

## **Empowering those in Poverty through Education** **MMUN Press Corps**

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At the United Nations, specifically in the Economic and Financial Committee, the issue of eradicating poverty and other development issues is being debated. This issue is an important topic that affects people in poverty around the world. The issues of transparency, social media, budgeting, and volunteering were specifically discussed in the committee. Empowering all citizens, especially those in poverty, is important to increase their chances of success through education.

The issue of transparency in government was discussed in the committee room. Countries discussed the importance of letting the people know what the government is doing. The discussion of promoting transparency in government was brought up to try to prevent corruption in countries. Knowing what the government is doing can help empower the citizens by knowing that the government is helping solve issues and not doing bad things.

The idea of using social media was also presented. Social media is a free and easy way to spread awareness to the world. Countries brought up that a majority of the population uses social media and could help spread awareness worldwide. Social media is a fast and efficient method to getting awareness spread worldwide and a way to empower those who are in poverty.

Budgeting was another issue that was discussed in the committee. Using budgeting could help keep things organized. Keeping things organized can help make things go smoothly and easily. Letting the people know that the money is spent properly can help to know that the money is spent properly can help to give hope. Knowing that money is being spent to help can give those impoverished more motivation. This goes towards the issue of transparency as well.

Countries also discussed the idea of volunteering in educational capacities. Volunteer work can help not only local, but also foreign countries. These ideas of volunteering was presented: starting a food drive, making donation boxes, and starting gardens in schools to give to those in poverty. Giving food is a good start to giving those in poverty hope and a chance to succeed. Volunteering could also help others who are already volunteering by relieving them of the heavy workload. As a delegate from Mozambique said, "Help the people who help the people in poverty."

Although lots of ideas were discussed, there were no notions on how to do such things. We are unsure of what the final solution will be. We hope that the overall solution will go forth to help those in poverty.