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Why Poverty? Stealing Africa

Guldbrandsen, Christoffer. *Why Poverty? Stealing Africa.* Denmark: Guldbrandsen Film, 2012. HD, 58 min. https://youtu.be/WNYemuiAOfU.

> Stealing Africa describes the tax system employed by multinational companies in Africa. The film looks at Rüschlikon, a village in Switzerland with a very low tax rate and very wealthy residents. But it receives more tax revenue than it can use. This is largely thanks to one resident - Ivan Glasenberg, CEO of Glencore, whose copper mines in Zambia are not generating a large bounty tax revenue for the Zambians. Zambia has the third largest copper reserves in the world, but 60% of the population lives on less than $1 a day and 80% are unemployed. Based on original research into public documents, the film tells the story of global trade where money and natural resources only flow one way. (Source: Steps International)

The series *Why Poverty?* was initiated and produced by Steps International, a non-profit organization that combines documentaries, new media, old media and outreach to get millions of people talking about big issues.

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