Information for International Development: Poverty Reduction, International Organizations and Civil Society

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United Nations Development Group

• Unites 32 UN funds, programmes, agencies, departments, and offices that play a role in development

• Objective is to deliver coherent, effective and efficient support to countries seeking to attain internationally agreed development goals.

• Coordinates UN Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs) - strategic programmes that describe the collective response of the UN system to development priorities.

• Acts as a clearinghouse for other UN development documents such as Common Country Assessments (CCAs) and Millennium Development Goals Reports (MDGRs)
### UN Country Teams

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Primary UN agency devoted to all aspects of development

Creators of the Human Development Reports and Human Development Index

Each global, regional, and national report is themed

Custom data tables available via the “do-it-yourself” table builder

A wealth of information can be found in the national human development reports published irregularly by UNDP county offices

There are state and sub-regional human development reports and human development reports published by governments and private groups.
Human Development Reports

Global, regional, national, and in some cases sub-national/regional reports

Global Human Development Report first published in 1990 (Concept and Measurement of Human Development) is the UNDP flagship publication.

Each report is themed: examples include democracy, climate change, water, migration, and disability.


National Human Development Reports contain a wealth of data collected at the local level. Excellent sources for students/researchers interested in local development conditions and primary sources.
A picture worth a thousand words
The HDI was created to emphasize that people and their capabilities should be the ultimate criteria for assessing the development of a country, not economic growth alone. The HDI can also be used to question national policy choices, asking how two countries with the same level of GNI per capita can end up with such different human development outcomes” -- UNDP
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Online database vs. report versions

- Tables in the book version of the *Human Development Report* change each year.

- The 2010 version has 17 tables; 2007 has 35 tables; 2002 version has 30 tables; 1993 version has 52 tables. Each table has multiple indicators.

- The current online database version has a total of 50 indicators.

- Similar differences can also be found in the World Bank’s *World Development Report* and other IGO print and online data sources.
Impact of Program 135, phase II through the lens of baseline and endline surveys

Author: A team of Indochina Research and Consulting (IRC), including Phung Duc Tung (team leader), Nguyen Viet Quang, Phung Thanh Thu, Vu Thi Bich Ngoc, Le Dang Tung, Pham Thanh Hung, Nguyen Thu Nga and Daniel Westbrook (Professor of Georgetown University, US); James Taylor (The University of Adelaide, Australia)

Published Date: 2012-Dec-21

Women's representation in leadership in Viet Nam

Author: Jean Munro

Published Date: 2012-Dec-18

Women's representation in the National Assembly of Viet Nam - the way forward

Published Date: 2012-Dec-14

International comparative analysis of anti-corruption legislation: Lessons on sanctioning and enforcement mechanisms for Viet Nam

Author: Professor Marta Painter, Ms. Dao Le Thu, Mr. Hoang Manh Chien and Mr. Nguyen Quang Ngoc

Published Date: 2012-Dec-07

Recognise the strength of women and girls in reducing disaster risks!

Published Date: 2012-Dec-16

Publication By Theme:
- Democratic Governance
- Disaster Risk Management
- Environment and Energy
- HIV/AIDS
- Policy Research
- Poverty/Reduction
- MDGs
- Others
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

- Specialized agency of the United Nations established in 1977 to finance agricultural development projects for food production in developing countries.

- New flagship publication is the Rural Poverty Report

- Like the World Bank the IFAD has a project cycle. The key document produced in this cycle is the Results-Based Country Strategic Opportunities Programme (COSOP).

- Annual Report on IFAD’s Development Effectiveness (RIDE)
IFAD Documentation

- IFAD documents are arguably more important than publications. The important information part of the site is not the publications section.

- Look under the Operations Section. From there go to Projects by Country or Results-based Country Strategic Opportunities Programme (COSOP).

- As in the case of the World Bank, regional development banks and the IMF, it is helpful to understand the IFAD project design cycle.

