

Tackling poverty

Poverty does not only afflict many countries in South America but vast parts of Africa and Asia as well. How can the poor in these countries be helped effectively?

Which steps would be right, would not help much, or would simply be wrong? Please tick the box accordingly and provide a short explanation.

The EU should send Europe's surplus food to the poor countries at subsidised prices or free of charge.

right

not much help

wrong

The rich industrial nations should open up their markets for the products of the poor countries and get rid of protective import duties.

right

not much help

wrong

The governments of the poor countries should concentrate on monoculture in big plantations. In this way, products such as bananas, cocoa, coffee, etc. would stand a better chance in the world's markets.

right

not much help

wrong

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Within the framework of development aid, rich countries should make more money available to poor countries as these know best how to tackle effectively the causes of poverty in their own countries.

right not much help wrong

By providing technical know-how, rich countries should help poor countries to tackle possible natural disasters right at the start or at least minimize the negative results.

right not much help wrong

Wars and civil wars cause poverty. The weapons used in these wars mainly come from the rich industrialised countries. Therefore weapons exports to poor countries in particular should be stopped.

right not much help wrong
