

# Real development is human

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### Outline

#### 1 Introduction

**Thesis statement:** Real development **prioritizes** human well being, it confronts challenges like poverty and inequality by implementing inclusive policies, investing in education and healthcare, and ensuring dignity for all.

#### 2 ~~A cursory glance at the~~ <sup>An</sup> overview of human development.

#### 3 How real development is human development?

a) Investment in human capital; a catalyst for long term human development process

b) Human development ensures the promotion of the rule of law.

c) Human development supports a pluralistic society and cultural diversity

d) Promotion of digital skills in the process of human development bridges the gap in tech-driven world.

e) Human development assures gender equality

in every field.

f) Human development fosters individual productivity through free access to education and healthcare as insurance

#### 4 Challenges that hinder the process of human development

a) Persistent poverty undermines efforts to achieve human development

b) Unequal access to education and healthcare services hinders overall human development

c) Corrupt government mismanages resources that undermine public trust

d) Rapid population growth can strain resources to meet basic needs.

e) Traditional norms and cultural practice impede human development.

#### 5 Case studies of successful nations as the epitome of ~~real development~~ human development

a) Finland: The world's happiest champion of education and wellbeing

b) Sweden: A cradle of innovation with a commitment to social inclusion.

## 6 Way forwards for ensuring human development

a) Investing in quality of education and healthcare fuels human development

b) Ensuring equal human right unlock individual's full potential

c) Promoting policies that combat poverty.

## 7 Conclusion

Development is a much more broader phenomenon than just economic growth.

Economic growth may be seen as one of the outcomes of complex development process.

In the middle of this, Singapore's transformation from a developing to a developed nation in just a few decades is a remarkable example of investing in human development.

Through strategic investment in education

healthcare and innovations Singapore not only elevated its economy but also empowered its people. This shows that real development begins and ends with human progress. It is because when people of the nation are empowered and enjoy their rights they ensure rule of law and promote pluralistic society and cultural diversity. However, these developments in this era faced multiple challenges such as persistent poverty, rapid population growth, and some traditional norms that impede human development. Whereas, these challenges can be addressed by investing in human capital and ~~ensuring~~ equal human rights. Undoubtedly, ~~the~~ real development prioritizes human development. It confronts challenges like poverty and inequality. By implementing inclusive policies, investing in education and healthcare and ensuring dignity for all.

Complete the sentence

As, the cursory glance of at the human development shows that it is far beyond than economic growth, GDP figure and military strengths of a nation. Human development is defined as the process of enlarging people's freedoms and opportunities and improving their well being. It encompasses aspects such as education, health care, social inclusion and a decent standard of living.

According to Mehbub-ur-Raq:  
 "The real wealth of a nation is its people. And the purpose of development is to create an enabling environment for people to enjoy long, healthy and creative lives."

Ultimately, real development goes beyond just accumulating wealth. It is about empowering individuals to reach their full potential and create more sustainable future for all.

To begin with, investment in human capital act as a long term catalyst for human development. This investment empowers

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individuals to contribute meaningfully to society and drive progress. A prime example is

~~A prime example~~ Japan. Following the devastation of World War-II, Japan embarked on remarkable journey of economic and social recovery. And today it stands on 19/193 country in Human Development Index (HDI) report 2023-2024. This success story is largely

attributed to strategic focus on human capital development. Japan made significant investment in education and emphasize on science and technology. This transformation illustrate how investing in human capital create a skilled work force, ultimately driving long term economic prosperity and human development.

Secondly, there is a strong correlation between human development and the rule of law. When a nation prioritize human wellbeing, it foster a society that value fairness and justice. For example

Denmark, a shining example of human development, according to 2023 World Justice Project Rule of Law Index, stands at on top ranked countries. Denmark boast a highly educated population, with strong social responsibility. This translate to a high level of trust in legal institutions and uphold willingness to uphold rule of law. Thus, human development creates a fertile ground for law to flourish.

Additionally, human development fosters support pluralistic society and cultural diversity. It encourages environment where different culture, beliefs and identities are valued and respect. By embracing diversity social cohesion of that nation strengthen. For instance, Canada's multicultural policies have transformed it into mosaic of culture, contributing vibrant and inclusive society. This approach has not only enhanced Canada's global

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reputation but also has led to greater innovation and creativity within the country. Hence, human development paves ways for more inclusive and harmonious world.

Similarly, the cornerstone of human development is bridging the digital divide through promoting digital skills in tech driven world. As technology is increasingly becomes the integral of daily life digital literacy is essential for participation in modern human development.

A compelling example is Netherland which is on rank 16/193 on HDI.

As this nation is so renowned for its technological innovation, recognizes the importance of digital inclusion for all. Netherland actively promote digital literacy programs, particularly targeting older adults and low income communities.

By prioritizing digital skills development, nation encourages more inclusive and society equitable society. Thus it demonstrate that real

development is ultimately about empow-  
ering its citizens to thrive in digital age.

Moving ahead the human develop-  
ment assures ~~human~~ gender equality ~~for~~  
in every fields by promoting equal  
opportunities and rights for all genders.

After devastating genocide of 1994 Rwanda  
prioritized gender equality in its reconstruc-  
tion efforts.

Today, Rwanda boast the  
highest percentage of women in  
parliament globally, surpassing many  
developed nation.

This commitment to gender  
equality empowers women, strengthen  
families and fuels Rwanda's development  
trajectory. Hence, by prioritizing the well-  
being and potential of all its citizens,  
Rwanda shows how real development  
is actually human development.

