



AFRICA

Glossary

Africa	to have access	terrain
to rise	to cost	to cripple
to be thought to	to die	to claim
to cost	to add	to do away
to lift oneself out	to offer	to focus
to succeed	to trade	to ensure
to do some good	Africans	a nightmarish world
chaos	infectious diseases	economic self-sufficiency
sub-Saharan Africa	HIV/AIDS	malaria
lives	GDP, Gross Domestic Product	aid
investments	the only road	lasting development
dictatorial regimes	corrupt politicians	good governance
poverty	media coverage	the attention of the media humanitarian
aid		
the rest	out of a total	
however	under five	thanks to
almost exclusively		

And now a dialogue between Wentworth and Sarah...

Wentworth: Five hundred and twenty five million Africans out of the total of eight hundred million do not have access to electricity. However, at the end of the 20th century, Africa was a nightmarish world where chaos reigned. Now, Africa is rising. Do you know why?

Sarah: I think Africa's economic problems have a medical solution.

Wentworth: Are you sure? Because diseases cost the continent billions a year. Infectious diseases have crippled Africa's efforts and economic self-sufficiency. Twenty five million people in sub-Saharan Africa are thought to have HIV. Six thousand die from AIDS every day.

Sarah: You're right. Not to mention malaria, which claims a million lives a year in sub-Saharan Africa alone, most of them children under five.

Wentworth: Definitely, and we know that malaria costs after an estimated twelve billion dollars in lost GDP. Africa cannot unfortunately develop thanks to a loan. Investment is the only road to lasting development.

Sarah: I think you can add that Africa has to do away with dictatorial regimes and corrupt politicians. It needs good governance to lift itself out of poverty. The problem with Africa is also the media coverage that is offered and which focuses almost exclusively on the negative. The Africa that succeeds also needs media attention.



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Wentworth: Good analysis, Sarah. That means we must help Africa to trade and ensure that humanitarian aid actually does some good as well. Africa has to do the rest to help itself.