

Global Poverty

- Who are the world's poorest people?
- What is life like in a poor country?
- Why are countries poor?
- How can we help poor countries?



The World Today: Haves and Have-Nots



- 1 billion have **what they need** for a long quality life.
- 4 billion have the **hope of getting what they need**.
- 1 billion have **very little at all**.

*Being poor in a rich country
is different from
being poor in a poor country.*

The Bottom Billion...

Live on \$1 per day,
many of them on less than \$1 per day
(the cost of an iTunes song)

Around \$7 per week

Close to \$30 per month

Less than \$400 per year



Poor People in Poor Countries...

- Water
- Food
- Electricity
- Roads
- Education
- Sanitation
- Disease
- Health Care
- Conflict

How do these affect a person trying to start a business with a microloan?

Why Are Countries Poor?

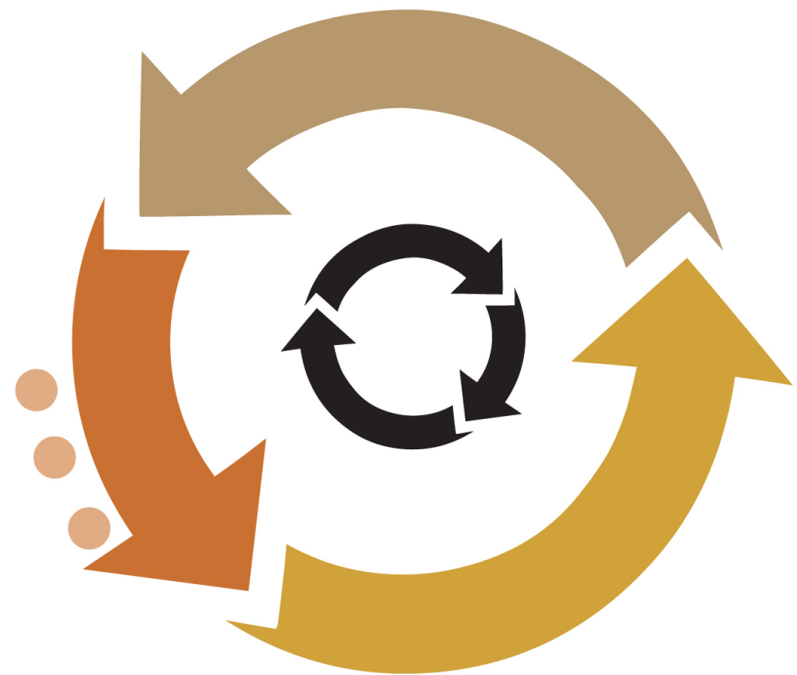
The Five Ps

- Place
- Past
- People
- Peace
- Politics

Poverty is a Cycle

For individuals and for countries...

Things that make you poor in the first place create other disadvantages that keep you in poverty.



Why Countries are Poor: Place

- Coastlines
- Climate
- Diseases
- Natural resources
- Neighbors



Place



Why Countries are Poor: Past

- History of slave trade?
- Colonial history?
- How were borders drawn?
- When did independence come?
- Chance to develop own leaders?



Past

United States



- British colony
- Independence 1776
- Peace and expansion across continent
- Civil War 1860s
- Great Depression 1930s
- Superpower 1940s-present

Chad



- French colony
- Independence 1960
- Civil Wars 1960-1990
- Invasions by Libya, Sudan
- Constant rebellions
- Involvement in neighbors' civil wars

Why Countries are Poor: People

- How many?
- How healthy?
- Are they educated?
- Where do they live?
- Different ethnic groups?
- Opportunities?



People

United States



- 2 children per woman
- 6 out of 1000 babies die
- Life expectancy 78
- 99% of adults can read
- Connected to each other
- A top immigrant destination

Chad



- 5 children per woman
- 100 of 1000 babies die
- Life expectancy 47
- 25% of adults can read
- Isolated villages
- A top refugee destination

Why Countries are Poor: Peace

- Wars with other countries?
- Where are the wars?
- Civil wars?



Peace

United States



- Few wars on US mainland (1776, 1860)
- No danger of invasion by neighbors
- Oceans keep other enemies out

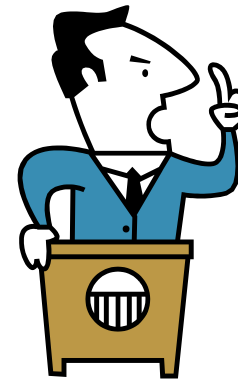
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- Constant civil wars
- War with neighbors
- Spill-over from neighbors' wars (Darfur)

Why Countries are Poor: Politics

- Are citizens and leaders educated?
- Do citizens participate in government?
- Do people know what leaders are doing?
- Are communities connected?
- Leaders too strong?
- Leaders too weak?



Politics

United States



- Nearly all voters literate
- Government institutions
- Checks and balances
- Communities
- Government is stable and secure

Chad



- 1/4 voters literate
- Dictatorship
- People spread out with few roads, phones
- Corruption from oil wealth
- President in constant danger of military coup

Help for the Poor

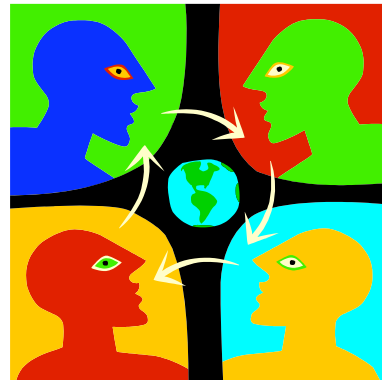
“Development Assistance”

MACRO

- Country to country
- International bodies (United Nations)
- Partnerships to help poor countries

MICRO

- Person to person
- Rich helping poor
- Poor helping each other



Types of Development Assistance

- Aid
- Loans
- Investment
- Trade
- Microfinance
- Peacekeeping
- Climate change prevention



Microfinance

How does helping individuals help their countries, too?



How Can You Get Involved?

- Microfinance
- Teach others about poverty
- Be an advocate
- Volunteer with organizations that work in poor countries
- Fight global warming



