**Causes of and solutions to reduce or end poverty**

* Corruption
	+ International cooperation to remove or reform corrupt leaders
		- Economic sanctions
		- Support uprisings against corrupt governments
		- International military intervention
		- Negotiations/diplomacy/monetary incentives to leave office (last resort)
	+ Grassroots level movement to raise funds and awareness and expose how bad it is
	+ Nonprofit/NGO geared toward rooting out corruption around the world (Transparency International)
	+ Educating youth in countries under corrupt leadership to not be corrupt
		- Ethics
		- Morals
		- Consequences of being corrupt (individual, country)
		- Benefits of not being corrupt (individual, country)
	+ Exchange programs to teach American political process
		- Professors
		- Students
	+ Using media to sway corrupt leaders and future leaders away from corruption
		- Movies
		- Music
		- Art
		- Poems
		- Dance
		- Social media
		- Documentaries
		- Books
	+ International regulation to change overall culture of corruption at all levels of society, not just government
	+ Install democracy/voting rights/free elections/rule of law
* Capital (lack of credit)
* Resources (natural resources for export)
* Geography (geology and climate)
* Education (lack of)
* Health (disease) – agriculture a big reason, animal borne diseases
* Instability (war, political)
* Technology (information, farming, production)
* Profits (too much corporate focus)
* Women (inferior treatment and status)
* Food (lack of)
* Water (lack of)
* Weather (natural disasters)
* Mindset (no hope for the future, so why save or invest in education?)
* Policy (economic, tax, education, health, land, property rights, trade, agriculture)
* Infrastructure (power, transport, water, sanitation, communications)
* Colonialism (lingering effects)
* Distance from markets, banks, necessities
* Entrepreneurship (lack of)
* Motivation (lack of)
* Laziness
* Leadership (lack of)
* Independence (people always need their hand held)
* Best practices not followed or understood
* Fear of country’s leaders
* Inferiority complex
* Family structure and cohesiveness (effect on education)
* Lack of opportunity (few companies in the area providing jobs, outsourcing, automation)
* Incarceration
* Demographics
* Geopolitics
* Dependency on aid and welfare
* World Bank/IMF structural adjustment programs
* Rule of law (lack of)
* Civic engagement (lack of)
* Accountability of the state for vulnerable citizens (lack of)