- Stages in project development includes a project design, completion and quality assurance, negotiation and approval (by the executive board), implementation, and post-project evaluation.

- Not all documentation for each project stage is available.
Finding IFAD Documentation
Results-based Country Strategic Opportunities Programme (COSOP)

A COSOP is a framework for making strategic choices about FAD operations in a country, identifying opportunities for FAD financing, and facilitating management for results.

The central objective of a COSOP is to ensure that FAD country operations produce a positive impact on poverty. The document reviews the specific rural poverty situations as the basis for determining geographic sites and related thematic areas where FAD would operate. It highlights the intervention strategies to promote in the country.

The COSOP discusses policy and institutional aspects that affect the outcome of FAD operations and their impact on the poor, including, inter alia, local governance and the participation/enempowerment of the poor as main determinants of an enabling environment for the success of pro-poor projects. The COSOP also includes an overview of FAD's previous operations and the lessons learned, particularly from evaluation studies, and integrates these lessons into future operational directions.

To ensure strong country ownership, the COSOP design and implementation process is characterized by intense stakeholder consultation. It is also designed to be aligned with the country’s poverty reduction strategy and planning framework.

It clearly indicates potential strategic partners among multilateral and bilateral donors, taking into account the comparative advantage of each.

Full listing of COSOPs

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- Afghanistan - Main report (Arabic, English, French, Spanish)
- Albania - Main report (Arabic, English, French, Spanish)
- Angola - Main report (Arabic, English, French, Spanish)
- Argentina - Main report (Arabic, English, French, Spanish)
- Armenia - Main report (Arabic, English, French, Spanish)
- Azerbaijan

2010 - Results-based COSOP (Arabic, English, French, Spanish)
2005 - Main report (Arabic, English, French, Spanish)
World Institute for Development Economics Research (WIDER)

- “Undertakes research and policy analysis on the living conditions of the world’s poorest people and provides a forum for professional interaction and the advocacy of policies leading to robust, equitable, and environmentally sustainable growth.” – UNU WIDER

- Part of the United Nations University

- Home of the World Income Inequality Database

- Home of the WIDER Working Papers

- Co-publishes WIDER Studies in Development Economics with Oxford University Press.
World Income Inequality Database

- Database of GINI Coefficients and income distribution by quantile shares for countries worldwide.

- Main strength is historical data. For some countries the data goes back before 1960.

- Other sources of global inequality data include:
  - Luxembourg Income Study Database (upper and middle income)
  - Datasets on the University of Texas Inequality Project.
  - Inequality data from the UNDP and World Bank.
  - The World's Top Income Database (income share percentages - e.g. top 1% earns what % of national income).
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

- Authors publications and statistical data in the areas of:
  - Globalization and development
  - Trade in goods and services,
  - Commodities
  - Investment and enterprise development
  - Mergers and acquisitions
  - Trade logistics
  - Human resource development

- Notable data sources via the UnctadStat database include:
  - Foreign Direct Investment Stocks and Flows
  - Long-term data on international commodity prices
  - International trade data on creative and information economies
Key UNCTAD Publications

- *World Investment Report*
- *Least Developed Countries Report*
- *Information Economy Report*
- *UNCTAD Handbook of Statistics*
Foreign Direct Investment

- UNCTAD’s data claim to fame. Detailed FDI data (stocks and flows within and between countries)

- Available via UNCTADStat and the World Investment Report

- See also World Investment Directories, Investment Policy Reviews, and Investment Country Profiles

- The UNCTAD publications site changes often. Some historical publications seem to have vanished.
UnctadStat: Data & Navigation

FDI Stocks and Flows by country

Global market commodity prices monthly from 1960

Growth and trade in creative goods and services
United Nations Human Settlements Programme (HABITAT)

UN agency devoted to human settlements. Mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote “socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.” – UN Habitat
UN HABITAT Publications

- Hundreds of publications available online in the areas of urban development, land and housing, the environment and climate change, water and sanitation, and more.

