

Outcome 7.2: explain factors that influence economic disparity.

Gapminder is a website that focuses on the income gap that exists within and among countries. Go to the website below and explore examples of actual families and their living conditions based on their average monthly income. Make sure you click “Visit This Home” to see details for each family.

<https://www.gapminder.org/dollar-street/>

Go through the list of families and find one from each income range (try to choose countries that you are less familiar with). Complete the table to compare the lifestyle of these families. Use pictures and text on the website to help inform your answers.

Points of Comparison	Family 1:	Family 2:	Family 3:	Family 4:
Monthly income				
Living conditions (use at least 3 examples)				

<p>Working conditions (e.g., type of work, hours worked, how needs are met, etc.)</p>				
<p>Do you think this family lives in an LEDC or MEDC? Explain using evidence.</p>				

Answer the questions below based on your research above and your own knowledge.

Cause and Consequence: Consider families on the extremes of monthly income. How does wealth inequality influence quality of life for both of these groups?

Value Judgement: Does globalization have a primarily positive or negative influence on economic disparity? Justify your response using two arguments.