COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND NEEDS

Needs are things that ought to be available to survive and function happily. Needs are basic and essential and would be difficult to survive without. Wants are extra needs, that is, other things that are not so essential but are needed to foster a function. The basic needs are food (prepared food), clothes, drugs, and shelter (simple building). Wants are extra needs i.e. extra food, extra clothing plus decoration on it, extra shelter plus decoration of it, and recreation.

Resources are things needed to meet needs and wants. On personal basis, they could be material (money and asset) and non-material (skills, knowledge, physical fitness, and time). However, on community basis, they are community physical resources (which could be natural or man-made) and community human resources.

Natural resources are the God-given resources. They include the landforms, climate, minerals, water bodies, vegetation, animal species, etc.

Man-made resources are the community resources made by man. They include roads, electricity, water supply system, schools, market, businesses, etc.

Human resources imply the qualities, skills, knowledge, and experience of individuals in the community. It also implies the number of productive persons a community has.

The skill of using resources to meet needs is economic skill. It could take a business or political manner.


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