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Developing affordable products for the poor of the world

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Mission

“To create a program that makes an impact on problems of the world’s poor”



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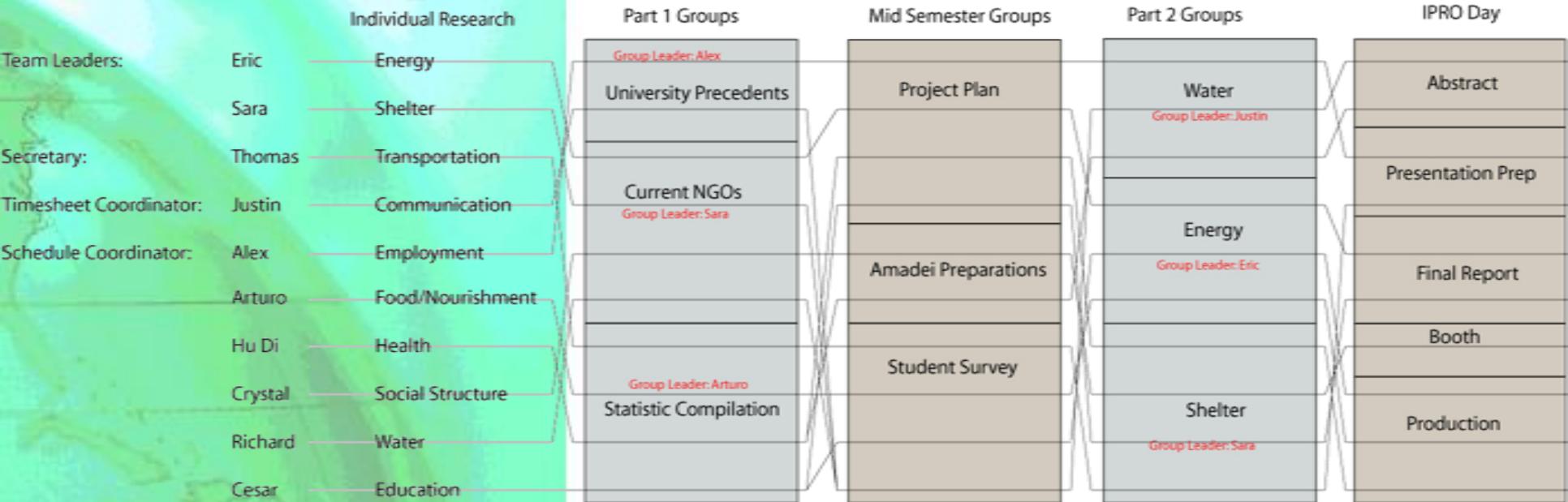
Methodology and Agenda

- Research general scope of poverty
- Research organization and university precedents
- Research 10 problems of poverty
- Identify the 3 most relevant problems
- Further research the 3 respective dimensions
- Propose future IPROs that respond to the conducted research and the IIT community
- Create campus-wide awareness regarding global poverty

