
Why We Need VOC...

State of the World



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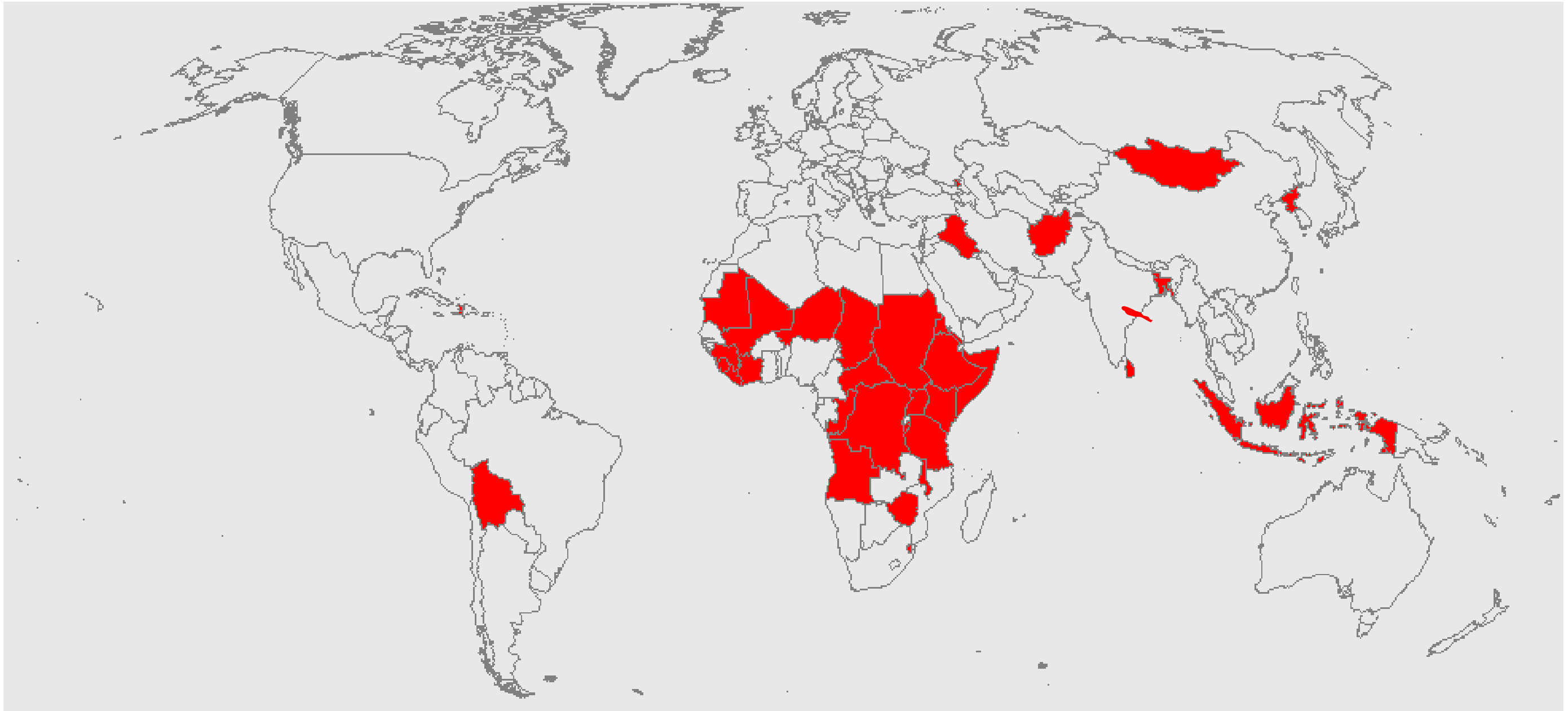
But our world doesn't look like God's Kingdom. A test to see how well you know your world . . .

