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