

Understanding Development

Key Points

Development means improving living standards for all

Includes economic growth, education, health, and security

Focuses on reducing inequality, improving quality of life

People seek dignity, peace, and freedom

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Different People, Different Development Goals

Landless Labourer

More work, better wages

Farmer

Higher crop prices, cheap labour

Wealthy Girl

Equal freedom and education

Tribal Person

Protect land and culture

Conflicting Development Goals

Dam Benefits City

But harms nearby villagers

Nuclear Plants

Generate energy, risk local safety

Urbanisation

Boosts economy, reduces farmland

Question

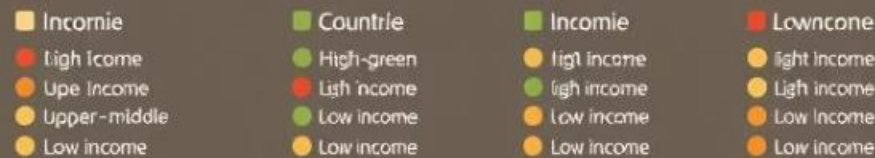
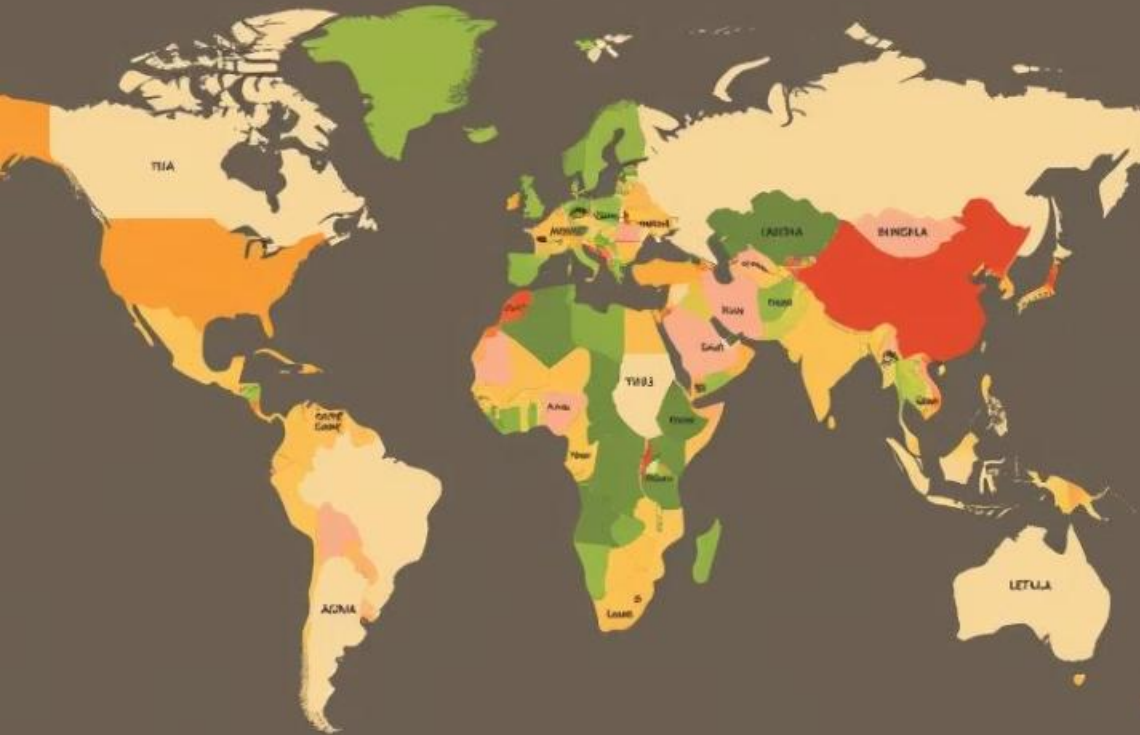
Whose development matters most?

