

International Development Projects with Case Method

Reading Assignment #3

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UNDP. *Human Development Report 2001*. “Managing the risks of technological change” (Chapter3)
Download from <http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/global/hdr2001/>. Be careful that only the link to
“Complete Report” works.

Q1. Technological advance brings potential benefits and risks. The article mentions, “...the hidden costs of technologies can be devastating “(p.65). Give examples to explain this statement.

Q2. What are the potential harms of technological change discussed in the article?

Q3. Both proponents and opponents of new technologies often “ignore some aspects” when assessing the risk of technologies (p.67). Explain these aspects.

Q4. "...views that dominate the global debate can lead to decisions that are not in the best interest of local communities" (p.68). Explain what it means and provide some examples.

Q5. What are the challenges that developing countries face when dealing with the risks of technological change?