**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)