

Zero Population Growth (ZPG) Project

You will put together a paper to compete for \$250 billion grant from the UN in order to achieve ZPG. You can choose ANY AFRICAN nation, but it is on a first come, first serve basis. You are writing the paper as a representative of your country; therefore you must accurately present and argue the information gathered by your research from the viewpoint of a citizen from that African nation.

The three page project has two parts:

- (1) creating a data sheet to provide an overview of your country (see next page)
- (2) a typed, TWO page report using the data which addresses how you will achieve ZPG. There must be specific and concrete instances how you will spend the money

Please remember that this is a VERY big topic with a variety of ways to address the problem. The list includes but is not limited to:

status of women, age at marriage, education of women, minimum educational requirement, access to healthcare, AIDS/HIV education-treatment, GDP and unemployment, Family Planning, Economic Role of Women, religion, cultural traditions, government policy on population control..... there are so many more. Just be sure to be specific in your approach to achieving ZPG. For example: it is not OK to say, “..I will improve health care.” Instead the real question is how? Doctor creation, field outreach, or generic drug importation? Is there a specific ethnic group that must be addressed, a religious idea, or cultural value that must be overcome?

Be specific and explain how it will play through to achieve ZPG

Good Luck and have fun. The project should be completed in three hours. Just at the data you collected and report it, then address how you will lower/raise the statistic with what concrete programmatic idea you envision.

[African Nations List](#)

[Population reference Bureau DATFINDER](#)

[CIA World Factbook](#)

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While most of the data is quantitative, there can be some areas that can only be answered in words. For example, the status of women or dominant religious group.

| Domain | Statistic |
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| Population size | |
| Population density | |
| Crude birth rate | |
| Crude death rate | |
| Population growth rate | |
| Total Fertility Rate (TFR) | |
| Life expectancy (male/female) | |
| Infant mortality rate (IMR) | |
| Percent population urban-v rural | |
| Predominant ethnic and religious groups, and the sizes or percentages of the population in each religion/ethnicity | |
| Immigration/emigration rates | |
| GNP | |
| Agricultural base (self sufficient -v- food importer) | |
| Primary Exports | |
| Education Policy | |
| Health care availability | |
| Status of women | |
| Literacy rate (female/male) | |
| Percentage of Women Using Birth Control | |
| Percentage of population under the age of 15 | |
| Percentage of the population with HIV/AIDS | |
| OTHER (you think is important) | |