Help us count the nuclear weapons money

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One trillion US dollars allocated globally to nuclear weapons programs over 10 years could instead cover:

- 10,000,000,000 teachers
- Up to 100 million houses
- 2–10 million salaries for teachers
- United Nations budget for 10 years
- 3 million home solar panel systems
- 1 million electric cars
- 20 million wind turbines
- 67 million clean biomass stoves
- 1 million fresh water wells in Africa
- Up to 400,000 hospitals
- Food for all 780 million malnourished people
- Medication for all HIV infected Africans
- Rebuilding Haiti after the earthquake
- Cars electric
- Preventive health care for all Africans
- $100,000,000,000

Help us count the nuclear weapons money.
One trillion dollars is being spent to modernize the nuclear arsenals of nine countries over the next 10 years. We're showing the scale of this investment and how it could be devoted to peace and humanitarian needs, rather than the threat of nuclear annihilation.


We’re counting the money by hand,

$100million per minute in $1million dollar notes, and symbolically re-allocating these to climate protection, poverty alleviation and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Counting is taking 7 days and nights.

You can help!

Count the nuclear weapons money for ten minutes, half an hour or more, and decide where you would like this money to be invested instead of nuclear weapons.

Counting at the ‘Hub’

The main counting takes place at the Count the Nuclear Weapons Money Hub, 504 West 22nd Street at 10th Ave, Chelsea, New York City. Counting starts on Thursday Oct 24 at 1pm and continues until Wednesday Oct 30 at 7pm. Join us there at any time.

Other countings

are taking place in London (UK), New Mexico, Philadelphia and Wellington (New Zealand). There will also be short countings at other locations in Manhattan.

The event is being streamed online

with videos of those counting the money and short interviews, so that you can follow the counting even if you can't join us in New York or at one of the other locations.

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