



Social Studies Virtual Learning

Geography

Impoverished Africa

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Lesson #32: May 5, 2020

Objective/Learning Target: I can explain solutions for poverty in Africa.

Warm Up

Today we will discuss poverty in Africa- from the causes to current state. To warm up, watch this video titled “Why Is Africa So Poor?” Then, answer the following questions on a sheet of paper.

1. What percentage of Africa makes up “the world’s poor?”
2. Explain the millenium village project and the successes/failures this project had.
3. How can businesses (TOMS) lead to more poverty?
4. How can foreign aid impact Africa? Is this a positive or a negative? Explain.



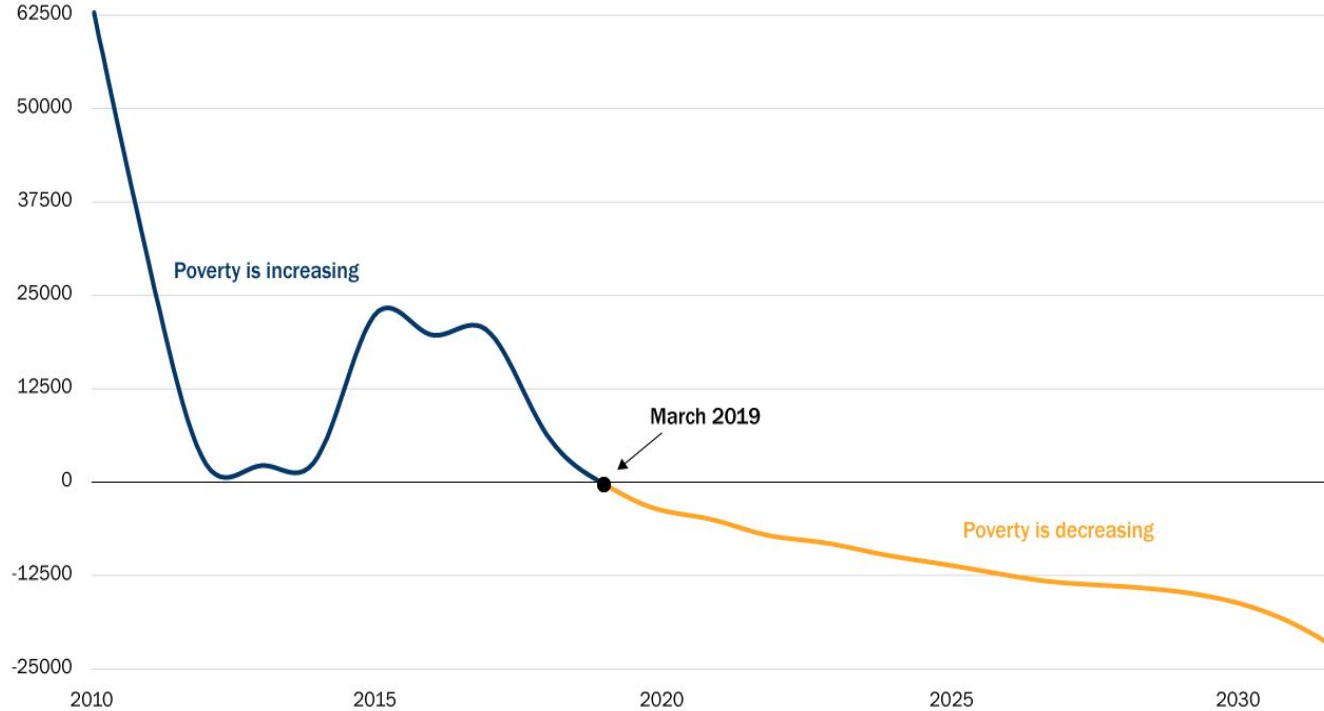
Warm Up Answers

1. What percentage of Africa makes up “the world’s poor?”
 - a. 33%
2. Explain the millenium village project and the successes/failures this project had.
 - a. Giving money to local individual rural communities in separate countries. Destroyed cultural impact of villages, led to vices, 1 solution doesn't translate to all areas
3. How can businesses (TOMS) lead to more poverty?
 - a. Create dependency, hurt local small business
4. How can foreign aid impact Africa? Is this a positive or a negative? Explain.
 - a. Throwing money at problem and not offering solutions.
 - b. Positive => short term food & resources
 - c. Negative => dependency & tied up with foreign restrictions



