

Diversity Activities

Village of 1,000

Objectives

1. To know our global neighbors: who they are, where they are, and how they live.
2. To increase awareness of the distribution of resources among the world's people.

Time

10 - 15 minutes

Materials

- Village of 1,000 Facts & Figures handout
- Whiteboard or flipchart

Introduction

The earth's population is more than 6 billion 400 million people. This exercise shrinks the world's population down to a village with only 1,000 people. It is much easier to understand this smaller number. As our population grows and our planet "shrinks," we will be closer together. You have a part in shaping the future and determining how everyone can live together with each person having all they need. Global awareness is a sense that our planet is actually a village, and that we all share this small, precious village with our neighbors.

Instructions

1. Ask participants the following questions and write responses on a whiteboard or flipchart.
 - If the global village had only 1,000 people, how many would speak English as a first language? (56)
 - How many computers are there in the village? (78)
 - What would be the per capita income? (\$5,107)
 - How many are Christian? (330) Muslim? (215)
 - How many automobiles are there in the village? (141)
 - How many have access to clean water? (800)
 - How many women in the village are illiterate? (93)
2. Compare participants' responses to the answers. How close were the predictions to reality?
3. Distribute the Facts & Figures handout to participants.

For Discussion

How should awareness of our global neighbors affect us?

Village of 1,000 Facts & Figures

Population

East Asia & Pacific	354
South Asia	224
Sub-Saharan Africa	109
Latin America & Caribbean	85
Europe & Central Asia	78
Middle East & North African	49

Language

Chinese/Mandarin	144
Hindi	60
English	56
Spanish	53
Bengali	34
Portuguese	29

Age & Gender

Men	506
Women	494
0-14 years old	300
16-64 years old	631
65 and older	69
Life expectancy	66

Religion

Christian	330
Muslim	215
Hindu	149
Secular/Nonreligious	140
Buddhist	59
Jewish	2

Health & Education

Access to clean water	800
Access to sanitation	560
Smokers	297
HIV infected	11
Illiterate women	93
Illiterate men	52

Wealth & Work

Living in low income nations	407
Living in high income nations	157
Men in workforce	287
Women in workforce	197
Children in workforce	1
Per capita income	\$5,107

Land (acres)

Total	5,459
Per person	5.46
Forest area	1,621
Arable land	573
Crop land	55
Other	3,210

Infrastructure

Electricity (KwH/person/year)	2,107
Radios	419
Televisions	254
Automobiles	141
Telephone lines	136
Computers	78