



Amazing Aid

Advantages and disadvantages of aid:

Advantages:

- Emergency aid can save lives
- Aid can create jobs
- Projects such as water-aid can provide clean water and sanitation, and therefore improve health.
- Aid can rebuild homes after disaster.

Disadvantages:

- Aid can cause dependency for LDCs on donors.
- Sometimes aid is not a gift, but a loan.
- Projects don't always benefit everyone.
- Corruption can stop aid reaching the people who need it.

How can aid be delivered?

Top down aid - These are usually large scale, expensive projects that are often planned and operated by a country's government.

Bottom up aid - These are usually small-scale projects run in conjunction with local people in the hope that it will directly benefit them.

The Xeset River Dams – Laos

Dams were installed in the river to provide electricity and economic development. Aid came from many countries and is a top down strategy. Local people benefited from the electricity, but many homes were flooded.



Playpumps – South Africa.

The merry-go-round is played on by the children but also pumps water out of the ground and stores it. This aid is a bottom up strategy as the local people learn how to maintain and look after the pumps. Unfortunately, it was very expensive.



What are charities and why are they controversial?

A charity is an organization set up to raise money and provide help for people in need. Unfortunately, with many charities, not all of the money donated makes it to the people that need it.

What is aid?

Aid is; money, resources, knowledge, support, goods and services given to those in need.

Some of the things given as aid include:

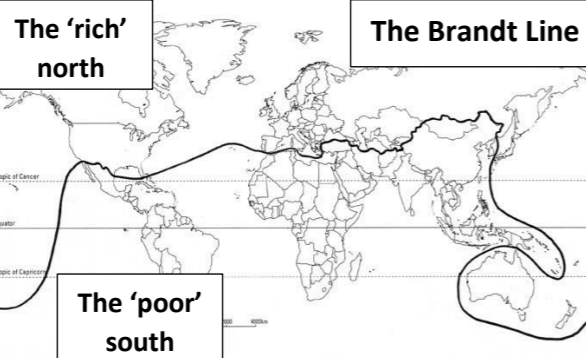
- food
- water
- shelter
- education
- money
- medicines
- first aid
- building materials.

Type of Aid	Definition	Example
Emergency/short-term aid	Aid given to a location which has suffered from a serious event such as an earthquake.	Food, water and tents are urgently being sent to Syria to help people.
Developmental/long-term aid	Aid that provides support over many years which help to make changes that are <u>sustainable</u> .	'Water Aid' helps provide safe drinking water in Indian schools and provides hygiene lessons to students.
Public charity	Aid funded by people who voluntarily give money.	Donating money to OXFAM.
Tied aid	Aid that comes with conditions or as part of a deal between countries.	In 1991 the UK helped Malaysia build a dam on the condition that they increased trade with the UK.
Bi-lateral aid	Aid given from one country (or organisation) to another country.	Britain give money and send experts to Turkey to help build a dam.
Multi-lateral aid	Aid from international organisations which receive money from several countries or organisations.	United Nations or the World Bank.

How does aid work?

Donors - Those that give aid to other countries. This could be in many forms. Often in the 'rich' north.

Receivers - These are the countries that accept aid from other places. Often in the 'poor' south.



Effective: Successful in producing the desired and intended result.

Not all aid is effective, usually due to corrupt governments or the people involved in the aid not getting it to where it is needed.



Syrian refugee crisis

A **refugee** is a person who has been forced to leave their country to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.

Syria is a country on the Mediterranean Sea, bordered by Turkey to the north, Lebanon to the west and Jordan to the south. They have been suffering from war since 2011, and there has been a huge increase in displaced refugees in this time.

How can aid help them?

Short-term/emergency aid – provide shelter, food, water and vaccinations when they arrive in the UK

Long-term/developmental aid – rebuilding projects in Syria, including schools and hospitals, and management of farms for economic development.

Perceptions of Africa

Why could charity campaigns be bad for Africa?

- There are 54 countries in Africa, is it a fair representation of all of them?
- What impression does it give of African people? Are they able to cope on their own?
- Do you think anyone could take advantage of Africa appearing so weak?



A better way to help Africa?

Founded by Bethlehem Tilahun Alemu in Addis Ababa (the capital of Ethiopia) in 2005. Makes and sells traditional Ethiopian footwear which use old tyres for the sole. Now employs over 100 local people and sells the shoes in countries around the world with sales exceeding \$10 million last year.

Bethlehem says she aims to dispel the myth that 'Africans can't create their way to prosperity'.



Which projects are being funded by Chinese aid?	Positive Impacts of Chinese Aid	Negative Impacts of Chinese Aid
China have provided new roads, schools, computers and power.	Jobs created	The pay is low in jobs the Chinese have created.
China are helping to repair the country's infrastructure.	Better education in new schools.	Some of the aid is tied to resources.
	New roads allow higher income and increases the economy.	Cultural differences can cause conflict