to the entrepreneurs through their dedication and hard labour. We must also ensure that our contracts with other nations have a fair-trade element, this is one world and we are all its citizens.” Said Dr Jneid.

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