- Offers an affordable annual subscription of 300 US dollars for all publications produced annually.

- Historical publications difficult to find online unless you know the title.

- Key publications are *The State of the World’s Cities* and *Global Report on Human Settlements*.

- Other notable publications include *Urban Profiles* (for many cities) and other regional and national city reports (*State of China Cities*, *State of Latin America & Caribbean Cities*).
UrbanInfo

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The World Food Programme is the food aid agency of the United Nations. It is dedicated to “saving lives in refugee and other emergency situations; to improve the nutrition and quality of life of the most vulnerable people at critical times in their lives; and to help build assets and promote the self-reliance of poor people and communities.”
WFP Documents & Publications

- WFP publications include books, occasional papers, and policy papers listed under “publications.”

- Operational documents about specific projects may be found in the “country section” at the top of the site or by querying the WFP Operational database.

- Because of the dynamic and emergency nature of its mission, WFP and other UN humanitarian relief agencies are specially active in social media: twitter, youtube, facebook, blogs, and other online communities.
Mobile Cash For Emergency Response In Kenya

Through an innovative cash transfer scheme, WFP is using mobile phones to transfer money in a fast and timely way to those needing assistance in Kenya.

Overview

The drought crisis that ravaged much of northern Kenya in 2011 eased following reasonably good short rains during the final months of last year. According to the most recent Short Rains Assessment Report, the number of people needing food assistance has decreased from 3.75 million at the height of the emergency to 2.2 million people. However, recovery is fragile given that last year's short rains were preceded by three successive seasons of drought.
WFP Kenya publications on food and livestock prices, urban food insecurity, refugees, emergencies, consumption, nutrition, gender, school meals, etc.
United Nations Industrial Development Programme

- UN specialized agency that promotes industrial development for poverty reduction, environmental sustainability and inclusive globalization.


- Free publications, newsletters, sales publications, co-publications and branch publications (look under research and statistics).

- Web site features several unique databases including a *World Productivity Database* and a *Competitive Industrial Performance Database*.

- Main statistical product are the *Industrial Statistics Databases* available for purchase on CD (Indstat4 and Indstat2).
Industrial Statistics Databases

- In some respects like an International Economic Census:
  - INDSTAT4 - number of establishments, employees, wages and salaries, output, value added, gross fixed capital formation, and number of female employees by industry at the 3 and 4 digit levels of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) for 134 countries annually since 1990, for 151 manufacturing categories.

  - INDSTAT2 - Time series data from 1963 at the 2-digit level of the ISIC in manufacturing (23 industries). Data are presented in the same format as INDSTAT4 for seven indicators (number of establishments, employment, wages and salaries, output, value added, gross fixed capital formation and number of female employees). Includes index numbers of industrial production which show real growth of the volume of production by ISIC.
United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
Not just for trick-or treat

- Provides humanitarian and developmental assistance to children and mothers in developing countries. Created by the United Nations General Assembly in 1946.

- Works in the areas of child survival and development, nutrition, health and HIV/AIDS, child protection, education and gender quality, and child policies.

- Active in more than 190 countries and territories. About 88 per cent of the organization's staff are located in the field.

- Excellent publications, databases and statistics.
UNICEF Publications

- Flagships are *State of the World's Children* and *Progress for Children*.

- Address topics such as debt, poverty and development, education emergencies, gender concerns, HIV/AIDS, health immunization, early childhood development, nutrition, statistics, UNICEF's history, water, the environment, sanitation, etc.

- Publications are browseable by region, title, date and subject. Most are online since the mid-1990’s. They are not included on UN deposit.

- The key thing to remember about UNICEF is the global scope of its operations. Many publications are available on UNICEF country sites (similar to the UNDP) and address local concerns.

- UNICEF also makes available statistics and datasets (via registration) via its Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys.

- There is also the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre based in Florence Italy which has outstanding resources.
UNICEF Research Center focusing on social and economic policies and children, and child protection and implementation of international standards for children.