Lesson Activity

Figure 1: At last, poverty is falling in Africa
African daily change in extreme poverty



Source: World Data Lab

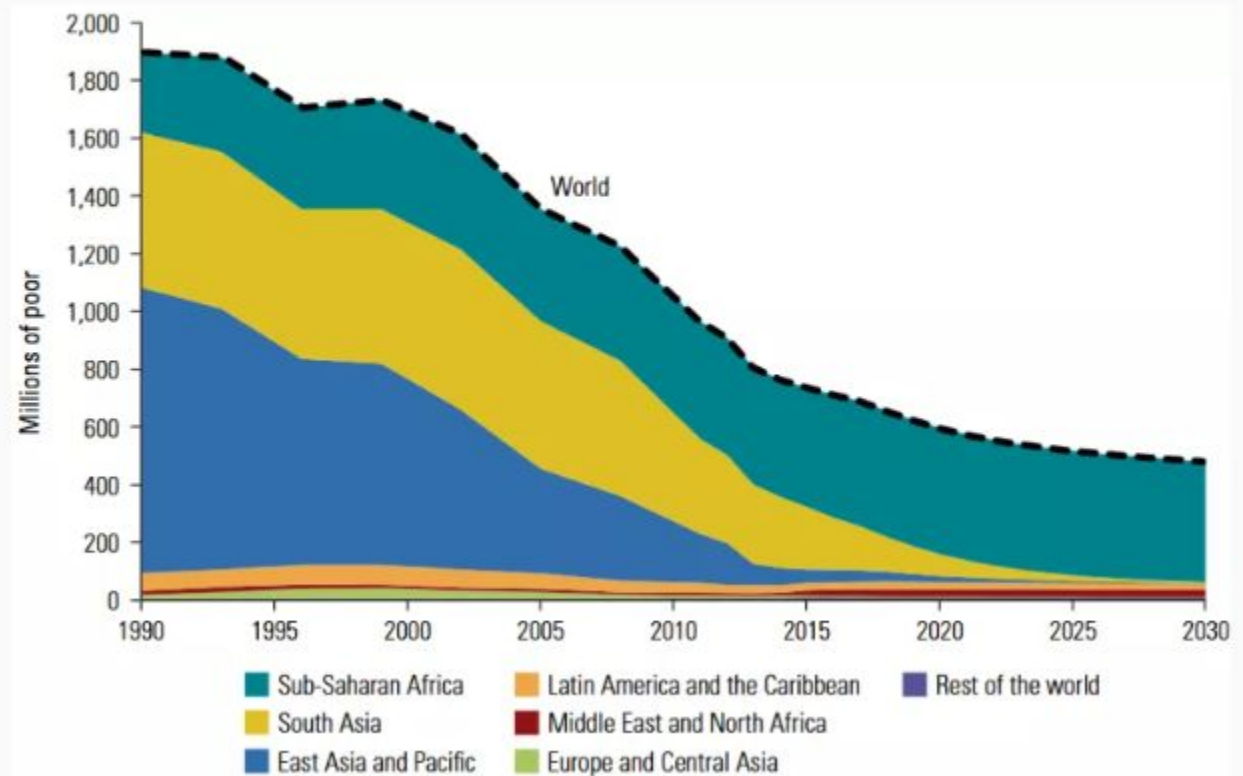
The common misperception about Africa is that it ruled by poverty & disease. While these are issues, poverty in Africa has been dropping in recent years. Impoverished Africa has seen a rebound in science, health care, and technology. Foreign aid has led to some of this rebound, but African nations holding governments accountable and empowering local leaders is far more important. What are some of the issues still connected with poverty?

Practice

Using the same sheet of paper from the warm up activity, review the following graphs on African poverty and answer the following questions relating to them

1. Which area in Africa is represented in this graph?
2. How does this area compare with other regions around the world in poverty?

