**Global Hunger Assignment**

**Social Problems**

For this assignment you will choose a low- or lower-middle income country and research poverty and hunger in that country. This assignment has a research component, a visual component, and an experiential component. This assignment is worth 50 points.

**Research Components (15 points):**

1. What country are you researching?

* For a list of low- and lower-middle income countries see: <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519>

To answer questions 2 and 3 go to: <https://data.worldbank.org/>

1. What is the country’s average annual per capita income (in current U.S. dollars)?
2. What percent of the country's population lives on less than $2 per day?

* What percent of men in the country live on less than $2 per day?
* What percent of women in the country live on less than $2 per day?

1. Typically, less than half of the available money will be used for food. The remainder will be used for shelter, clothing, transportation, medicine, etc. How much food can you buy in the country for $1?
2. What foods are part of the typical diet? In other words, what foods would you be purchasing with your $1 in that country?

**Extra credit (10 points):** For comparison, address the following questions:

* What percent of Americans subsist on an income below minimum wage?
* What percent subsist below a living wage?
* If food takes approximately 1/3 of American’s wages, how much money would you have for food each day if you work full time and make minimum wage?

**Visual Component (5 points):**

Find one photo depicting what poverty looks like in that country and one photo depicting extreme poverty in the U.S. Based on these photos, how does the experience of poverty in that country differ from the experience of extreme poverty in the U.S.?

**Experiential Component (30 points):**

For this component you will live for a few days on a food budget of $2 per day (10 out of 30 points). The duration will depend on the percentage of people in your country who live on less than $2 per day. You may extend the experience, but you should not continue longer than 7 days.

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| **Number of People** **in the Country Living** **on Less Than $2/day** | **Minimum Number of  Days You Will Eat on**  **Less Than $2/day\*** |
| 0–10% | 1 days |
| 10–20% | 2 days |
| 20–30% | 3 days |
| More than 30% | 4 days |

\* If you have health or dietary concerns with this assignment please contact me for an alternate assignment.

**Writing Assignment (20 out of 30 points):** Write a 600-word reflection on the experience of eating on $2 per day. Note: the word count does not include answers to the questions in the research component.