Publications include a number of series (Innocenti Digest and Innocenti Working Papers).

Online catalog of publications dating back to 1989 in the areas of child poverty, economic development, child work and labor, conflict and displacement, migration, urbanized countries and many more topics.

Innocenti also features a number of databases: a Child Impact Database on the country economic trends and policies and their impacts on children, the TransMONEE database on the economic situation and well-being of children in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the CIS, a Child Trafficking Database, and a Children in Armed Conflict Database.
United Nations Regional Commissions

- Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)


- Online statistical database is entitled *Statbase* and features an online table-builder with data visualizations and maps.

- At present there is a limited online publications presence. The sub-regional offices for Central, Eastern, North, South, and western Africa also contain some publications.

- Currently there is not much historical content and print collections at UN depositories and other institutions remain vital.
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

- Strong online publications presence. Publications searchable and browseable by country, subject, language and year.

- Flagship publications include:
  - CEPAL Review (ECLAC’s economic journal)
  - Statistical Yearbook for Latin America and the Caribbean
  - Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean
  - Social Panorama of Latin America
  - Latin America and the Caribbean in the World Economy.

- There are many other surveys, bulletins, and monographs. All publications are in Spanish and many are in both English & Spanish.

- Statistical Database is called CEPALSTAT.
# CepalStat (National Gasoline Prices)

**FUELS IN SOUTH AMERICA PLUS MEXICO**

**Oil price information**

Oil prices (comparison in dollars)

(Current dollars per liter (in the case of LPG is Current dollars per kilogram))

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Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

- Flagship Publications:
  - Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific
  - Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific
  - Asia-Pacific Development Journal
  - Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report

- Statistical Database is called the Asia-Pacific Database

- Has an strong ESCAP Document Centre
EMERGING ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENTS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL:
SOCIO-ECONOMIC MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY
IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS

(Items 6 (c) of the provisional agenda)

PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS RELATING TO SOCIO-ECONOMIC MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS

Note by the secretariat

SUMMARY

At recent sessions, the Commission has adopted a number of resolutions with the aim of alleviating poverty in the region. The present document reports on the implementation of the following resolutions: 54/4 of 22 April 1998 on the mobilization of human and financial resources for further implementation of actions to achieve the population and development goals of the ESCAP region; 56/3 of 7 June 2000 on advancing human resources development in Asia and the Pacific; 57/3 of 25 April 2001 continuing the regional call for action to fight the human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in Asia and the Pacific; and 57/3 of 25 April 2001 on followup to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

The Commission may wish to review the progress achieved in the implementation of these resolutions and provide guidance to the secretariat on enhancing the effectiveness of their implementation and on the future direction of the work of the secretariat.
International Financial Institutions

- World Bank Group
- International Monetary Fund
- Regional Development Banks
- OECD
World Bank Group

**International Bank for Reconstruction and Development**
Lends to governments of middle-income and selected low-income countries.

**International Development Association**
Provides interest-free loans and grants to governments of the poorest countries.

**International Finance Corporation**
Provides loans, equity and technical assistance to stimulate private sector investment in developing countries.

**Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency**
Provides political risk insurance (guarantees) for projects in developing member countries.

**International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes**
Works to reconcile and arbitrate international investment disputes.
Book recommendation: *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder
World Bank Publications and Statistics

- World Bank Publications and Statistics are well-known and have been collected by libraries for decades.

- Flagship publication is the *World Development Report* as well as the two journals *World Bank Economic Review* and *World Bank Observer*. World Bank *Policy Research Working Papers* are also widely cited.

- World Bank has recently embraced a virtually comprehensive open access and open data policy, mounting most data and publications freely online.


The World Bank Data Catalog provides download access to over 2,000 indicators from World Bank data sets.

