

# Study Guide for the Australian Collaboration Fact and Issue Sheet

## GLOBAL POVERTY

### FOR REVIEW

1. Why is it important to fight poverty?
2. What are the international poverty lines, and what percentage of the world's population lives below each poverty line?
3. Which regions of the world are worst affected by poverty? Which population groups are worst affected?
4. What has been the impact of global economic growth in developing countries?
5. What evidence suggests that the fight against global poverty has been succeeding, and in which parts of the world has poverty eased?
6. What evidence suggests that the global fight against poverty has been failing, and in which parts of the world has poverty been growing?
7. What are some of the causes and effects of poverty?
8. How can foreign aid work effectively?
9. What are the Millennium Development Goals?
10. What can individuals do to help in the fight against poverty?

### FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is meant by 'progress' and 'development'? Is development always a good thing?
2. How much wealth is needed for wellbeing?
3. Why is there so much inequality in the world?
4. Why is universal primary education important?
5. What is the relationship between poverty, population levels and education levels?
6. What is the relationship between environmental sustainability and economic wellbeing?
7. Why have some countries escaped poverty more successfully than others?

### PROJECT

Form a microcredit institution at your school in order to raise money for lending to people in need. To get started, consider the guidelines suggested in "Forming A MicroBank: A guide to starting a microfinance group", online at <http://tmsmicrobank.wikispaces.com/file/view/Outreach.pdf>