Global Issues

Country Specific Development Research

Each of you has chosen one of the world’s least developed countries (LDC) from the United Nations Human Development Index list. You need to research your chosen LDC and prepare a 1-2 page fact sheet/advocacy piece that addresses the following. :

1. factors that put it in the LDC category using the type of data points found in the UN Human Development Index or other government source. (make sure you know what they mean and can compare them to one of the most developed nations);
2. a summary of historical, social, economic, religious and political aspects of the country that have created barriers to its development;
3. what groups (both internal and external) are involved in aiding your LDC in development, including any specific projects achieved or underway;
4. your evaluation of what areas the LDC most needs to focus on in order to advance to “developing nation” status.

The paper should be one that could be used by an advocacy group to promote development of your country. Think of it as an advertisement you could use to solicit financial aid from a wealthy philanthropist or in seeking funds from one of the major development organizations. Your paper may have any graphics you wish to add, including pictures, graphs, charts, flags, or other visual aids. You will also prepare a 5-8 minute power point presentation to share with the class that summarizes all of the above issues.

Both the paper and the power point are due November 1, 2011.