1. How many countries are in the world? **193 UN Members**
2. How many people live in the world? **7.0+ Billion**
3. How many people are chronically undernourished? **925+ million**
4. How many people are chronically overfed? **1 billion**
5. How many people live on only US\$1/day? **1 billion**
6. If you make US\$960 per year (\$80/month), how rich are you? (example, top 30% of the world?) **Top 45% richest**
7. Name one Millennium Development Goal? **Eradicate extreme hunger and poverty**

Millennium Development Goals: 2000-2015

- **Eradicate extreme poverty & hunger.**
- Achieve universal primary education.
- Promote gender equality and empower women.
- Reduce child mortality
- Improve maternal health.
- Combat HIV/AIDs, malaria and other diseases.
- Ensure environmental sustainability.
- Develop a global partnership for development.

Numerous countries face serious food shortages



Not a statistic . . .



A tragedy for both girl and photographer.

Putting hunger in perspective



9/11: 2 planes, 2750
people in NY, 1 day

Hunger: 100 planes,
25,000 people, every day
of the year



Make a list of words that describe the poor:

List of words

□ Example: Hungry

□ _____

□ _____

□ _____

□ _____

□ _____

Definition of Poverty

Are the words mostly negative or positive?



Examples of definitions of poverty

- A lack of necessities (Bradshaw)
- Inequality (Valentine)
- Entanglement of Poverty Trap (Chambers)
- Disempowerment (Jayakumar Christian)
- Below poverty line (but who's poverty line?)
- A deficit of things
- A lack of freedom to grow (Ravi Jayakaran)
- Etc, etc, etc.



Dangers of these definitions

- Our words can put-down the poor as: inadequate, not whole, defective.
- The poor might start to believe it.
- We begin to see ourselves as the savior.

