

Homework for Session 17

1. Consider the lives of very poor individuals in poor countries as described by William Easterly.
 - a. How would you describe health access in the villages in rural Pakistan?
 - b. What are apparent differences between men and women's rights in the places Easterly visits?
 - c. What are possible economic consequences of poor health care or limited rights for some groups?
2. Financial markets often tend to break down among the very poor. Why might we not see a lot of formal borrowing and lending among very poor individuals?
3. What are the goals of international development agencies, such as the World Bank? What is the difference between the IBRD, the IDA, and the IFC?
4. What roles do private enterprises, and especially multinational corporations, play in alleviating poverty?
 - a. Are there particular roles that multinationals should or should not play?
 - b. Are multinationals naturally aligned with the interests of international development agencies?
 - c. What are the primary advantages for private enterprises in partnering with international development organizations?