

Use the words in brackets to form a new word that fits into each blank.

Africa Rising is a (1) _____ (SHOCK) documentary of the problems of people in the (2) _____ (DEVELOP) countries of Africa. It shows how a large rural area in Ethiopia takes matters into its own hands to fight (3) _____ (POOR).

Ethiopia is a potentially (4) _____ (WEALTH) country with enormous resources. However, the (5) _____ (FAIL) of Western policies towards Africa has been causing famine and (6) _____ (STARVE) in eastern Africa. The film shows that the West must rethink its role in helping the continent.

In the Sodo region of Ethiopia schools have been abandoned; in other areas there is no health care and people must travel for hours to reach the (7) _____ (NEAR) doctor or hospital. The whole region is dominated by vast areas of dry and (8) _____ (PRODUCE) land where the soil has been washed away.

Western governments and aid (9) _____ (AGENT) thought they had the (10) _____ (SOLVE) to the problem: pouring billions and billions of dollars in aid into the region with (11) _____ (PRACTICAL) no (12) _____ (LAST) results. Much of the money ends up in the pockets of foreign aid workers or in accounts of banks far away from the region.

The documentary shows how the (13) _____ (RESIDE) of Sodo started helping themselves. Twenty men and women were taught new skills, like dam (14) _____ (CONSTRUCT), bricklaying, micro banking, raising livestock and planting new crops. Each of these people passed on their (15) _____ (KNOW) to twenty others - and those to twenty more. Within a short period of time, thousands were growing cash crops for the first time, or digging (16) _____ (IRRIGATE) systems to stop erosion and the washing away of soil after floods.

In short, the documentary shows the (17) _____ (SUCCEED) story of one of the most (18) _____ (ADVANTAGE) regions of the world.



Irrigation in Ethiopia

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