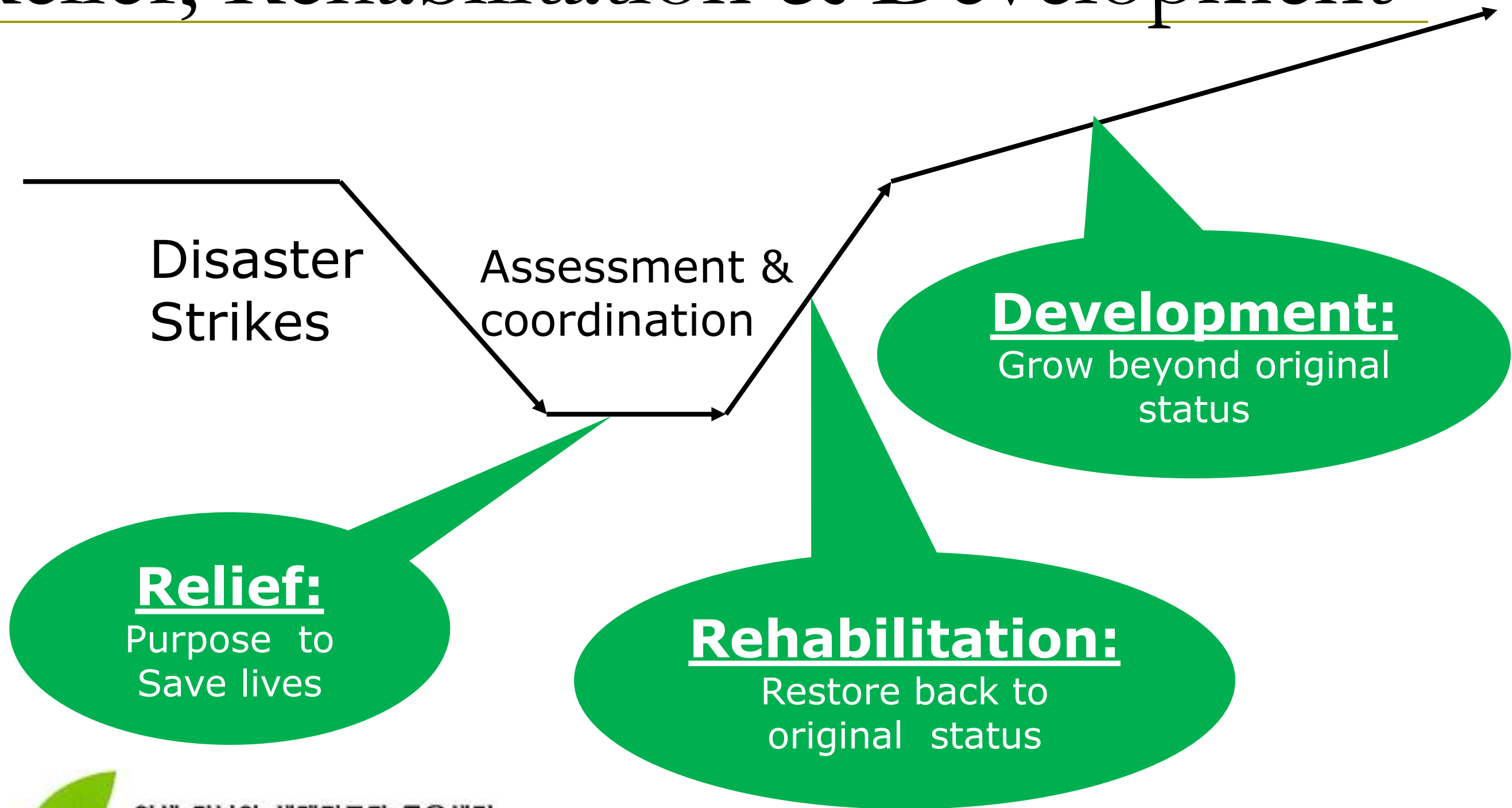
Bryant Myers, 2001



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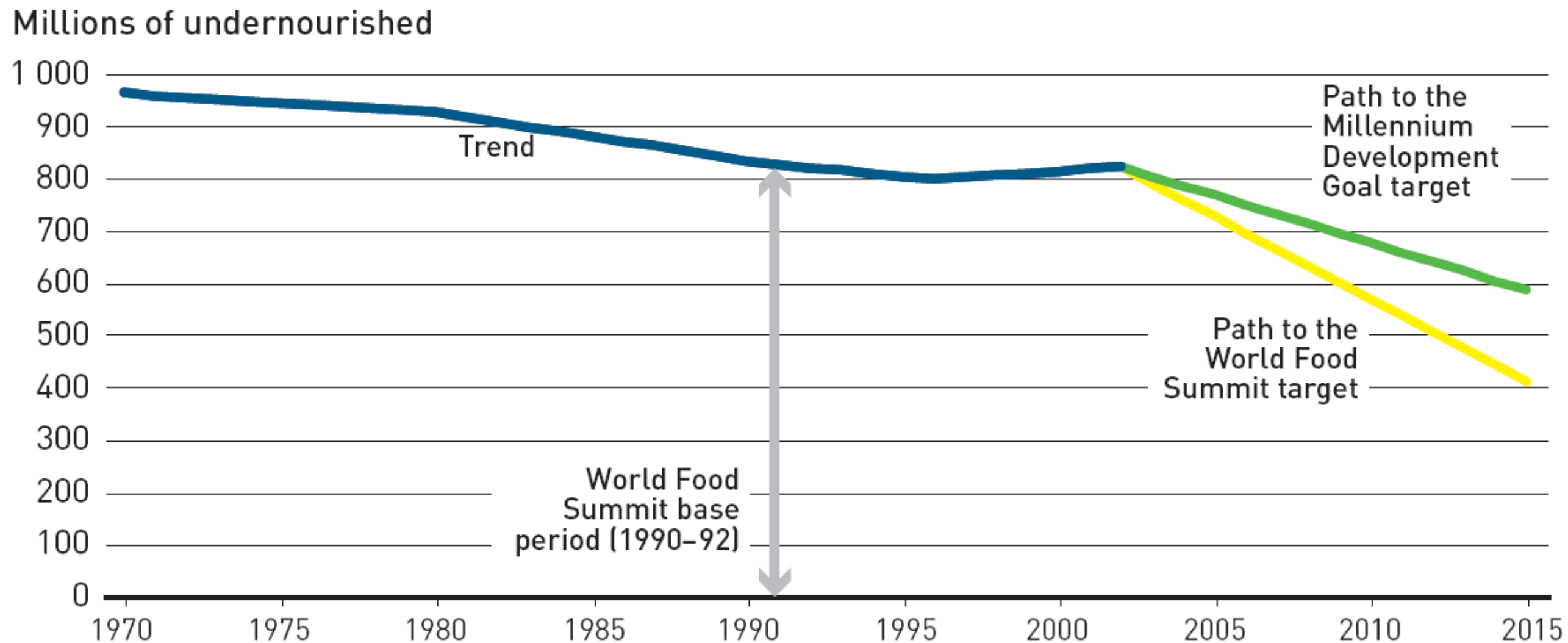
Conventional Definitions of Progress: Relief, Rehabilitation & Development



How are we doing?

