NUR AFRICA ACADEMY

Social Studies

Grade 7

Revision Note

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Unit Four

Public Agenda

- ***population Related Issues***
- ***Prevalence and Impact of HIV and AIDS in Africa***

A, The prevalence of HIV and AIDS in Africa

- The African countries south of the Sahara are more heavily affected by HIV and AIDS in the region.
- * **Southern Africa: In** seven countries of Southern Africa, at least one adult in five is affected by virus.
- ***Southern Africa*** has the largest number of people affected by HIV and AIDS in the world.
- ***West Africa: has** been less affected by HIV and AIDS. But the prevalence rates in some large countries are rising up.
- ***East Africa**: Infection rate in east Africa was once the highest on the continent.
- In general rates of new HIV infections in sub Saharan Africa have increased from time to time.
- HIV Prevalence has remained at an extremely high level.

B, The Impact of HIV and AIDS in Africa

- HIV and AIDS is having widespread impact on many parts of African people, Two thirds of all people infected with HIV live in Sub Saharan Africa.
- -The impact on life expectancy
- -The impact on households
- -The impact on health sector
- -The impact on children
- - The impact on Education sector
- -The impact on productivity and Economy

Consequences of Rapid population Growth

- The imbalance between Resources and Needs
- Unmet needs may lead to social unrest and conflicts among and between nations.
- **A, Effects on food supply**
- **B, Effects on natural resource supply**
- **C, Effects on Education**
- **D, Effects on health**
- **E, Effects on natural Environment**
- **F, Effects on Employment**



Poverty

- **Absolute poverty i**s the lack of sufficient income in cash or in kind for basic needs such as Food, Shelter and Clothing.
- ***Some of the reasons for the countries to be less developed are;***
- - Rapid population Growth
- - Lack of money to be invested in searching for and using reserves for raw materials
- - Lack of money for establishing new industries
- - Insufficient money to develop the infrastructure**(Roads, Ports, Railways etc.) of a country**

Issues of Rights and Safety

Fighting Child Rights Violations

- **A ,Laws supporting The Rights of Violations**
- Child Right Conventions protect children from Cruelty, sexual offences, neglect or exploitation and assure them of some education.
- The United National Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted on Nov 20,1989.
- The convention sets out these Rights in 54 articles. They include the Right of children to express their views, the right to freedom of thought, the right to protection from abuse and the right to a good standard of living.

The four important principles convention

- **Non discrimination**
- **Devotion to the best interest of the child**
- **The right to life, survival and development**
- **Respect the views of the child**

- **Child abuse** in a term that generally refers to miss treatment of a child by a parent or another adult. Child **labor** is the employment of children as wage earners.
- Example of the lack of good governance in Africa.
- **Good governance** is a type of governance where sovereign power is in the hands of the people.
- **A democratic government** with limited power is accountable and transparent to the people.
- **Accountability** means that the representatives of the people should make decisions that reflect the interest of people.
- **Transparency** refers to the idea that the actions and decisions of the government and its officials should be clearly known by the people.
- **Absolute monarchy** is a form government where the power of the king is not limited by law. In absolute monarchy one person or the king is the sovereign.
- **The king was**
- **supreme law maker**
- **Chief of administrator**
- **supreme law giver and judge and the commander in chief of the national army.**
- **In addition absence of rule of law and lack of good governance results in the prevalence of corruption and civil war.**
- **Corruption is the misuse of public power for private gain. It is dishonest behavior.**
- **forms of corruption**
- **Seeking or receiving bribe**
- **Delaying decisions, cases and**
- **Favoritism**

Programs for partnership

Major Regional organizations



- COMESA(Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa).
- It was formed In December 1994
- The objectives includes the promotion of peace and security in the region.
- It mainly focus on the formation of a large economic and trading unit.

Member Countries

- Angola Kenya Sudan
- Burundi Madagascar Swaziland
- Comoros Malawi Tanzania
- D, Republic Congo Mauritius Uganda
- Djibouti Namibia Zambia
- Egypt Eritrea Zimbabwe
- Ethiopia Seychelles

A partnership target for COMESA

- To a wider harmonized and more competitive market.
- To Greater industrial productivity and competitiveness
- To increased Agricultural Production and food supply
- To have more rational exploitation of natural resources
- To have more harmonized monetary, banking and financial support
- To have more reliable transport and Communication infrastructure
- 2 ECOWAS(Economic Community of West African States)
- It is a regional group of fifteen West African Countries.
- It was founded on May 28,1975 with the signing of the treaty of Lagos.
- It's mission is to promote Economic integration.
- **Member states**
- Benin Guinea Bissau Guinea
- Burkina Faso Liberia Senegal
- Cape Verde Mali Sierra Leone
- Gambia Niger Togo
- Ghana Nigeria

Partnership target for ECOWAS

- It was found to achieve "Collective Self Sufficiency" for member states by means of economic and monetary union.

  3 SADC(The Southern African Development Community).

- It is an intergovernmental organization.
- Its head quarter is in Gabon ,Botswana.
- Its goal is to further socio-economic cooperation and integration.

Member States

- Angola
- Botswana
- Democratic Republic Congo(since september1997)
- Lesotho Malawi
- Mauritius(since independent 28 August 1995)
- Mozambique
- Namibia (since independence 31 march1990)
- Tanzania Zambia
- South Africa Madagascar
- Seychelles