Economic Development Discussion

(Developing Nations)
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Informal, organized according to the following topics:

What is Economic Development?

Personal

Family

Church

Community

How nations and cultures differ

Types of Economic Development

Micro (MED – Micro Economic Development)

Macro

Mix

When Helping Hurts and When Hurting Helps

Helping hurts when accountability is inadequate.

When is accountability inadequate?

Merciful helping does not necessarily hurt.

Hurting helps when the recipient pays a price for the help.

Self-Sustainment

Micro-finance should build business to profitability.

Self-sustained families/individuals/churches is the goal of micro-f.

Self-sustained churches via tithing enterprise members is a goal.

Dependency

Gifts without accountability and structure can create dependency.

When is dependency good?

Some people are appropriately dependent upon… ??

Capitalization

Types of capitalization? Labor, Ideas, financing, marketable products, ??

Sources of capitalization: Family, Clan, Institutions, Business, ??

Types of financial capitalization: Personal Savings, Savings Circles, Loans, Gifts, Co-ownership, Investors, Micro-Franchise, ??

Accountability,

To the funding source

To the funding authority

To the Lord

Funding and Accountability to Donors,

What is an honest appeal for funding?

What responsibility does the mission have to the donor?

Cultural Considerations

View of labor

View of money and debt

View of personal vs family ownership

Clan and family pressures

Tribe

Western riches and guilt

Victimization and reparations

Biblical Points

Creation and Providence

Ownership vs Stewardship

Stewardship,