

Key Terms

Economic Performance - the economic functioning of a country as measured by GDP, GNP, GNP per capita, and PPP.

Gender - socially constructed roles, behaviors, activities, and attributes that a given society considers appropriate for men and women.

Discrimination - The unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people or things, esp. on the grounds of race, age, or sex.

Feminization of poverty - the idea that in which women represent disproportionate percentages of the world's poor.

Gini Index - The extent to which the distribution of income among individuals or households within an economy deviates from a perfectly equal distribution.

Human Development Index - a comparative measure of life expectancy, literacy, education and standards of living for countries worldwide.

GNP per capita - Divides the GNP by the population of the country

Cycle of poverty - set of factors or events by which poverty, once started, is likely to continue unless there is outside intervention

Domestic Policy- also known as public policy, presents decisions, laws, and programs made by the government, which are directly related to issues in the country.

International Policy - Strategies and decisions made by a country based on international needs.

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