

**THE WORLD IS RUNNING OUT OF RESOURCES** like food, increasing the likelihood for civil

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**DEVELOPED NATIONAS HAVE 3 CHOICES:** Do nothing, give foreign aid or send in peacekeeping troops to secure the situation.

**DO NOTHING:**  
NO VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY

Worldwide, wars in developing countries cost about \$120-\$500 billion/year. A country in a civil war loses roughly 2% of its growth per year. It takes 14 years, on average, to recover from a civil war. The interdependent world loses out on potential benefits provided by the country, such as resources and land for facilities. Many civil wars also become regional, which often aggravates crime and terrorism.

**SEND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:**  
DECENT ROI

Countries worldwide hand out \$120 billion in foreign aid/year, covering the bare minimum of the costs produced by wars. If rich countries send a region enough money to cover the 2%/year growth costs, the odds of a (costly) future war decrease. Each "percentage-point reduction in the risk of renewed violence is 'worth' (up to) \$2.5 billion." Financial aid, then, will pay off in the form of a secure future. (The Economist)

**SEND PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS:** BEST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

Peacekeeping missions are the most powerful tool we have in preventing future conflicts. "Spending \$850m on a peacekeeping initiative reduces the ten-year risk of conflict re-emerging from around 38% to 7%." Each percentage point of risk reduction is worth around \$2.5bn to the world. (Times Online)