

Chapter 9: The Human Population

Section 2, Changing Population Trends Day Two

Changing Population Trends

- Throughout history, and currently in many parts of the world, populations that have high rates of growth create _____.
- _____ is the basic facilities of a country or region, such as roads, bridges, sewers, power plants, subways, schools, and hospitals.

Problems of Rapid Growth

- A rapidly growing population can use resources faster than the environment can renew them, unless resources come from elsewhere.
- Symptoms of overwhelming populations include _____.

A Shortage of Fuelwood

- In many of the poorest countries, _____ is the main fuel source.
- When populations are stable, people use fallen tree limbs for fuel. When populations grow rapidly, _____ does not accumulate fast enough to provide enough fuel.

Unsafe Water

- In places that lack infrastructure, the local water supply may be used not only for drinking and washing but also for _____.
- As a result, the water supply becomes a breeding ground for organisms that can cause diseases such as _____.

Impacts on Land

- Growing populations may have a shortage of arable land.
- _____ is farmland that can be used to grow crops.

Impacts on Land

- _____ is an increase in the ratio or density of people living in urban areas rather than in rural areas.

A Demographically Diverse World

- _____ are countries that have been identified by the United Nations as showing the fewest signs of development in terms of income, human resources, and economic diversity.
- These countries may be _____ for foreign aid and development programs to address their population and environmental problems.

Managing Development and Population Growth

- Today, less developed countries face the likelihood that continued population growth will _____ them from imitating the development of the world's economic leaders.
- These campaigns include _____.

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- Many countries favor stabilizing population growth through investments in _____, especially through improvements in women's status.

Growth Is Slowing

- Fertility rates have _____ in both more-developed and less-developed regions.
- If current trends continue, most countries will have _____ fertility rates by 2050. If so, world population growth would eventually stop.

Projections to 2050

- Looking at the graph below, most demographers predict the medium growth rate, and a world population of _____ in 2050.