Week 8: *How Can Access to Human Rights and Opportunity be Expanded?*

1. **What is the fundamental shift that is taking place with respect to human rights and why are businesses now taking these issues (human rights issues) more seriously? (2 pts)**
   
   **Answer (any of the following)**
   
   **Fundamental shift**
   o Human rights principles were originally written with governments in mind, but now the public is increasing looking at what businesses are doing
   o Human rights principles were originally set as standards for governments, but now the public is expecting businesses to follow/pay attention to human rights principles
   
   **Businesses taking more seriously**
   o Pressure from non-governmental organizations (NGOS)/grassroots organizations
   o NGO/grass roots organizations are forcing businesses to pay attention to human rights

2. **Describe 2 practices/customs that affect women in some Sub-Saharan African countries, which human rights activists are working to change? (2 pts.)**
   
   **Answer (Any 2 of the following)**
   o Women can’t inherit/own property
   o Women don’t get a fair share of the divorce settlement
   o In a divorce, the husband gets the children
   o All decisions regarding the children must go through the man
   o If a women doesn’t have a child, the man can demand that the bride price is returned
   o Arranged marriages
   o The bride price
   o Female genital mutilation (FGM)/female circumcision

3. **What has the Indian government done to increase the income of the country’s rural poor? (2 pts.)**
   
   **Answer (any of the following)**
   o Passed a law that guarantees rural families in the poorest districts 100 days of work/employment per year
   o Passed the National Rural Employment Act
   o Increased rural spending/government expenditures in rural areas

4. **Why did Nike cancel its contract with a company which was making its soccer balls and why was Nike criticized for the action that it took? (2 pts.)**
   
   **Answer (any of the following)**
   
   **Cancelled contract**
   o The company was using child labor/cite for child labor violations
   
   **Why criticized**
   o Should have done a better job in monitoring child labor
   o Should have trued to fix the problem itself, rather than leaving when a child labor problem arises
5. **What are 2 specific initiatives/programs that have been implemented, which are targeted at expanding opportunities for children/youth or reducing child/youth exploitation?** (2 pts.)

**Answer (Any 2 of the following)**

Initiatives/program to reduce/limit child exploitations:
- Child labor/work in dangerous jobs/exposure to toxic substances, low wages
- Sexual exploitation/sexual servitude/young girls being lured/sold into prostitution/sex tourism
- Child soldiers/military recruitment

Initiatives/programs to expand opportunities by:
- Eliminating school fees/encourage kids to stay in school/promoting education
- Teaching kids marketable skills, so they can find jobs after graduating from high school
- Offering school leaves loans, so they can start businesses
- Teaching youth how to start businesses after graduating from high school
- Providing after school programs/extracurricular activities for children/youth from the slums
- Expanding access to higher education to poor youth/providing college scholarships to poor youth
- Encouraging college students to help their communities/teach others what they have learned at college