

Pre-COVID

- Drop in poverty
- Literacy better
- Conditional convergence using PPP
- Fast FGP growth rates in many Less Developing Countries
- Child mortality rates down
- improve life exp
- Hunger improving
- Huge improvement in primary
- Enrollment rates
- FDI up in many LDCs
- Many new trade agreements

Developed countries has higher death rate of COVID?

- Higher test rate, higher validity of testing
- Developing countries has higher rates of young population, developed countries has more elderly people

Economics

- Global GDP growth down by 3.3% in 2020 remittances fell.
- Short term vs. long term effects
- Inflation
- Oil prices
- War in Ukraine
- Interest rates up

Issues

Food Security

- Supply
- Prices (inflation)
- US\$ (imports)

Very little work from home, schooling at home

Inequality

- within countries
- Between DCs and LDCs
- Women worse off: i.e. service sector jobs: age restrictions

Human trafficking up

Forecast: global recession

Income& PPP gap

Food inflation over 5% over world

Import & export issue

Shortage -> raise price, and it is harder for the central bank to reach the target,

Developing countries usually have a higher inflation rate,

What developed countries could do to help developing countries?

LDC Policies: (impacts of a policy for developing countries)

- temp price ceilings on food-> when poverty rate is high, but it would work for poverty
- temp subsidies on food
- agriculture policies -> training for better fertilizer, better irrigation, loans for irrigation
- education -> demand: students; supply: teacher -> training more teacher, technology to teacher or students, policy benefiting teachers
- internship programs or tax breaks for firms to hiring new grads
- provide subsidies for families that willing to sent children to school (fund scholarships, free school breakfast/lunch for high poverty rate countries)
- immunizations/health checking

Developed Country Policies to assist LDCs (non-health related)

- sharing tech
- standardized curriculum for teaching => provide, distribute, training of teachers
- how to use tech to improve productivity => best practices, User manual, Internships

Financial or other types of incentives:

=> timeline to achieve certain goals

Debt: lower int rate on debt of restructure if or timeline

Trade: lower tax/non-tax barrier

-> LDC EX's up

Low currency benefits for export since export goods would be cheaper, and it would have price benefit and sells more.

Signing new trade agreement

DCs:

FDI – competition products

Goals is so that FDI does not drew out domestic businesses.

COVAX

- funded by donors DCs to secure a variety of vaccines

Goal: up S in LDCs

: down P in LDCs

Lgucatble access to vaccines

Group buying power

Goal – 2 billion doses end of 2021

Sharing of costs