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Global Poverty Activity

As people arrive they are given a coloured card representing the major geographic regions (see colours in left column). The percentages of each colour are approximate to the percentage of the global population in that region. The third column shows the numbers for a group of 30 people.

When the activity begins, people are asked to stand in their colour groups. Jelly beans are then distributed according to the distribution of wealth in that region.

Region	% World Population (Total ~ 6.1bn)	If 30 people present	Absolute poverty (less than \$1/day)	Poor	Middle	Wealthy
OECD*	19	6			2	4
East Europe	7	2			2	
Latin America	8	2		1	1	
East Asia	31	10	2	5	3	1
South Asia	24	7	2	3	1	1
Africa	11	3	2	1		
Total	100	30	6	10	8	6
Jelly beans	100		1/3 each	1 each	2 each	12 each
Population %			20%	60%		20%
Wealth %			2%	24%		74%

* OECD. The *Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development* represents the 30 wealthiest countries of the world. New Zealand is one of the OECD countries.

Conclude the activity by using *Human Development Trends* animation from Gapminders – www.gapminder.org