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Number of undernourished people in the developing world



Source: FAO



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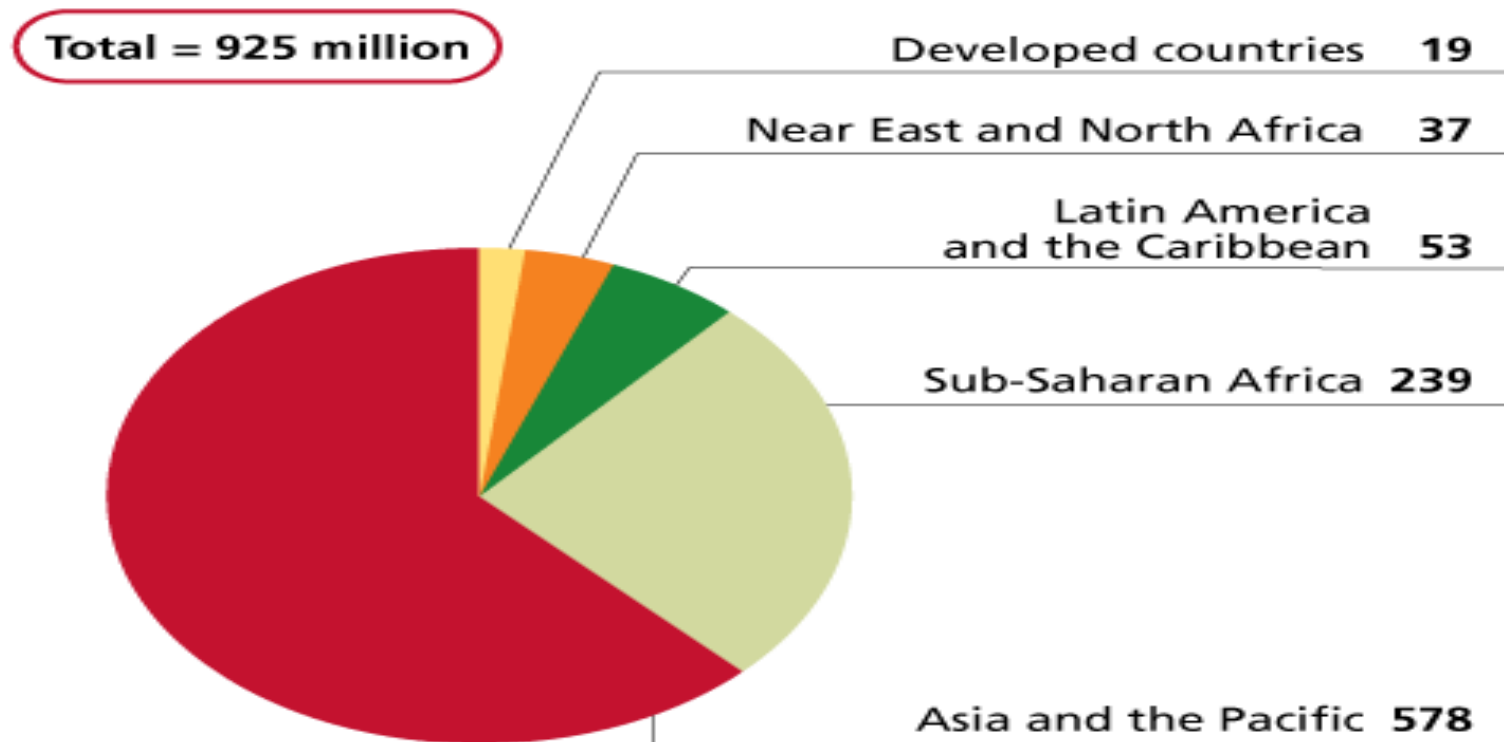
925 Million chronically undernourished



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations

Economic and Social Development Department

Where do the hungry live?



