

Did YOU Know? The value of Development Index

- Cost of canceling the debts of the poorest African countries for each citizen of the world's richest countries: \$1.70 per year
- Percentage of the US budget that the average American voter thinks the US spends on non-military international assistance: 15-30
- Percentage of the US budget that the US spends on non-military international assistance: 0.56
- Average U.S. tariff on least-developed country goods: 5.5 percent
- Average U.S. tariff on rich-country goods: 1.1 percent
- Chance a child in a low income country will die before his/her fifth birthday: 1-in-11
- Chance a child in a high income country will die before his/her fifth birthday: 1-in-143
- The extra cost of meeting the basic health and nutrition needs of the world's poorest people: \$13 billion
- The sum Americans spend per year on pet toys and supplies: \$31 billion
- Amount the US spends to subsidize domestic cotton production each year: \$4 billion
- Amount Bush administration has proposed to give to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis each year: \$200 million
- Chance of a woman dying from maternal causes in Sub-Saharan Africa: 1-in-16
- Chance of a woman dying from maternal causes in North America: 1-in-3500
- The cost of putting 100 million uneducated children in school: \$5.6 billion
- The amount of money U.S. parents spend on Barbie dolls each year: \$5.6 billion
- Number of people killed in South Asian Tsunami: around 150,000
- Number of people killed each month by malaria: 165,000
- Amount of money spent on dairy subsidies per cow in Europe: \$2 a day
- Amount of money necessary to provide life-extending medications for each AIDS patient in the developing world: \$3 a day
- What the life expectancy in sub-Saharan Africa would be without AIDS: 62 years
- What the life expectancy is in sub-Saharan Africa now: 47 years
- Amount of official overseas development assistance given to poor countries each day per American: 15 cents
- Amount the average American spends on soft drinks each day: 60 cents
- The sum appropriated by the U.S. Congress for the war in and reconstruction of Iraq: \$128 billion
- Estimate of what it would take to achieve the Millennium Development Goals: \$75 billion. Americans give 15 cents per day per person in official development assistance to poor countries. The average American spends four times that on soft drinks daily.