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INTRODUCTION

Basic needs can be interpreted in different ways, but they can be viewed objectively in terms of minimum specified quantities of such things as food, clothing, shelter, water and sanitation, which are necessary to prevent ill-health, undernourishment and so forth.

Without the daily basic needs life will be very difficult and the lack of one basic need can result the lack of another. For example without sufficient water it will be difficult to live in sanitary conditions. Basic needs are yardsticks which show the capacity of a household, community, country or even region to satisfy the need of it's people. A community that has no access to basic needs is a community in poverty.

Food, clothing, shelter, water, sanitation, public transport, health education, cultural facilities and security as the most basic needs people require in order to lead a dignified and fulfilling life, but than household equipment and furniture is not that urgent.

DEFINE AND EXPLAIN BASIC NEEDS

Basic needs are day-to-day requirements. It can be defined as those things a person cannot do without, for example, shelter, clothes, the air that we breathe or the water that we need to quench our thirst, producing and preparing our food, bathing cleaning and washing. Without these, life will be very difficult and the lack of one basic need can result in the lack of another.

Basic needs include amongst others food, clothing, shelter, water, sanitation, public transport, health education, cultural facilities and security as the most basic need people require in order to lead a dignified and fulfilling life

1. Food

- Food is a basic need without which a whole generation of humankind can be wiped out.

2. Literacy

- Is a means of development, enabling people to access new opportunities and to participate in society in new ways.

3. Water and sanitation

- Clean and portable water is essential for human survival. Although drinking water is a basic human right, many people do not have access to safe and adequate drinking water or proper sanitation facilities.

DISCUSS LINK BETWEEN BASIC NEEDS AND DEVELOPMENT

Development means different things to different people. This implies the right to improvement and advancement of economic, social, cultural and political conditions. Improvement of quality of life means implementing change that ensures every person a life of dignity or life in society that respects and helps realise all people's needs ensures their human rights.

Food, clothing, shelter, water, sanitation, public transport, health, education, cultural facilities and security are the most basic needs people require in order to lead a dignified and fulfilling life. Changes that will bring development into their lives such as access to healthcare will reduce mortality, especially that caused by preventable diseases.

What brings development is people's ability to access basics which would ensure they are not undernourished, they are secure in their homes, they have access to information through education and when their health fails, there is a health-care system that is able to cater for their ailments. On development concepts, you learned that the world is divided according to a country or region's development status.

Poverty is a denial of choices and opportunities, a violation of human dignity. It means not having enough to feed and clothe a family, not having a school or clinic to go to.

1. Hunger and Nutrition

- Food is a basic need without which a whole generation of humankind can be wiped out. It is called "food insecurity".

2. Literacy

- Is a means of development, enabling people to access new opportunities and to participate in society in new ways.

3. Water and sanitation

- Clean and portable water is essential for human survival. Although drinking water is a basic human right, many people do not have access to safe and adequate drinking water or proper sanitation facilities.

WHY BASIC NEEDS ARE IMPORTANT

Basic need is a every day need which we cannot live without. Food and clean water is a necessity. Everyone is having the right to have access to sufficient food and water. The right to sufficient water intersects with environmental rights and is in enabling right for the enjoyment of other rights such as health, education and safety. The right to water is shared competency of nationa, provincial and local government. Food is a essential need. The prevalence of hunger is higher in rural areas.

One of the main challenges is to provide sustainable sanitation and water access, especially in urban areas. Maintaining and sustaining water access. The other challenge of sustainable water supply is the lack of appropriate policies and programs that consider diversity. This condition is threatening the sustainability of urban water supply systems and raises concerns about the progress of urban water systems of variaton and change.

Some of the factors include climate changes, economic development, population growth, migration and consumer behavioural patterns. Lastly, lack of sanitation and water access in the home contrains people's choices and freedom because it includes ill health, poverty, and vulnerability. It also contributes too many deaths yearly. Chronic diarrhea can have long-term negative effects on especially children in terms of both physical and cognitive development level.

Moving forward here are some areas tha need to be lookes at for better servie delivery rearding water access:

- Water Services Development Planning
- Water Resouces Management
- Water Conservation And Demand Management
- Drinking Water Qaulity
- Waste Water Environmental Safety
- Financial Management
- Customer Care

CONCLUSION

In the ambitious vision of the SDG, sufficient and safe water has to be available for all to support human's basic needs and ecosystem integrity. In addition, developing nations are required to open their economics to compete with each other and with more powerful and established industrial nations.

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