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Read the extract below from a website called World Against Poverty and answer every question.

World Against Poverty Blog

Some countries are investing in the internet because they believe that this technology can help them to end poverty. India, for example, is trying to ensure that one young person from every village is able to use the internet. They hope that these young people will introduce the rest of the village to the information age. We want to know what you think. Join the discussion below.

Web Visitors' Comments

einar_norseman

How can internet technology help people who cannot afford to buy food or shelter or health care? You need to buy a computer. You need to buy software. You need to buy access to the internet. All this costs money that poor people don't have.

Yachi38

It depends what you mean by poor people, einar_norseman. Do you mean people who have nothing or just people who don't have enough?

dembe

I heard that some people in Madagascar travel for hours to get to places with internet access.

KimYi_LotusFlower

Here in America internet systems have made the welfare system including benefit payments more efficient. This means that more money can go directly to the people who need it.

kwame77

I think the internet can possibly reduce poverty. It is a very useful tool. If farmers have access to the internet, they can see the weather forecast. If they know what the weather will do, they can plan properly, and this should make their farms more productive. Another thing is, the internet puts sellers directly in contact with the markets. So farmers know what their crops are worth. Or a craftswoman in Nairobi can sell directly to a customer in New York. This all means that people should make more money.

suhita_peacelover

I think kwame77 is too optimistic. People spend their time on the internet visiting social networking sites, messaging and playing online games. How can more gossip online make people richer? In Sri Lanka some people are spending 15% of their income on communications. So giving them the internet is making them poorer.

dave_sunlord

Of course the internet will end poverty. einar_norseman is out of date. Old technology is getting cheaper, so it will soon be free to poor people. In the future, educational material will be free too, like Wikipedia. There is content that you have to pay for, like the Global Encyclopaedia. This is written by experts, whereas Wiki content is written by anyone, and some people criticise it for being unreliable. But people in poor countries will be happy to use free materials. So people in less developed countries will soon receive a good education via online learning. Another thing is, people will be able to work for any company in the world using the internet, wherever they live. So companies will use cheaper workers in poorer countries, and these countries will get richer.