

Despite the difficulties that we have mentioned, much is done by our government for the development of tourism.

A huge plus in the development of tourism in our country is the introduction of a visa-free entry to Belarus for 30 days. First of all, it helps to expand business tourism. Moreover, such types of tourism as medical, recreational and sports ones are becoming increasingly popular among foreigners. Medical and recreational types of tourism in our country provide high-quality and relatively inexpensive services which are hugely valued abroad. As for sports tourism, the number of major international sporting events held in Belarus is growing every year. Further work is aimed at increasing the number of sports events held in our country that are accepted for competitions and training camps for foreign athletes [2].

Summing up the following information, we should mention that the tourist industry in Belarus has some problems but the government is taking various measures to improve the situation and to lead our country to the international level.

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HUNGER AS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF 21ST CENTURY

According to the UN, world hunger has become one of the most pressing problems of modern humanity. Many people don't have access to the basic food, constantly starving and trying to balance on the brink of life and death. The purpose of this research is to analyze one of the most important economic problems in the world and offer some effective ways to solve it.

According to the studies, almost 925 million of people on Earth suffer from chronic malnutrition. It's every eighth human in the world, most of them live in developing countries. The situation in African region is one of the most dangerous. Nowadays the problem of hunger exists even in

the developed countries. The number of undernourished people there has increased by about 4 million over the past decade.

There are two basic types of malnutrition. The first and most important is protein-energy malnutrition (PEM), or a lack of calories and protein. Food is converted into energy by humans, and the energy contained in food is measured by calories. Protein-energy malnutrition is the more lethal form and is the type of malnutrition that is referred to as world hunger. This leads to growth failure. Principal types of growth failure are:

1. There are two types of acute malnutrition. Wasting (also called marasmus) is having a very low weight for a person's height. Nutritional edema (also called kwashiorkor) is swollen feet, face or limbs.

2. Stunting is being too short for a person's age. It is a slow, cumulative process and develops over a long period as a result of inadequate nutrition or repeated infections or both. Stunted children may have normal body proportions but look younger than their actual age.

So, what can we do to stop the world hunger? On our point of view, nowadays the most appropriate solutions are:

1. *The introduction of biotechnology*: there have been debates about the use of genetic modification in agriculture for several decades. Despite all the objections from various religious and social organizations, it can be a real salvation from hunger. For example, changes in the genetic structure of major food crops can make them more resistant to disease, increase their productivity and improve their nutritional properties. Of course, there are certain risks associated with the use of gene modifications of plants. In this case, however, the end justifies the means entirely.

2. *Urban agriculture*: the level of global urbanization is steadily increasing. It has already reached the 25 % mark. However, the huge amount of food comes from farms outside the city, making it more expensive. In fact, food can be grown even in the urban areas. Suitable roofs, gardens and parks can be used for these purposes.

3. *Training farmers how to use more effective farming methods*: unfortunately, many farmers simply don't know the new effective methods of growing crops. For example, new methods of planting rice, the introduction of different fertilizers or the use of new types of seeds. A very simple way to help farmers is presented by the Indian organization called «Digital Green». It puts all the useful information in the form of videos on YouTube.

The famous saying goes: «Hunger kills more than Ebola but it's not considered as a significant problem since rich people can't die of it». And we totally agree with it. In conclusion we must say that the problem of hunger is still at the very top of the most dangerous problems of 21st century and deserves proper attention.