

Whose House Is This?

Problems (to be matched with homes)

- Provides protection from extreme temperatures
 - Belarus – NO
 - The only heat in winter comes from the dual fireplaces (notice the two chimneys).
 - It gets very cold in Belarus in the winter, and families often cannot afford enough wood to keep the fires going to warm the house.
 - United States – No
 - Many families facing food insecurity cannot afford to pay their utilities, including heating and air conditioning.
 - Uganda – YES
 - The mud walls and thatched roof keep internal heat in (winter) and external heat out (summer).
 - Peru – NO
 - The walls are formed with wooden slats or scrap pieces of metal that provide little protection from the elements.
 - Thailand - NO
 - The tent may provide shade, but it doesn't provide any other protection.
 - Stilts may lift the home from rising waters, but this is often not enough.

	House	Apartment	Mud Hut	Shack	Tent on stilts
Country	Belarus	United States	Uganda	Peru	Thailand
Protection from weather	No	No	Yes	No	No

- Education
 - Belarus – YES
 - Education is free and required from age 6 – 15.
 - United States – YES
 - Education is free and required.
 - Uganda – No
 - Education is free in Uganda, BUT many still cannot afford to go.
 - Students must have uniforms and school supplies that many children cannot afford, meaning that they cannot attend school.
 - Most high schools are also boarding schools, which means families also must pay for living expenses for the students.
 - Peru – YES
 - Education is free in Peru, much as it is in the United States.
 - School is mandatory from ages 6 to 16 years old.

- While it is free, the quality of education is not great.
- Thailand – YES
 - Education is free and required until grade 9.
 - Less funding is generally given to rural schools.
 - Students in rural areas may have to commute long distances to get to the nearest school.

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Access to education	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

- Employment
 - Belarus – Maybe
 - This home is in a remote village, so employment opportunities are scarce.
 - In small villages, families might rely on subsistence farming and livestock (note the chickens in the picture), which means they grow and raise food to feed their family.
 - If they grow extra food, they may be able to sell it, but transportation into town is often unreliable.
 - United States – Maybe
 - Many families living in poverty in the US have at least one working adult in the house.
 - In many parts of the country, this is still not enough to provide for a family's basic needs.
 - Uganda - Maybe
 - Without education, many families living in rural areas rely on subsistence farming (note the corn stalks around the hut).
 - Some families make and sell items to earn more income.
 - Peru – Maybe
 - This home is located in a city, so there are more opportunities for employment.
 - Lack of education may make it difficult for the adults to find work that will allow them to earn a consistent income.
 - Many families might earn an income washing other people's laundry (note the clothes line across the property).
 - This family may also grow and sell plants (note the collection of plants near the bottom of the picture).
 - Thailand – Maybe
 - Farming is a common trade in rural areas of Thailand.
 - Families may also find work as temporary laborers, but work is often unreliable.

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Employment opportunities	Maybe	Maybe	Maybe	Maybe	Maybe

- Generational poverty (Note: on this one only, mark **Yes** in the same color you marked **No** previously)
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 - United States – Maybe
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- Access to adequate food
 - Belarus – NO
 - United States – NO
 - Uganda – NO
 - Peru – NO
 - Thailand – NO

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Generational poverty	Yes	Maybe	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adequate food to eat	No	No	No	No	No