

Will Eradication of Poverty Solve all of our Issues?

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Poverty is an issue that effects all countries. To solve this issue, spreading awareness will simply not be enough. The solutions to really eradicate poverty are still trying to be found, and children around the world have come together to try to solve many issues like these. Flooding, education, equality with genders, taxes, and shelters; all of these are issues that have caused poverty and there are many more with these. The organization is called the Montessori Model United Nations (MMUN), and it has been going on for more then 12 years now.

Flooding and other natural disasters come in account with poverty when homes get destroyed and people lose all that they have worked to gain. The delegates that were representing Bulgaria said that they were building homes that would be placed away from ravines to avoid flooding. There are little solutions like that to solve poverty issues caused by natural disasters, but these solutions are no where near enough to stop the path that we are on for the impoverished.

Education plays an important part of poverty, because without an education it is very difficult to find a job to pay for the resources you need, which can lead to people being impoverished. It is even more important to make sure your kids are educated, so they can grow up to have a job. It is a nasty cycle that will keep going on if education isn't equally distributed around the world, especially to the people struggling with poverty now. This is why a many delegates are fighting for cheaper and easier access to a good education. One delegation representing Canada, brought up an interesting idea; If they gave a small amount of starter money from the government to the impoverished, they could start a small business, and make money for themselves, and employ others. It would probably start out small, they could buy a produce animal, such as a chicken, and sell the eggs, and begin to work their way up to a larger small business.

You might think the developed countries, such as China could lend a hand and increase taxes in their region, and give that money to the impoverished to help homeless shelters, housing, and etc. But a developing county, Peru, was saying "No, [developed countries] are trash, and selfish." Summarizing that most countries are trying to solve their own issues before others. That being said, if everyone works together, then problems world wide can start to eradicate.

Women are not treated equally, and that is a fact that everyone is aware of in some way. Women are not as educated as men in many countries and that can lead to poverty, but that can mean that they can't get a job and support their family. That is a huge problem because many women are domestically abused and if they do not have money to get out of that situation they have to live with that abuse, and no one should have to do that.

A huge solution that many countries decided on was using the large amount of money military funding has, and give that to the impoverished for affordable housing and more. Zimbabwe is already stepping up and hosting organizations, and having volunteers teach classes about poverty, and how it effects our world today.

The chair of one of the committees in MMUN was watching all the delegates work at the end of their gathering and said, "I'm so impressed with the motivation and the level of independence and intelligence in my committee room. Delegates worked diligently to come up with solutions for both of our topics and actually ended up finishing two hours early!" Poverty is a major issue, and the fact that these children are coming together to try to begin to solve this issue is unbelievable. When or how it will end? No one knows, and we have yet to find out.