

# Clothes

- The clothing industry contributes about 10% of the world's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. However, it's environmental impact goes far beyond greenhouse gases: 20% of global wastewater comes from clothes manufacture, synthetic fibres mixed in with natural materials makes for poor recyclability and the industry is notorious for poor pay and conditions for its workforce.
- Unravelling the ethical content of your clothing is not easy because of complex supply chains. However, the biggest issue in clothing is the sheer number of unnecessary purchases that we in the developing world make.
- ACTION: buy fewer clothes and use charity shops.
- ACTION: find out how your favourite clothing brands source their products. For example, do they subscribe to standards such as the Better Cotton Initiative?