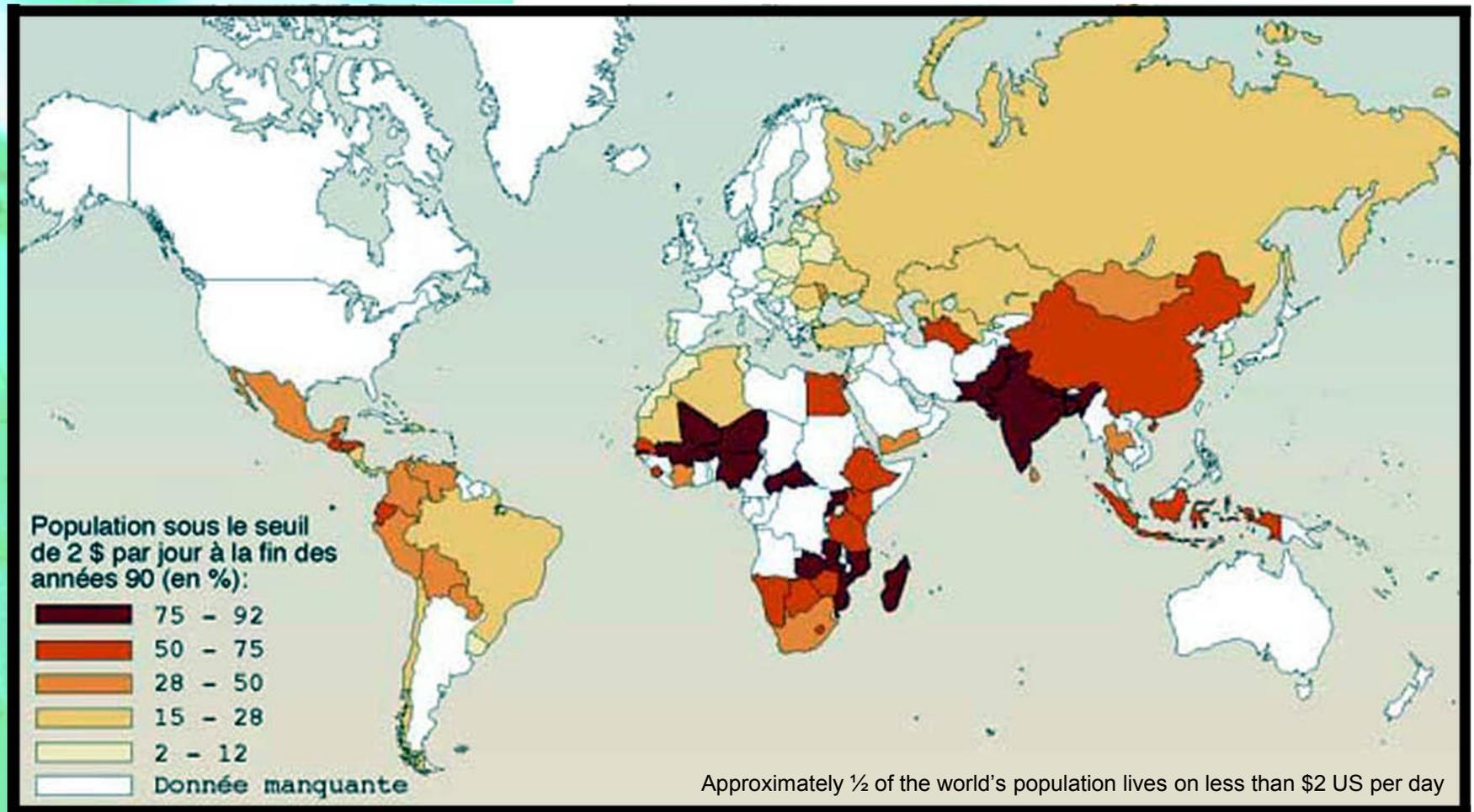
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Our Team



