

Poor Because.....



From the following list, choose the three responses you think best describe why people are poor. People are poor because:

- ☐ they are lazy and do not work hard enough to earn what they need
- ☐ they do not have work (unemployment)
- ☐ even though they work hard, they do not earn enough money to buy what they need (wages are too low)
- ☐ they do not have enough education or skills
- ☐ they have too many children
- ☐ they are discriminated against (treated unfairly) because of their color, nationality, religion or sex
- ☐ government ignores the needs of the poor
- ☐ of illness or disease
- ☐ they do not have enough initiative (people just sit back and wait for things to happen)
- ☐ no reason in particular, that's just the way the world is
- ☐ there are too many needs in the world and not enough resources to meet them all
- ☐ of natural disasters such as floods or earthquakes
- ☐ there are enough resources in the world for everyone to have what they need but these resources are not shared fairly
- ☐ too much money is spent on weapons and not enough on buying what people need
- ☐ resources (food, water, land, energy) are wasted rather than being used for what people need
- ☐ the current business system doesn't need as many workers
- ☐ other reasons (list any you can think of)