

Sharing Solutions For the Total Eradication of Poverty can be Crucial

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The solutions for global poverty and other developmental issues, like building shelters and providing adequate education and training, need to be accessible to everyone. Many delegates in ECOFIN I were very interested in programs that would help people get jobs or education so they would be eligible for jobs. The delegates were also very interested in ways to provide shelter for those in need, as well as other basic human needs.

Several delegates were not only focused on getting quality education, but also on getting the materials needed for quality education. The delegate representing Canada stated that “some people can get books or pencils... and help them learn”. The representative for Brazil suggested that “outside shelters we can have schools”. This idea is important because it promotes education alongside with housing. Focusing on getting both education and the supplies for education is a helpful and realistic approach.

Delegates also expressed their concern about getting quality education on both basic things and ways to manage your money. The United Mexican States took a particular interest in the idea that it would be beneficial to start teaching children at a young age how to finance and manage their money. They thought that if they could incorporate money management into the curriculum at schools it will reduce the amount of people that find themselves in poverty. Programs like this could be extremely helpful to those that do or have struggled with money and money management. It would be important to expand these classes to all areas.

Delegates representing Korea came up with an idea similar to foreign exchange students, but with teachers. They thought that if they could get teachers with a good education to go to less fortunate places in need of quality education, it would result in a more educated youth. Having more children able to make opportunities for themselves and people around them will result in a more informed nation as well as reducing the rate of people in poverty. They were able to share this idea and many delegates, including the delegates representing Viet nam, were very receptive to it and expressed their support for it.

Very many delegates also noted that to eradicate poverty, equality was necessary. They noted that racism, sexism, and many other forms of discrimination were very present in education. The representative from Albania said “I agree with educating kids and women”. They stressed the importance gender equality. This does not give all people a fair chance to make themselves the life they deserve. Eradicating poverty and getting rid of discrimination are very connected, even if many people do not realize it.

Housing (or lack of housing) is another very important part of poverty that the delegates were focusing on. Some delegates had very interesting and creative solutions. Delegates from Brazil suggested turning abandoned houses into housing for the homeless. The delegates representing the United Mexican States were talking about a program called eco bricks. They said you “stuff plastic” into molds “until they are

rock hard". They can then be used for building. This is a great idea because it not only provides buildings for schools, homes, and indigenous people, but it is also a very eco-friendly solution. They said that this program is very integrated into schools and they've learned a lot. They wish to expand this program to other parts of the world to help others in need.

There are also many organizations that help eradicate poverty. Brazil mentioned a program called Bolsa Familia which "supports families... and gives them food and water and to have an education". Figuring out how to make organizations like this world wide will help globally eradicate all developmental issues. A representative for Hungary said that "Hungary is for the work for welfare program". These programs give people further incentives to work. They have communal work stations for people looking for work. People looking for help from this organization have to apply. Hungary was interested in expanding this program to help of the countries.

Many delegations expressed their wishes to eradicate poverty world wide. They wanted to come up with solutions for everyone, not just themselves. Feeling the need to help all people and all places and not just your own, is necessary, because above everything we are human.