

Education in Developing Countries

Developing countries lack the money and resources needed to create a good education system. This is a problem because people need knowledge and skills to improve their lives. This sheet describes why many children are poorly educated, and what can be done to help them.

Education in Developing Countries: Problems

Children have to work from an early age.

There are no schools in many areas.

The schools are usually underfunded and lack resources.

Families do not have access to books or computers.

Literacy rates are low.

Summary

There are many reasons why children in developing countries cannot get a good education. In some countries, children must work from an early age. They have to work, often in terrible conditions, in order to help their families. Furthermore, there are no schools in many areas which means that either children can't attend school, or they must travel long distances to school. These schools are often underfunded and of poor quality. Finally, children may not receive learning support at home because their parents are illiterate, and they may not have access to books or computers.

Education in Developing Countries: Solutions

Governments of developed and developing countries must work together.

Developed countries could help developing countries by providing money.

They could supply the funds to build schools and pay for teachers.

Computer equipment could be donated.

The internet can expose students to a world of knowledge and information.

Governments should make education compulsory for all children.

Summary

Many developing countries do not have the money to create a good education system. Therefore, governments of developed and developing countries must work together. Developed countries need to help developing countries by providing money and resources. They could supply the funds to build schools and pay for teachers. Furthermore, computer equipment could be donated. This would be beneficial because the internet helps teachers and students to access knowledge and information. For their part, developing countries should make education compulsory for all children.

Practice Question

In developing countries, children in rural communities have less access to education. Some people believe that the problem can be solved by providing more schools and teachers, while others think that the problem can be solved by providing computers and Internet access. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.