

## UN, economist say locals must aid development

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World economist, Jeffrey Sachs, and the United Nations Development Programme's Millennium Development Villages are pioneering a development model where locals are involved in community development projects; with the help of international donor bodies and local government.

Sub-Saharan Africa has the greatest proportion of people living in extreme poverty in the world. The UN estimates that as many as 300 million people live on less than a dollar a day. Sachs believes this should not be the case if a community can be assisted with school feeding, health care, education and agriculture.

The Bosaasa Village is situated in rural Ghana's Ashanti region. With the help of the Japanese government and Ghana central and local government, teachers, nurses and agricultural experts have been employed to assist. It is one of 79 villages in 10 African countries that are benefiting from the project.

Since its inception two years ago the project has changed the lives of thousands of villagers. Community members say they believe the village will prosper.

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