The layout is a little confusing. Includes individual reports, links to data from other sites, and redundant data. There are many discrete databases available. Some notable new additions include:

- World Bank Finances - Datasets related to the World Bank’s finances, including IBRD loans and IDA’s credits and grants.
- Haiti Data - open access to Haiti-related geo-spatial data about Haiti.
- Climate Change Knowledge Historical Data - historical temperature and precipitation data
- African Cities Diagnostic - indicators for African cities on urbanization, water resources, water supply, sanitation, flood hazards, and economic and institutional strength.

Heuristic – always check the World Bank for development data.
World Bank Data on Loans, Credits & Contracts

Go to World Bank Financial Datasets

Click “loan and credit administration” for loans/credits by country

Click “procurement” for contracts awarded to firms or individuals
The eLibrary offers some added value, e.g. MARC21 records for all books and working papers.

Better search engine that enables users to limit by topic, region, country, and year of publication.

At this point in time it offers better historical coverage.
Unlocking World Bank Documentation
World Bank Project Cycle & Sample Documents

Project Strategy: Country Assistance Strategy (CSAs) and Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs)

Planning and Assessment: Resettlement Plans, Indigenous Peoples Plans, other Safeguards

Appraisal: Project Appraisals & Program Documents

Approval: Loans, Grants, and Credits

Completion & Evaluation: Implementation Completion & Results Reports, Project Performance & Assessment Reports
Document Search Strategy

- Go to http://documents.worldbank.org

- Select advanced search

- Select the country (e.g., India)

- Select the document type (e.g., resettlement plan) if known or the topic (e.g., poverty reduction strategies)

- Under the “document type” category select the sub-heading “project documents”
159 resettlement plan documents

India
Regional Development Banks

Use the same strategy. The four main RDBs disclose different amounts of documentation.

- Asian Development Bank
- Inter-american Development Bank
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- African Development Bank
International Monetary Fund

- World Banks primary mission is to reduce poverty.

- The IMF’s is to track the global economy (surveillance) lend to countries with balance of payments difficulties (help with foreign debt) and provide technical assistance to countries seeking to modernize their economies.

- Flagship publications are primarily statistical. They also publish the *World Economic Outlook* and the *IMF Economic Review* (via Palgrave – previously *IMF Staff Papers*) and a series of working papers.
Jewels in the IMF Info Vault

**IMF Country Information Gateway.** IMF reports and publications arranged by country. Easiest way to uncover IMF documentation. Examples of IMF documents include:

- **Article IV Staff Reports.** Country “surveillance reports” conducted by IMF missions teams on an ongoing basis for all states, and reports made in response to state requests to borrow funds.

- **Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers.** Country plans for macroeconomic, structural, & social policies for economic adjustment programs, external financing needs, and sources of financing.

- **Country Policy Intention Documents.** Documents prepared by countries outlining policy intentions for use of Fund resources or IMF monitored programs.

- **IMFC Statements.** Reports by government officials of member countries to the International Monetary and Financial Committee. The IMFC is responsible for managing and shaping the international monetary and financial system. For interesting reading see the [IMF Guide to Committees Groups and Clubs](#).
Brief Introduction to IMF Data

- IMF statistical data is primarily financial and not as related to poverty and development.

- With some exceptions IMF data is available by subscription via the IMF eLibrary. These include:
  - **Balance of Payments Statistics** - Data on the economic transactions of an economy with the rest of the world: goods, services, income, and financial claims and liabilities, from the 1950's to present.
  - **Direction of Trade Statistics** - Data on the value of merchandise exports and imports according to a country's trading partners, quarterly from 1946 to present.
  - **Government Finance Statistics** - Annual statistics on revenue, expense, transactions in assets and liabilities, and stocks of assets and liabilities, of national governments (budgets) from the mid 1990's to present.
  - **International Financial Statistics** – Data on national accounts, price indices, government and public finance, reserves, interest and exchange rates, and more, monthly from 1946 to present.

