



DHS 8400 Global Health Issues

Welcome to Week 4

Topic: Poverty and Nutrition

Learning Objectives

By the end of this week you will be able to:

- Identify nutritional issues that affect millions globally
- Explain which countries are most affected by poverty and why
- Discuss programmatic approaches that could be used to reduce poverty
- Propose strategies for reducing poverty and hunger

Assigned Readings

Markle, W. H., Fisher, M. A., & Smego, R. A. (2014). *Understanding global health* (2nd Ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill Medical. Chapters. 6, 7, and 19.

Suggested Readings

Hunger Statistics | WFP | United Nations World Food Programme

<https://www.wfp.org/hunger/stats>

World Bank Poverty Overview

www.worldbank.org/en/topic/poverty/overview

Activities

- Participate in the discussion board with a minimal requirement **of THREE postings per week to the discussion board**, one original (by Wednesday) and two individual follow-ups to peers' comments (posted by Saturday). The original discussion should be 200-300 words and referenced with additional literature. It is **required** you post a question at the end of your original post to generate discussion and critical thought. The follow-up responses should be at least 100 words incorporating additional literature (if appropriate but not required) and promoting critical thinking.
 - Watch video Starvation Worldwide: Documentary on the State of Hunger and overabundance (2015) (53 mins) www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfNrNVpDho4
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Questions for Thought and Discussion

You can join the discussion by responding to one or more of the questions noted below, pose your own analysis of the week's topic, or share stories and experiences related to the week's topic. Rather than simply answering the questions, add your own ideas, introduce new referenced literature, and build on issues raised within the discussion.

The following questions may guide your discussions for week 4:

1. We have heard about the starving children that exist in the world for generations, what is your opinion of why this crisis has not been resolved?
2. How may the shifting of world demographics affect poverty and nutrition? What countries may be the greatest affected by the demographic shift?
3. Weather changes (climate change) have been observed throughout the world, how might this affect crop planting, harvesting, and ultimately the food supply to much of the world?
4. Propose one innovative idea of how poverty and food scarcity could be addressed, does not need to be realistic to implement today but could be a futuristic idea?