In addition to this, human develop-  
ment makes life better for everyone  
by giving free education and health  
care. By working on education and

healthcare as a fundamental rights, nation can achieve remarkable outcome in both areas. For instance, Norway's investment in education has resulted in high literacy rates and skilled workforce. Similarly, its universal healthcare system has led to improved health outcomes and increased competency. Because of these services people of Norway live longer and have more opportunities to succeed in life. Hence, by such developments shows that real development is enhancing individual success and collective advancement.

However, there are so many challenges in that hinder human progress. One of such challenge is persistent poverty which undermine human development. Poverty traps people in a cycle of deprivation, limiting access to education, healthcare and other basic needs. For instance, India has done significant economic growth in few decades, but still millions of people in India are

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below the poverty line. People are still suffering to meet their basic needs.

This perpetuates inequality and hampers progress towards human development goal.

In some ways, unequal access to education and healthcare services hinders overall human development. It creates ~~obstacles~~ disparities in opportunities and well-being. When individuals lack access to quality of education and healthcare, they are unable to reach their full potential and live healthy lives.

Because when an individual lacks strong educational foundations, ~~the~~ struggle to find a decent job. Similarly, when an individual has limited access to ~~ed~~ healthcare, it keeps him away ~~weal~~ both physically and mentally.

Another hindrance is corrupt government that mismanages resources and erode public trust. ~~When people~~

~~transmission perceived that~~ When government officials prioritize personal gain or do favouritism over needs of their citizens, it creates a trust issues. This lead to a vicious cycle, as a poorly educated and unhealthy population is less ~~scare~~ able to hold the government accountable. For example, Venezuela (rank 126 in human index) has vast oil reserves but suffers from rampant corruption which has crippled the economy and social services. Such things <sup>led to</sup> declines the living standard and ~~causes~~ a mass exodus of skilled ~~prof~~ professionals.

Moving along, rapid population growth can strain a country's resources and hinder human development. As the population surges, the demand for essentials like food, water and housing intensifies, it stretches the existing resources to their limits. The case study of Pakistan

shows that its rapid population growth has strained the country's infrastructure, exacerbating issues such as water scarcity, and inadequate healthcare. This strain leads to overconsumption, depletion of natural resources, and environmental degradation. rapid population growth exacerbates inequalities and hampers efforts to ensure access to basic human needs.

furthermore, deeply ingrained traditions and cultural practices can sometimes act as a hurdle on the path to human development. In many societies, these cultural practices may enforce strict gender roles that lead to disparities in access to education, healthcare and employment between men and women. For example, in some cultures early marriages or female mutilation may be common practice but it deprives girls of their rights. Not only this cultural

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Taboos or stigmas surrounding certain issues like mental health or reproductive rights may prevent individual from seeking supports and services.

However, not all nations face such daunting challenges, case study of Finland is prime example of a country that has successfully prioritized human development. Finland consistently tops the charts in global happiness reports and for good reason. This nordic nation serve as a powerful case study for how human development leads to thriving society. Its focus on education goes beyond mere literacy. The commitment of Finland extend beyond economic prosperity. This nation ensures everyone has access to quality of education, medical care to foster healthy and resilient population. Its success story illustrate that real development is not about just GDP its about investing in people's well being.

Similarly, Sweden exemplifies real development as human development.

It showcases a harmonious blend of innovation and social equity. Sweden's policies prioritize well being of its citizens.

For instance, its robust welfare system ensures access to social services for all. Moreover, its innovative initiatives,

such as renewable energy investment and gender equality programs, demonstrate its forward thinking approach. Sweden's human friendly environment epitomize how human development drives sustainable progress and prosperity.

Getting inspired by these examples, nation can achieve such development

by investing in quality of education and healthcare. Quality of education equips individual with knowledge and skill that are needed to live productive lives. On the other hand, access to healthcare ensure their physical and mental

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well being. When countries invest in education and health they are actually boosting their human capital. It in return drives innovation, economic growth and social progress.

Moving forward, ensuring equal human rights unlocks individual potential and improve human development. It remove discrimination and barriers that hold people back. When everyone has same rights and opportunities, they can pursue their goals and contribute to society without facing unfair treatment based on race, color, religion or gender. This foster a society where everyone's contribution and talent is valued.

Last but not the least, Eradicating poverty is a fundamental step towards human development. When a significant percentage of population

struggle to meet basic needs. It creates cycle of hardship that hinders overall progress.

For instance in Brazil the government initiated a program called "Bolsa Familia", which gives money to poor families. In order to be eligible, families had to ensure that children attended school and get vaccinated.

As result of such program fewer people are poor and more families have chance to do better. The creation of such policies combat poverty.

And help everyone to have a fair shot at better life.

In conclusion, the real key of development lies in how a country cares for its people. When every human has chance to learning, to stay healthy and to chase their dream the nation develops automatically. However some issues such as unequal access to education, a health-

care and ~~some~~ fairness create the hindrance in achieving human development. ✓  
 whereas addressing these challenges by creation of jobs, upgradation of technical skills, investing in human capital and promoting equal human rights, nation can empower their citizens. ✓ It demonstrates that real development is not just about economic development; it is about fostering a society where everyone has opportunity to thrive. ✓

Human development, as an approach, is concerned with what I take to be the basic development idea; namely advancing the richness of the economy in which human beings live, which is only a part of it. ✓

- Amartya Sen -

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