

## Activity 11 | Poverty trap (40 min)

**(activity)** The term poverty trap refers to the situation of being unable to escape poverty because you are poor and thus cannot access services and benefits that would help improve your situation. Hand out **worksheet 11** and ask students to study the diagram of the poverty trap. Discuss students' thoughts and answer any questions.

Divide students into pairs or small groups and tell them they will be making a 'problem tree' for one of the following children: Erodo, Panjy, Angela, Vusumzi, Angela, Rosemary and Hayley. A problem tree helps students to think about causes and effects of poverty.

To make a problem tree, ask each group to draw a tree with a trunk, roots and branches. They should write the issue on the trunk, such as poverty or ideally more specifically child labour and unemployment. The causes should be written on the roots of the tree and the effects on the branches. See **worksheet 12** for an example.