

# POVERTY ALLEVIATION A ROLE FOR TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE?

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Speech

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Thank you. Only 5 minutes are left? I will do my best to summarize the points discussed this morning.

This is a very challenging job for me. In the discussion we talked about the role that technology, infrastructure, health and food have in poverty alleviation. We know that health and food are two interrelated both old and new issues for poverty alleviation. So the discussion mentioned many different aspects of the impact that technology and infrastructure have on health and food! Personally I think we can summarize few key points.

The first point on which most of us might agree is the following: infrastructure and technology are still very important for addressing health and food issues in poverty alleviation. But more importantly, this morning not only did we emphasize the importance of technology, the sophisticated technology and its role on poverty

alleviation, but we also emphasized both the modern and the simple technology that has a very important role to play in poverty alleviation.

The second point. Many speakers mentioned the very important impact that technology and infrastructure have on health and food for poverty alleviation. It is very important to adapt technology and the physical infrastructure to the needs of the poor and the local communities. It is very important to keep in mind that technology and infrastructure is not an end but it is a means. So only if technology and infrastructure can meet the real needs of the poor and technology and infrastructure can match . in the local communities. When the arrangements of technology diffusion and development take into account the nature and the needs and the conscience of the poor and of the community. I think this is one very important point we discussed this morning.

The third point I would like to emphasize is the following. Technology and infrastructure cannot walk alone in addressing the poverty issues. So there are very important consent factors that should be taken into account, for example the financing issue, the institutional arrangements, and also the poverty for trade, globalisation and so on. So in order to improve the impact of technology and infrastructure on poverty alleviation we manage to tackle an integrated approach to address issues that include the financing, technological institutions and international cooperation.

The fourth and last point is the following..... we should be very careful when we advocate the role of infrastructure and technology for poverty alleviation we cannot forget the active impact of technology and infrastructure on poverty alleviation. We have a lot of such technology in the case of development. So I think it is very important to emphasize the negative impact of infrastructure and technology. When we advocate the role of technology and infrastructure for poverty alleviation, we

might need to mention both the positive and negative roles of technology and infrastructure and therefore the need to reduce and control the negative impacts.

I think that is what I would like to summarize for this morning discussion.

Thank you!