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Investigating the development gap

Use the Gapminder website to investigate information on the development gap. Refer to **Information sheet 13** as you work through these activities.

Go to the Gapminder homepage www.gapminder.org

Task 1: Human Development Trends

Use the left-hand menu to access the **Downloads** page. Find the **Human Development Trends** graphic and click on it. A menu of graphics appears.

Click on **Income** and explore this graphic to find the answers to the following questions.

- What percentage of global income do the richest 20% of the population have?

- What percentage of global income do the poorest 20% of the population have?

- In 2000, how many people lived below the poverty line (on less than \$1 a day)?

- In 1970, how many people lived below the poverty line?

- What happened to the poverty rate (percentage living below the poverty line) between 1970 and 1990?

- What does this data suggest about what happened to the development gap at this time?

- What do you think might be some of the problems of using data and graphics like these?

Go back to the menu of graphics for **Human Development Trends**.

Click on **Regions** (note: OECD countries are the richest countries) to find the answers to the following questions.

- In 2000, which region had the most people living under the poverty line?

- In 2000, what other two regions make up most of the rest the people living under the poverty line?

- In 2000, what region has the fewest (any?) people living under the poverty line?

- Describe what has happened to the incomes of people living in Africa, Asia and the OECD countries between 1970 and 2000.

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Go back to the menu of graphics for **Human Development Trends**.

Click on **Poverty** to find data that will enable you to complete this table.

| Region of the world | Percentage of people living below the poverty line | | |
|---------------------|--|---------|----------|
| | In 1970 | In 2000 | In 2015? |
| South Asia | | | |
| East Asia | | | |
| Eastern Europe | | | |
| Latin America | | | |
| Africa | | | |

■ Briefly describe the changes shown in the table

Task 2: Has the world become a better place?

Go back to the **Downloads** page. Find the **Has the World Become a Better Place?** graphic. Click on it to find the answers to the following questions.

■ How has the world changed since 1962?

■ How has Bangladesh changed since 1962?

Choose a country and explore the **Has the World Become a Better Place?** graphic to investigate how it has changed over time. Use this space to make notes.

Task 3: World chart

Go back to the **Downloads** page. Find the **Gapminder world chart** graphic. Click on it to find answers to the following questions.

■ What does this chart suggest about a development gap?

■ Is there one?

■ Who is there a gap between?