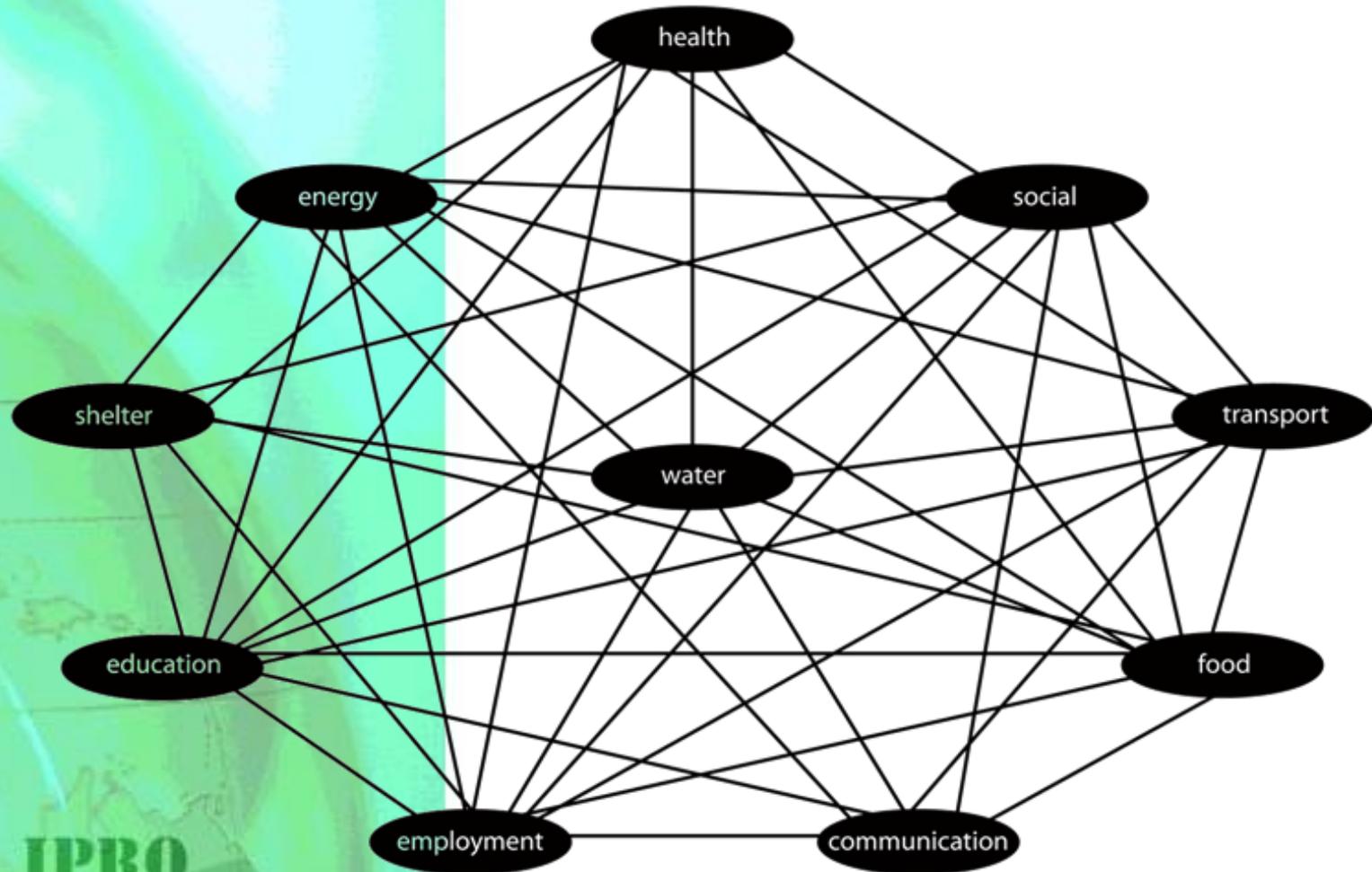
General Scope of Poverty



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10 Facets of Poverty



Organizations Addressing Poverty

Criteria for choosing IIT partnering organizations

- Affordability of solution
- Feasibility of cooperation
- Method of execution
- Scope of vision



Universities Addressing Poverty

Criteria for choosing IIT partnering universities

- Focus on rural poor-not urban poor
- Similar to IIT (Undergraduate involvement and multidisciplinary)
- Action/product oriented
- Involving classes/projects