Beyond Income: Other Development Goals

- Respect and Freedom**
Essential alongside money
- Equality and Non-discrimination**
Foundation of fair society
- Safe Environment**
More important than salary
- Dignity and Social Acceptance**
Improve life quality



Comparing Countries by Income



Per Capita Income

Total income divided by population



Country Classification

Rich, middle, poor by World Bank



India

Now a middle-income country



Income ≠ Development

High income alone is insufficient



Limitations of Income Averages

1

Country A

Equal incomes, no rich or poor

2

Country B

One rich, rest very poor, same average

3

Key Point

Fair income distribution matters most

4

Analysis

Examine how income spreads across society

Income and Other Development Criteria

Health and Education

Core parts of development

Infant mortality, literacy are key measures

Public Services

Schools, hospitals vital for all

Income alone doesn't ensure quality

Example: Himachal Pradesh

Better human indicators than Haryana

Despite lower income levels



Role of Public Facilities

1 Equal Benefits

Public services support all society

2 Vital Resources

Clean water, education, hospitals

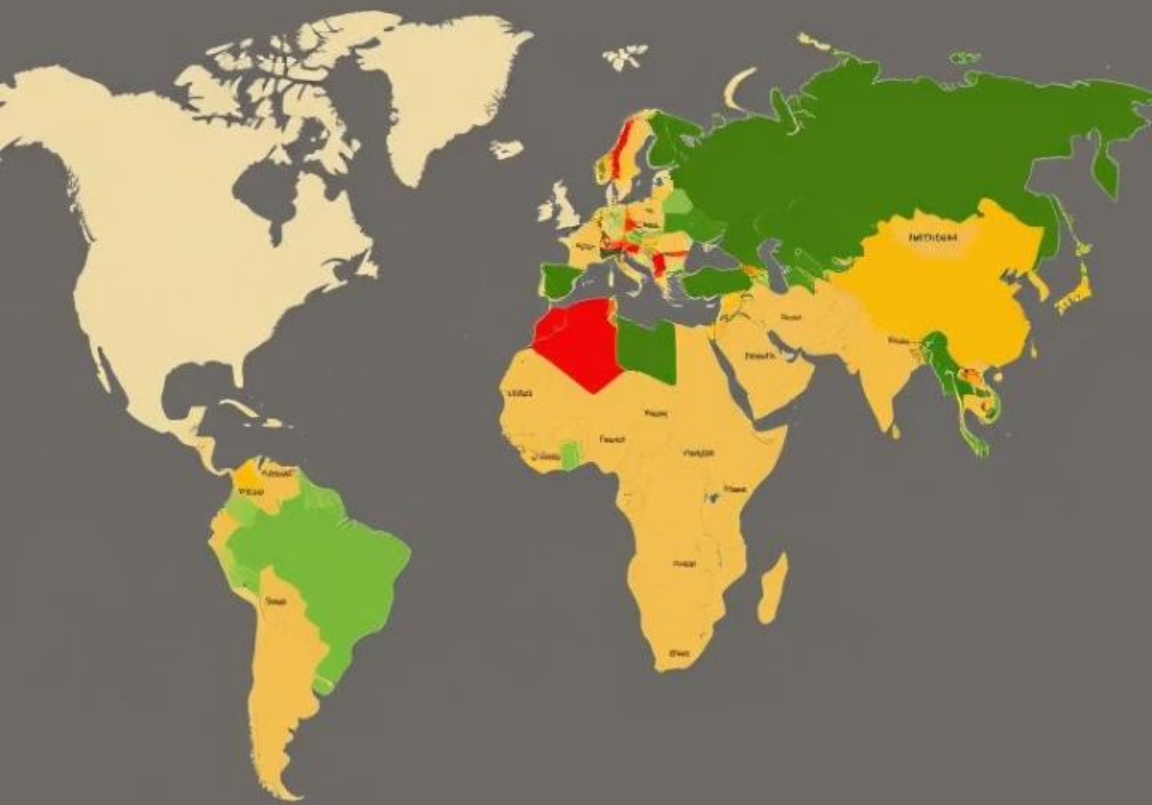
3 Collective Investment

Reduces individual cost

4 Better Outcomes

States with good facilities develop well

Human Development Index (HDI)



Very Inines 50W 11.300ME
Very Inines 70W 29.200ME

HDI Components

Income, education, health combined

UNDP Rankings

Annual global report on HDI

Example

Sri Lanka better ranked than India

Focus

Human well-being over just economics

Key Takeaways on Development



Multiple Needs

Development fulfills many human needs



Income Matters

Necessary but not enough alone



Equality & Health

Equal focus essential for progress



Watch Averages

Hidden disparities mislead



Ask Big Questions

Whose development and at what cost?