

"To what extent does globalization contribute to economic sustainability for all peoples of the world?"

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In the world today, many countries developed and developing are searching for the best way to achieve economic sustainability for their citizens, though without globalization this idea of economic sustainability for all people would be inexistent. First, Global Trade gives of us access to better quality, less expensive goods, and goods not available in our own region. Second, multinationals provide employment for people in regions where they might not have work. Third, multinationals can invest in infrastructure in developing countries, thus making the economy more sustainable. For the reasons above, Globalization has a better impact on economic sustainability than not.

Due to large companies such as multinationals and competition between each other, we can now get goods with better quality, better prices and that may not be available in our region. Oil for example is one of our most vital resource in all developed or developing countries, though not all countries have enough oil to sustain themselves and thus have to use global trade to acquire some. In order for all Canadians to eat in the winter, global trade is the most vital way of getting food from other countries like the United States. Global trade allows for more competition between products, lowering the prices dramatically. Global Trade is one of the most important key to receiving economic sustainability and prosperity.

Large multinationals or MNCs are the fastest growing employers today, and provides thousands to millions of jobs that help support families all over the world. In the last 30 years, China has had a tenfold increase in GDP since 1978 due to opening up to Globalization and allowing MNCs to settle in their country. Africa, especially Sub-Saharan Africa is desperate for multinationals to step in and create employment and growth in the extremely poor areas if they wish to eradicate poverty in their future. Foreign firm investment can bring capital but can also

improve technical skills in its workers and innovation in the host country of a MNC. MNC are another important key in which to achieve economic sustainability through employment.

MNC are the best way for a country to receive development today. Stats say that an increase in FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) is directly associated with an increase in a nation's GDP. The American Chronicle reports that in 1998, China and Brazil received alone \$45 billion and \$28 billion in FDI due to their huge economic growth. The world's top-100 non-financial firms have foreign assets in US \$1.9 trillion employing 6.5 million people, which results in foreign sales of \$2.1 trillion. FDIs from MNCs are a very important aspect of obtaining economic sustainability through its direct ties to the GDP.

Overall globalization is the best way to acquire economic sustainability for all. Global Trade allows many people own vital resources to their economic sustainability or survivability, MNC give thousands to millions of jobs to people in many different countries and MNC are the biggest form of FDI that improves the lives of millions of people. If the world is to abolish poverty and give economic sustainability, then globalization is the best start for that outcome.