

GEOGRAPHY OF HUMAN WELL-BEING: A DIVERSE AND CONNECTED WORLD



Introduction and overview

1. What is poverty?

2. What causes poverty?

3. How do we
measure poverty?

4. What are the different
types of aid?

5. Aid or trade?

6. MDG – progress in
human well-being

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WHAT CAUSES POVERTY?

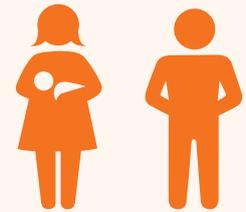
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Dr Muhammad Yunus was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006. He started the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh to give small loans to vulnerable people so they could build a better life and enjoy greater well-being. His methods were so successful they kick started a new branch of international development called microcredit and microfinance.

In his Nobel Peace Prize speech, Dr Yunus said,

“ To me poor people are like bonsai trees. When you plant the best seed of the tallest tree in a flower-pot, you get a replica of the tallest tree, only inches tall. There is nothing wrong with the seed you planted, only the soil-base that is too inadequate. Poor people are bonsai people. There is nothing wrong in their seeds. Simply, society never gave them the base to grow on. All it needs to get the poor people out of poverty is for us to create an enabling environment for them. Once the poor can unleash their energy and creativity, poverty will disappear very quickly.



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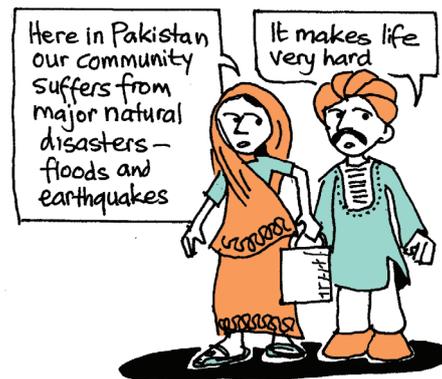
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FOR YOU TO DO



Read the cartoons and watch the animation *What causes poverty?* Identify the physical and human factors that cause poverty and inequality.



PHYSICAL FACTORS	HUMAN FACTORS