Fertile Question: How can we teach the world about justice?

**Core Content Area 2: Local action global vision**

**TOPIC 2.2: Agents of Change**

**Extending Knowledge: NGOs and the principle of subsidiarity**

In this lesson students will investigate the difference between aid and long term development.

**Teachers: Before You Start!**

1. Read the Teacher Background on Catholic Social Teaching.

**For students to investigate the difference between aid and long term development select from the following activities:**

1. Review the roles of Governments and Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) in assisting developing countries.
   a. Explore the Aid program of the Australian government.
      i. Complete the activities in the work sheet Aid: What are the different types?
      ii. Read How the aid program works on the AusAid website. What is the reason given for funding non-government organisations (NGOs)?
      iii. View the AusAid Movie clip Seeds of Life. How is Australia contributing to long term change in East Timor?
   b. Review your understanding of the concept of subsidiarity.
      i. Read and discuss the following definition
         
         *This principle recognises that society is based on organisations or communities of people ranging from small groups or families right through to national and international institutions. As a rule of social organisation, subsidiarity affirms the right of individuals and social groups to make their own decisions and accomplish what they can by their own initiative and industry. A higher level community should not interfere in the life of a community at a lower level of social organisation unless it is to support and enable.*
      
      ii. Rewrite the definition in your own words using the ten word strategy to state the main idea.
      iii. View a movie clip from Project Compassion. For example Kaluram from Nepal.
      iv. List examples from the movie clip that demonstrate Caritas’ application of the principle of subsidiarity.
      v. Discuss why the use of the principle of subsidiarity is important in bringing about long term change.

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