

Poverty Anywhere is a Threat to Prosperity Everywhere

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C- Reasons behind poverty

- 1- Lack of good governance
- 2- Continuous political instability
- 3- Severe economic crises
- 4- Illiteracy, unemployment, extremism and terrorism

D- How poverty is threat to prosperity ?

- 1- Leadership crisis and enhancing corruption
- 2- Leads to underdevelopment of a country
- 3- Breeds social crimes in a society
- 4- Outbreak of diseases
- 5- Wastage of vital natural resources
- 6- Less industrialization and unemployment

E- Way forward to reduce poverty and increase prosperity

- 1- Good governance must prevail
- 2- Provision and access to basic facilities for

all citizens

3- Implementation of coordinated poverty eradication programmes

4- Wealth creation by state to improve basic infrastructure

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Topic 1 : Low Social Progress is the Reason Behind Poverty.

Poverty has several reasons, one of the major cause is low social progress. The term social progress refers to the slow progress of a society. It depends on several factors such as employment rate, literacy rate, and health care system. Similarly, there are various social problems which breeds more threats to the development of society, for example overpopulation, illiteracy, unemployment, extremism, and terrorism. The rate of corruption in society and government is prevalent due to these factors. Pakistan had the lowest 'social progress index score' (better than Afghanistan only) in the South Asian region during 2022. (macro-pakistan.com, social progress index, 2022). This report, in fact, represent the dismal situation of Pakistan social progress. Indeed, the country cannot developed without the prosperity of its society. Therefore, it can be said that low social progress, undoubtedly, is the factor behind increasing poverty in Pakistan.

Topic 2 : Lack of Good Governance is the Reason behind Poverty.

Lack of good-governance is one of the prime reason behind poverty. Some attributes of good governance includes transparency, accountability, responsiveness, efficiency, and coordination; therefore, lack of good-governance paves way for certain ills, such as nepotism, corruption, red-tapism, and increasing crime rates. Without any doubt, these things led to ^{increase} poverty in a society. Pakistan, since independence, is faced with ~~issue~~ ^{crisis} of good-governance ^{mainly} due to leadership crisis and political instability. Pakistan ranks 136th out of 167 countries in the overall prosperity index, ranking. Since 2011, Pakistan has moved up the ranking table by 12 places. (London based think tank, Legatum prosperity index, 2023). Despite Pakistan improvement in prosperity index, the current 136th position is alarming. In fact, developed countries of the world are prosperous due to their situation of improved good-governance. Hence, Pakistan is faced with issue of poverty which is mainly because of bad-governance.

Topic 3 : Poverty is a Threat to Prosperity

Poverty anywhere is a threat to prosperity everywhere. According to the definition of 'World Bank' poverty is the lack of access to basic facilities such as food, clothes, and shelter. 1.90 Dollars (\$) per day income is a line for extreme poverty. There are various reasons behind poverty which paves way for corruption and underdevelopment of a country. In case of Pakistan, since independence, the menace is on rise and has brought a needless disturbance to the socio-economic fabric of a state. Poverty, in Pakistan, is expected to reach 37.2 percent, there are almost 3 million more poor people in the country than in 2018. (DataBankfiles, World Bank, 2023). Moreover, the demand of overpopulation is increasing and the supply of the country is either decreasing or constant; therefore, the country is faced with issues like illiteracy, unemployment, extremism, and terrorism. The prosperity of the country is now turned into ~~advers~~ adversity due to poverty. That is why, poverty is a root cause of all ills and is not a good for a stability of a nation. Hence, it is the poverty which is a real threat to prosperity.