Source: FAO.



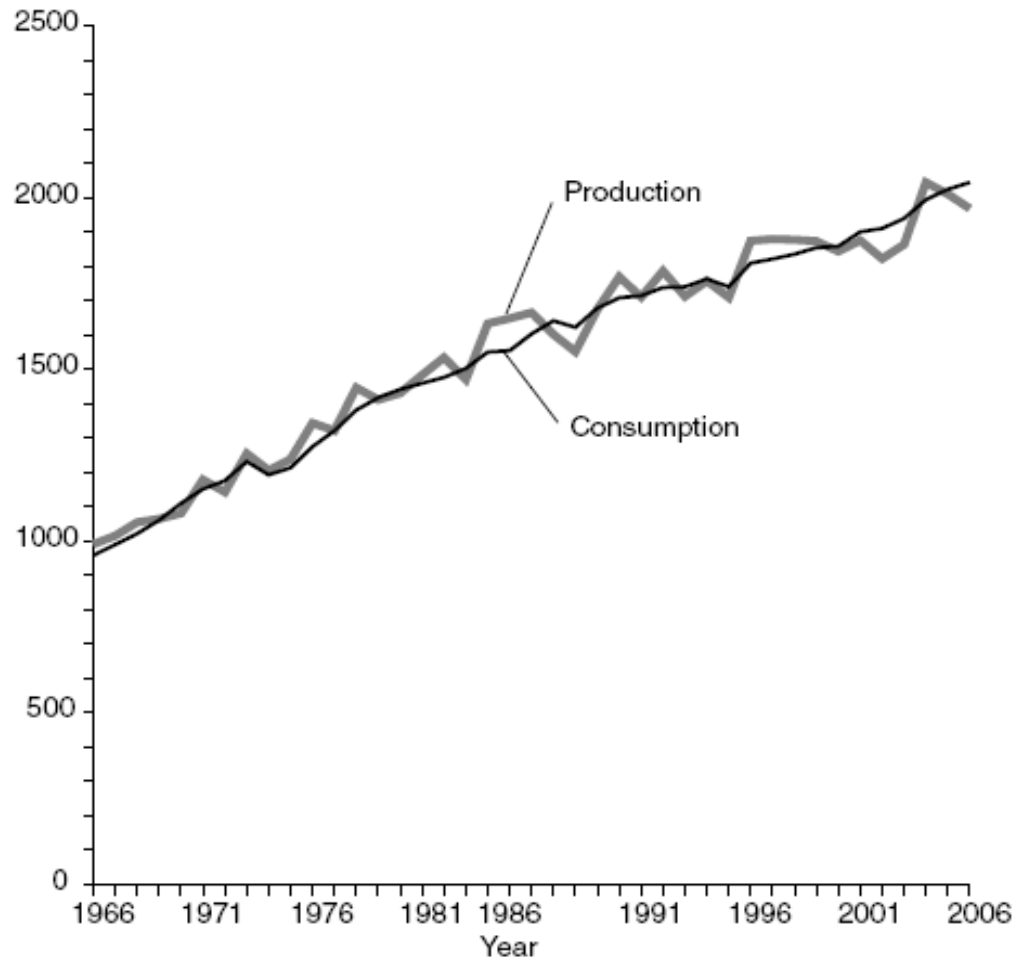
The State of
Food Insecurity
in the World