Figure 2: Number of poor by region, 1990-2030

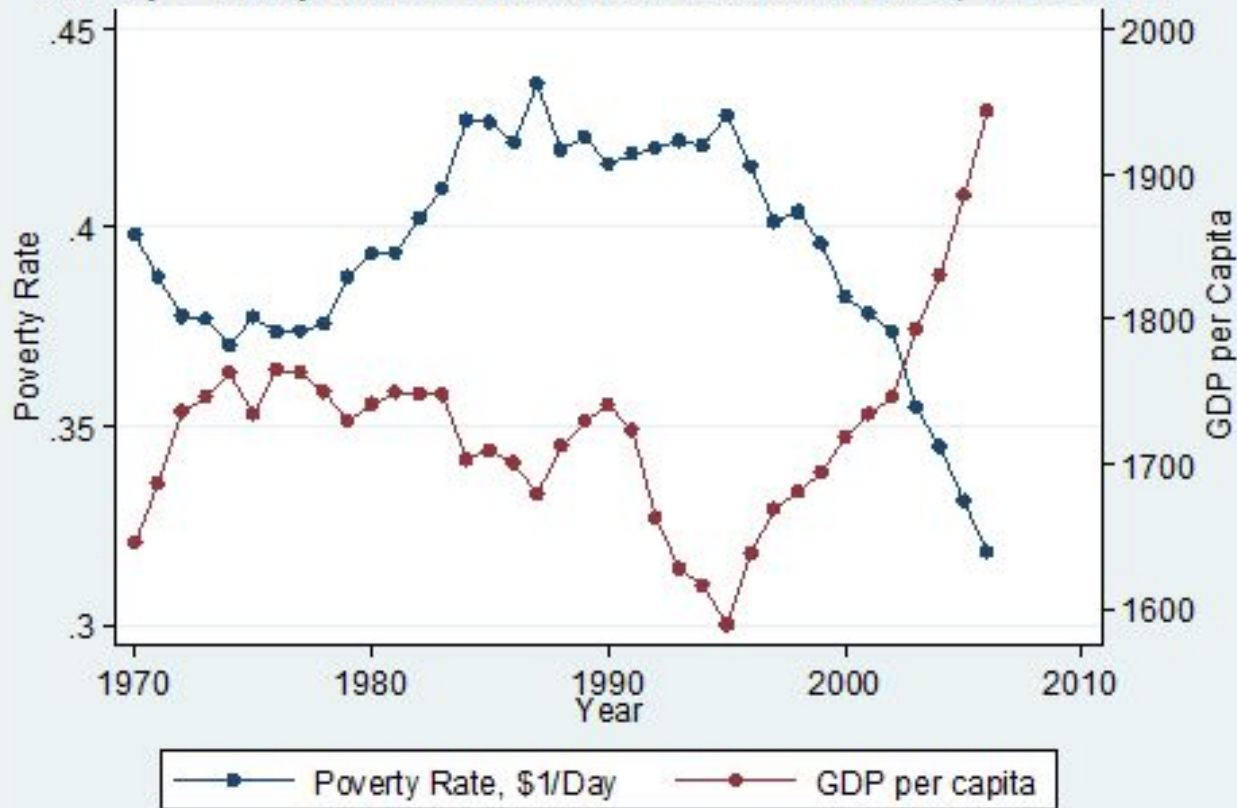


Practice

Using the same sheet of paper from the warm up activity, review the following graphs on African poverty and answer the following questions relating to them

1. How has the Poverty Rate changed in Sub-Saharan Africa over 40+ years?
2. What is the connection between GDP & Poverty Rate in Sub-Saharan Africa?

\$1/Day Poverty and Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1970-2006

