This template can be used as a Problems or as a Solutions tree to explore any issue, eg. poverty.

- Write the issue on the tree trunk
- Write causes on the roots and effects on the branches
- Use deeper layers of roots for deeper causes, eg. for poverty, a shallow root might be labelled ‘unemployment’, a deeper root might be labelled ‘lack of access to education’ and a still deeper root, ‘international debt repayment’.