World Grain Production and Stocks

FIGURE 1
World Grain Production and Consumption,
1966-2006

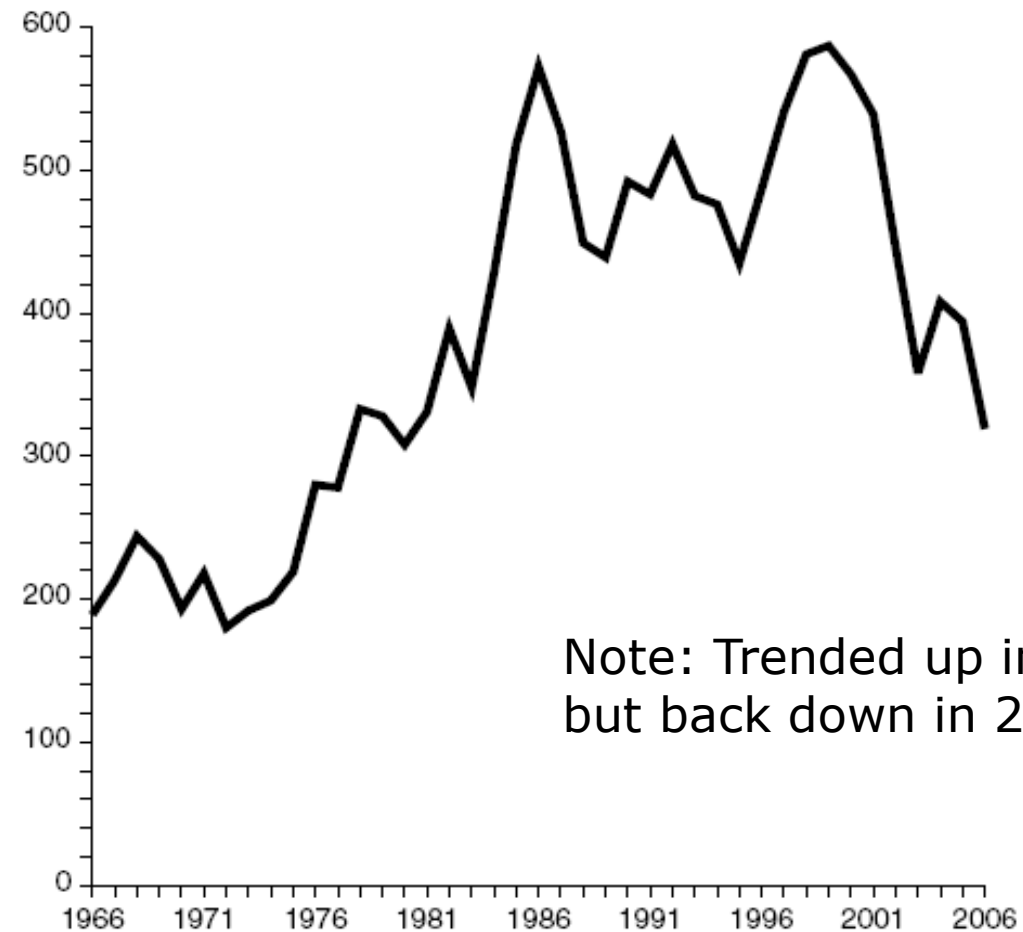
(Million Metric Tons)



Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture.

FIGURE 2
World Grain Stocks, 1966-2006

(Million Metric Tons)



Note: Trended up in 2009-10,
 but back down in 2011.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture.