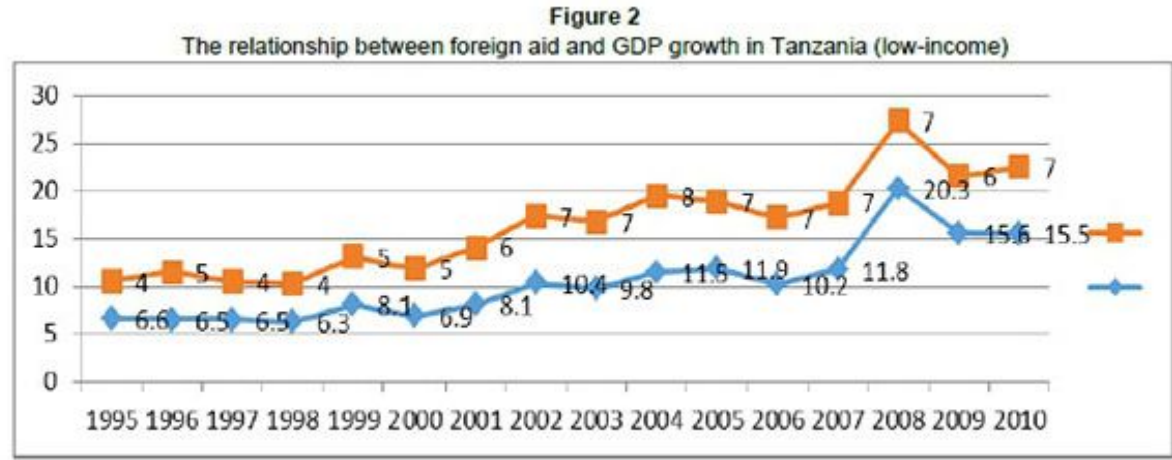
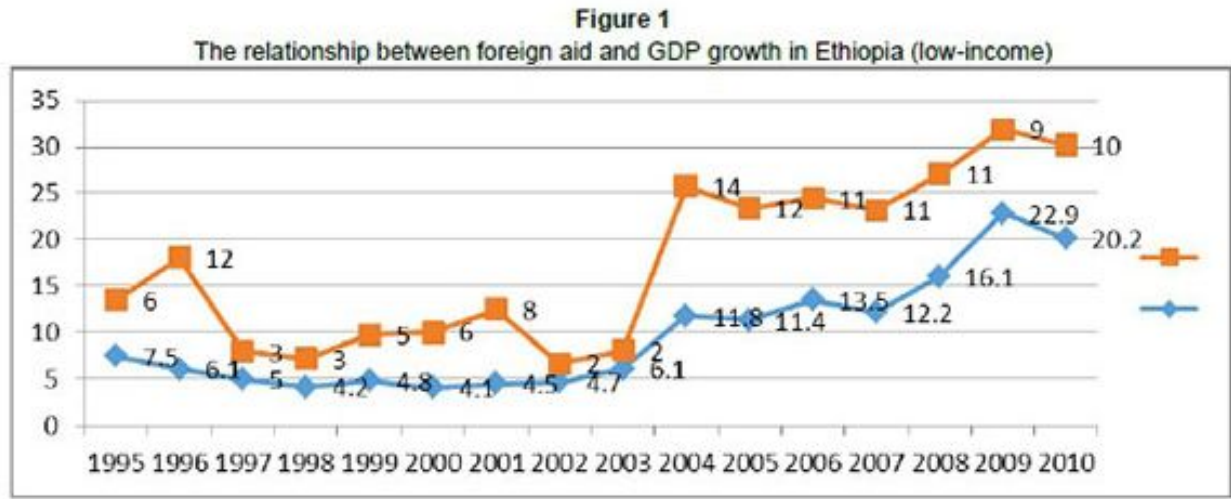


Orange => Foreign Aid
Blue => GDP Growth

Practice

Using the same sheet of paper from the warm up activity, review the following graphs on African poverty and answer the following questions relating to them.

1. As foreign aid increased in Ethiopia & Tanzania, what happened to GDP growth?
2. Hypothesize why GDP growth in these two countries is not higher.



Practice Answers

1. Which area in Africa is represented in this graph?
 - a. Sub-Saharan Africa
2. How does this area compare with other regions around the world in poverty?
 - a. Leader in poverty. Just a region of Africa.

1. How has the Poverty Rate changed in Sub-Saharan Africa over 40+ years?
 - a. Dropped significantly
2. What is the connection between GDP & Poverty Rate in Sub-Saharan Africa?
 - a. As poverty rate goes down, GDP goes up

1. As foreign aid increased in Ethiopia & Tanzania, what happened to GDP growth?
 - a. GDP went up, but did not pass foreign aid
2. Hypothesize why GDP growth in these two countries is not higher.
 - a. Foreign aid mishandled by government

Reflection

One controversial solution to ending poverty in Africa was introduced by Zambian economist Dambisa Moyo. Watch the video of her explaining her solution and reflect on the following questions.

1. What is Dambisa Moyo's solution? Why is it controversial?
2. How is foreign aid a "bandage solution?"
3. Do you agree with Moyo? Explain.



Reflection Answers

1. What is Dambisa Moyo's solution?
Why is it controversial?
 - a. African countries should stop accepting foreign aid. Poverty, hunger, death could be prevalent in immediate future.
2. How is foreign aid a "bandage solution?"
 - a. Fixing problem but not offering homemade solution
3. Do you agree with Moyo? Explain.

