

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



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GLOBAL GEOGRAPHIES OF HUMAN WELL-BEING

Introduction

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1. Watch the animations: *What is poverty? What causes poverty?* and *How do we measure poverty?* These introduce and explore the issue of human well-being. In pairs, complete the worksheet for each animation. Then, in groups of 4-6, use the websites below to produce a group report addressing the following questions:

- What are some of the different ways that human well-being is measured?
- How can the spatial variation in human well-being between places be explained?
- What are the major issues affecting development and human well-being around the world?
- What trends in human well-being can be identified and what does this suggest for the future?

United Nations Development Index

<http://hdr.undp.org/en/countries>

Gapminder

<http://www.gapminder.org>

OECD Better Life Index

<http://www.oecdbetterlifeindex.org>

Gross National Happiness Index

<http://www.grossnationalhappiness.com>

2. Watch the animations: *What are the different types of aid? Aid or trade?* and *MDG – progress in human well-being?* These explore ways the international community is addressing human well-being in developing countries. In your small group, read the following brief:

There are significant differences in human well-being in the Asia-Pacific region. Based on your research of major issues and strategies to improve human well-being (see the case studies below), devise a plan to help improve human well-being in the region. Your plan might address issues of water, food, education, health and income levels. Your team will include government and non-government organisation (NGO) representatives from different countries in the region, including Australia.

Be prepared to make a 15 minute presentation outlining your plan. Rank your proposals in order of priority as the economic budget may not allow all proposals to be implemented.



CASE STUDIES



AUSTRALIA'S ENGAGEMENT WITH ASIA:

Indonesia – Water and human wellbeing

www.worldvision.com.au/resources/SchoolResources/IndonesianResource.aspx?id=e81d63b7-5bff-4396-ae37-6def329bece3

AUSTRALIA'S ENGAGEMENT WITH ASIA: Indonesia

– Urbanisation and human wellbeing

www.worldvision.com.au/resources/SchoolResources/IndonesianResource.aspx?id=77cac393-5686-424d-8cec-5c6d1aa6ec56



AUSTRALIA'S ENGAGEMENT WITH ASIA:

Indonesia – Food and human wellbeing

www.worldvision.com.au/resources/SchoolResources/IndonesianResource.aspx?id=e6251963-cd63-4dd9-a0a1-f3845bb44726

PAPUA NEW GUINEA:

Health and human wellbeing

www.worldvision.com.au/resources/SchoolResources/Papua-New-Guinea-listings.aspx



AUSTRALIA'S ENGAGEMENT WITH ASIA: Indonesia

– Interconnections and human wellbeing

www.worldvision.com.au/resources/SchoolResources/IndonesianResource.aspx?id=1aa6b99f-493d-4f29-a4c5-9ee9c6111969

AUSTRALIA'S AID PROGRAM:

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

dfat.gov.au/aid/Pages/australias-aid-program.aspx