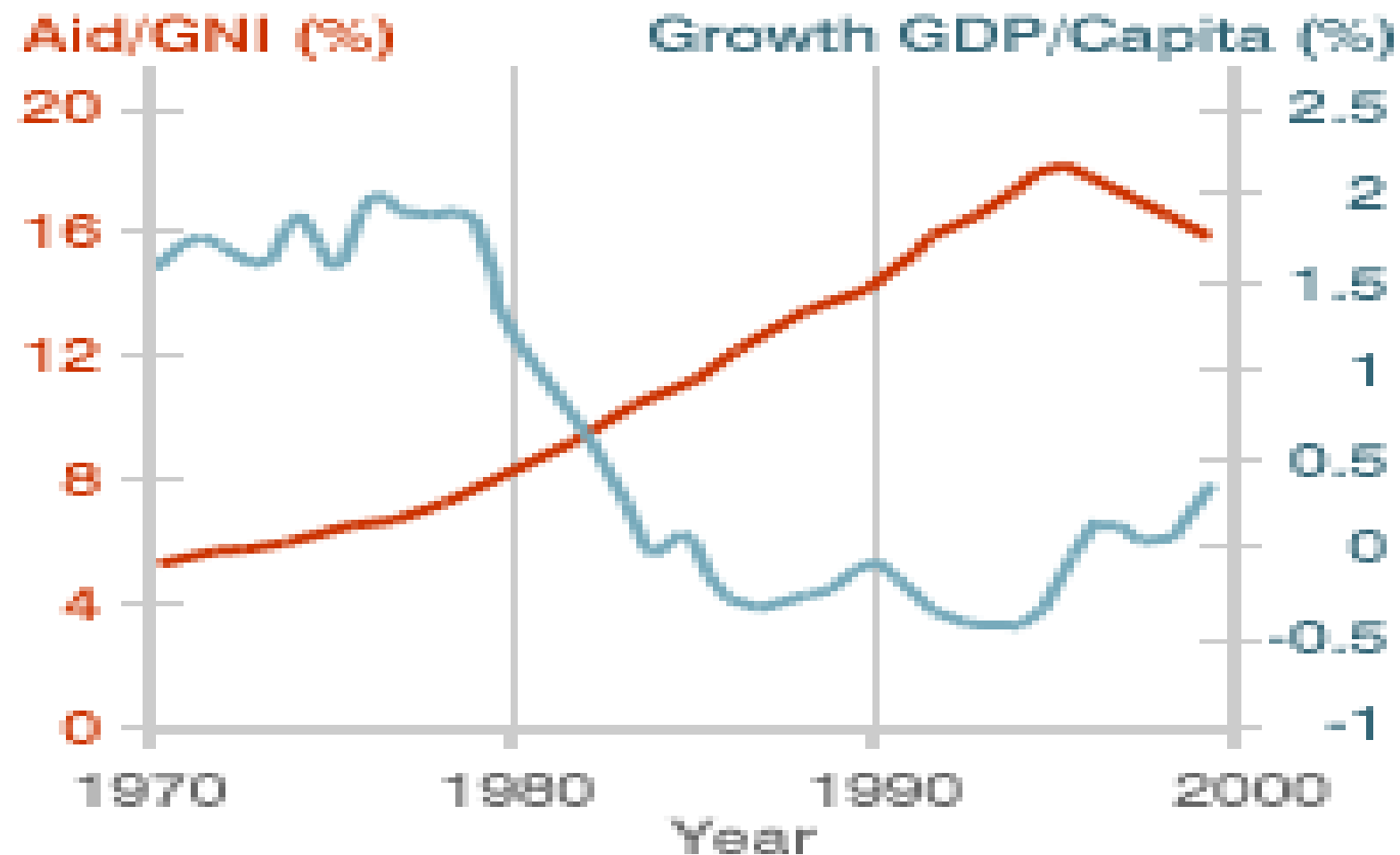


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Does Aid always lead to Growth?

**AID AND GROWTH IN AFRICA
1970-2000 (10-YEAR MOVING AVG)**



Some experts would counter this chart with other charts or draw other conclusions.

The key question is what do you think?

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/4209956.stm>



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" . . . The current troubled climate poses a risk that some advances in reducing poverty may unravel."

- Secretary Ban, Ki Moon



Green Revolution a Success?

“Lurking behind this success story . . . are some disturbing issues:

- ❑ Planting with identical High-Yield Varieties (HYV's) reduces genetic diversity and increases vulnerability to pests, necessitating . . . heavy pesticides.
- ❑ Agriculture makes heavy use of fresh water.
- ❑ High dependency on technology.
- ❑ Questionable sustainability. “

- Human Appropriation of World Food Supply

http://www.globalchange.umich.edu/globalchange2/current/lectures/food_supply/food.htm



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Aid and Africa

"Such intentions have been damaging our continent for the past 40 years. If the industrial nations really want to help the Africans, they should finally terminate this awful aid. The countries that have collected the most development aid are also the ones that are in the worst shape."

- James Shikwati, Kenyan Economist



Dead-aid

" . . . has more than US\$1 trillion in development assistance over the last several decades made African people better off? No."

Dambisa Moyo, Zambia Economist





Discussion Question

Why do some leaders from Africa say aid is hurting more than helping?

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Note: There are many sides to this debate, positive and negative. Again, the point is, what do you think?