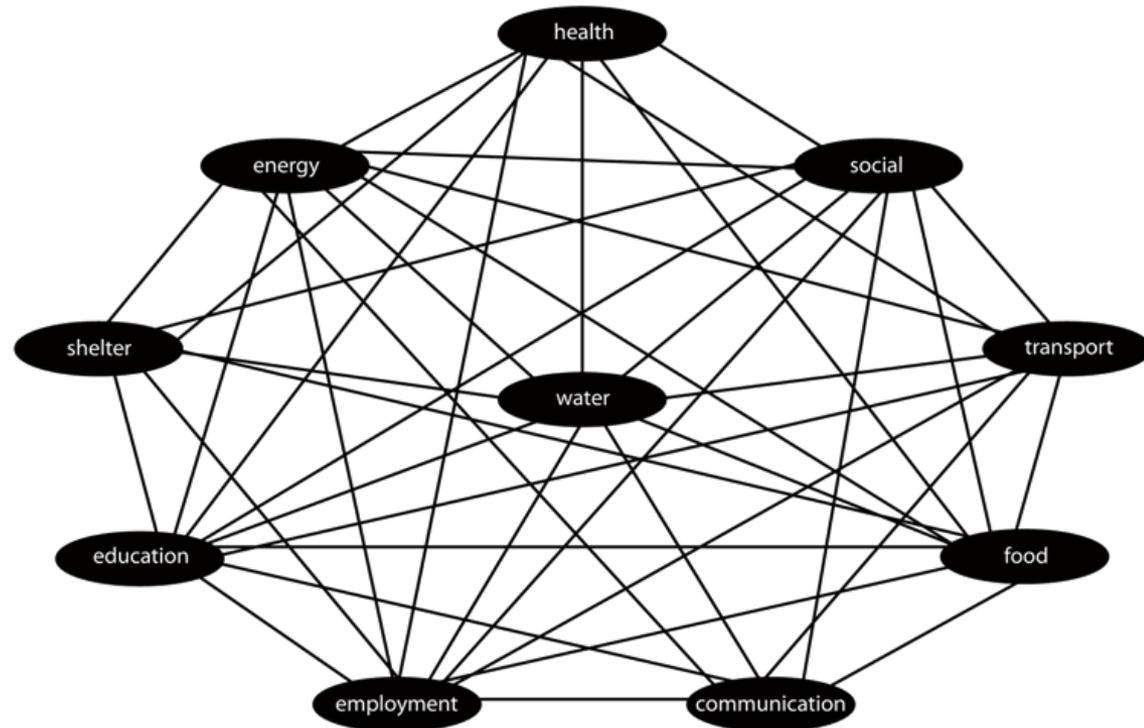


Judgment Day

Deciding which issues of global poverty are most pertinent to IIT students and faculty interests and capabilities

Criteria for judgement of 10 poverty issues:

- Issues impact large number of people
- Issues impact people deeply (degrees of connectivity)
- Issues can be looked at by groups at IIT



Final Decision:

Energy

Water

Shelter

Dr. Bernard Amadei

Founder, Engineers Without Borders USA

Spoke at IIT on Nov 6 to raise awareness on issues of global poverty—nearly 100 students and faculty in attendance!



“More than \$1 Trillion is spent each year on weapons, but it would only take \$40 Billion to relieve the world’s poor.”

“We are seeds of change”

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Energy

Problem: The more energy that is available, the cheaper it is.

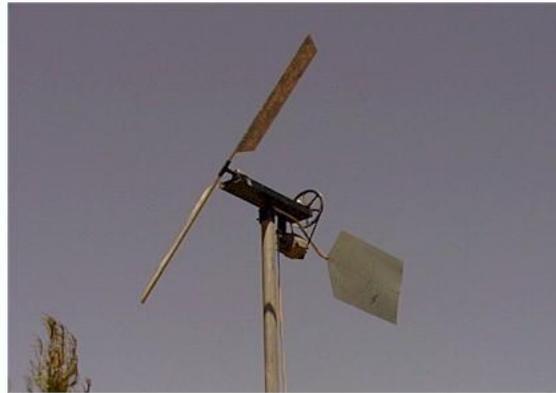
Translation: The poor need to spend much more energy on vital processes.

