

# POVERTY IN ECUADOR

1. Listen and fill in the text using the Word Bank. Complete el texto utilizando el Banco de Palabras.

improve - rate - reduce – increased  
water – population - income

Ecuador is a middle-\_\_\_\_\_ country with an economy highly dependent on oil and export agriculture. Almost one quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ in Ecuador lives in poverty, most of them in rural areas. The rural and urban poverty \_\_\_\_\_ are increasing because the current situation. The higher poverty rate is a result of high unemployment and underemployment, low salaries, limited access to productive assets such as land, \_\_\_\_\_, credit and technology and deficient market linkages. 61 percent of rural women work in agriculture and livelihoods. The numbers that have left the pandemic, so far, are devastating. The poverty level \_\_\_\_\_ by just over 30%. The government should \_\_\_\_\_ the poverty by applying the best strategies to \_\_\_\_\_ the economy in our country.



## HOW TO STOP POVERTY

2. Match the phrases with lines. Empareje las frases con líneas.

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| Eliminate | awareness of the issue.           |
| Create    | gender inequality.                |
| Make      | more jobs possibilities.          |
| Increase  | donations.                        |
| Take      | free access to education.         |
| Provide   | access to health and clean water. |
| Create    | action on your own.               |

3. Select the best option according to the picture. Seleccione la respuesta según la fotografía.

- a) improve
- b) credit
- c) devastating



- a) market
- b) population
- c) agriculture