- The free [World Economic Outlook Database](https://www.imf.org) with projections of economic developments at the global level, regions, and individual countries.
The OECD in Brief

- International economic organization of 34 countries working to improve the economic and social conditions of people worldwide.

- Flagship publications include the *OECD Economic Outlook*, *Main Economic Indicators*, and the *OECD Factbook*.

- The OECD iLibrary 😊 is the fee-based information portal. A small amount of OECD statistical information is freely available.

- Good source of information for International Development Assistance. The OECD committee responsible for this is the Development Assistance Committee, which discusses aid, development and poverty reduction in developing countries.
OECD and Other Aid Data

- The OECD is a “go-to” source for international development assistance by country at the aggregate (non-project specific) level. Look under “development” in OECDStat in the OECDiLibrary.

- Historical data back to 1972 can be found in the OECD publication *Geographical distribution of financial flows to developing countries.*

- For freely available United States foreign aid data you can also use the [US Overseas Loans and Grants](#) (aka the Green Book).

- See also [AID Data](#) (open data for international development) a compilation of research data sets from agencies around the world. Includes a database of one million current and historical aid activities.
National Foreign Aid Agencies

Developed country foreign aid agencies supplying funds and services to developing nations.

- US Agency for International Development (USAID)
- Canadian International Development Agency
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- United Kingdom Department of International Development
National Development Agencies

National government agencies, typically in the global south, charged with development planning and poverty alleviation.

- Cambodia Ministry of Planning
- Columbia Ministerio de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural
- India Ministry of Rural Development
- Mali Ministre du Développement Social de la Solidarité et des Personnes Âgées
- Tanzania Ministry of Community Development Gender & Children
International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs)

- Operational NGOs
  - International Committee of the Red Cross
  - Oxfam International
  - World Vision

- Advocacy Based NGOs & Think Tanks
  - Anti-Slavery International
  - Overseas Development Institute
  - North/South Institute
National & Community-Based NGOs in the Global South: A Case Study of Bangladesh

- ASA
- Bangladesh Rural Improvement Fund (BRIF)
- BRAC
- Grameen Bank
“Is there some action a government of India could take that would lead the Indian economy to grow like Indonesia's or Egypt's? If so, what, exactly? If not, what is it about the “nature of India” that makes it so? The consequences for human welfare involved in questions like these are simply staggering: Once one starts to think about them, it is hard to think about anything else.” — Robert Lucas. “On the Mechanics of Economic Development.” *Journal of Monetary Economics* 22: 3–42, 1988.
International Poverty Knowledge Banks

- International Financial Institutions and United Nations agencies have traditionally published the majority of the world’s poverty and development literature.

- Academic libraries have always purchased this literature. We continue to acquire and/or point to it in digital format.

- With the growth of community-based aid organizations in the global south, libraries can (and should) point to alternative and arguably more “democratized” sources of information on poverty and development.
Alternative Poverty Publishers

**Earthscan.** Publisher of books on environmental and sustainable development topics and issues.

**Institute of Development Studies (IDS).** Think tank based in the UK working on research, teaching and communications on international development, globalization, participation, power, and social change.

**Kumarian Press.** Publishes books on international development, globalization, peace and conflict resolution, human rights, the environment, women and gender, NGOs and civil society, microfinance, health, and the interaction between the richer and poorer societies.

**International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED).** Non-profit organization promoting sustainable patterns of world development through collaborative research, policy studies, networking and knowledge dissemination.

**Overseas Development Institute.** Think tank on international development and humanitarian issues.

**Practical Action Publishing.** Development charity in the UK working with poor communities on renewable energy, food production, water, sanitation, small enterprise development, building and shelter, and disaster risk reduction.

**Oxfam (UK).** International confederation of organizations working in countries worldwide to find lasting solutions to poverty and related injustice around the world.

**Polity Press.** Publishes books on globalization, politics, refugee studies and international relations.

**Zed Books.** Publishes on politics, development, gender, the environment and economics, specializing in international and developing country issues.
Questions?