Solutions: Biogas



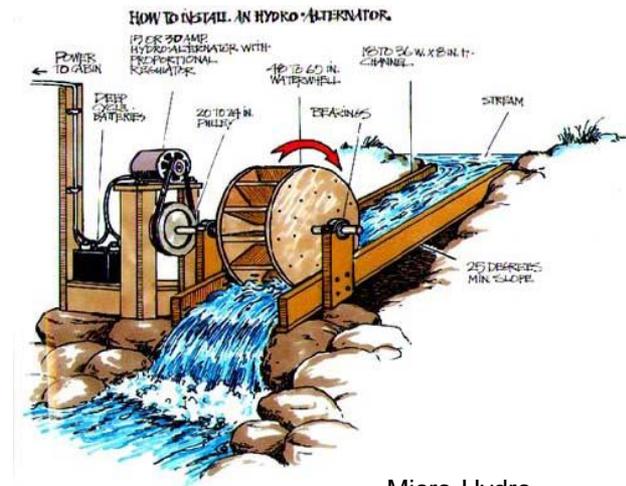
Gas Collector

Wind



Wind Turbine

Hydro



Micro-Hydro

Water

Problem: 1.1 Billion people lack access to clean water

Millions more lack enough to water crops

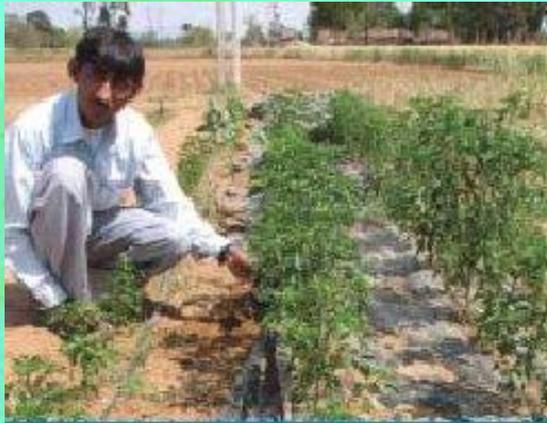
Access

Sanitation

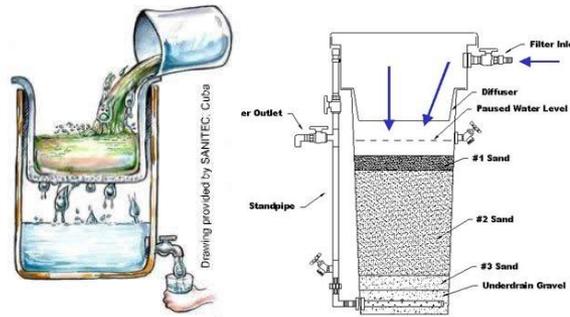
Irrigation

Solutions:

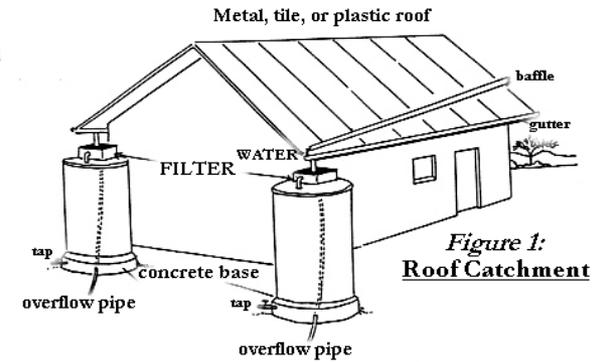
Drip irrigation



Filters



Water Catchment Systems



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Shelter

Problem: Over 1 Billion people live in very poor, insecure, or temporary shelter

Urban Homeless

Natural Disaster Relief

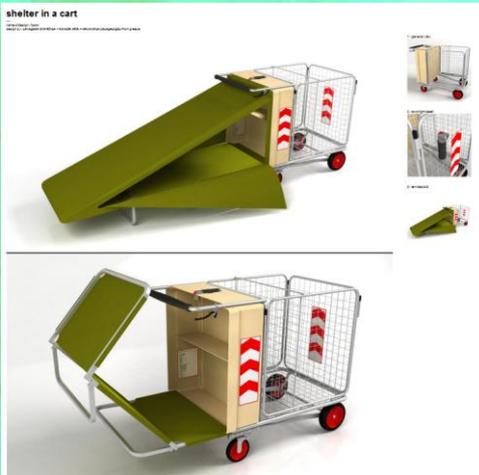
Community Shelter

Solutions:

Shelter in a Cart

Concrete Canvas

Schools/Hospitals



Conclusion

“All the statistics in the world can’t measure the warmth of a smile.”

~Chris Hart



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