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Abstract: Population growth is one of many factors that impact both on the environment and on broad efforts at sustainable development. While there have been some remarkable changes in rates of population growth in many parts of Asia, Latin America and, to a lesser extent, in Africa, there still are significant areas in resource-poor settings in sub-Saharan Africa and in South Asia. Work in the field of population encompasses a broader agenda, including the empowerment of women, reproductive health, family planning, sexually transmitted infections, and the tragic HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Question: Describe the factors which contribute to environmental degradation in resource-poor settings and in the wealthier nations of the west.

Question: It has been said that population and family planning programs in resource-poor settings have been one of the signal success stories of the second half of the 20th century. Please explain why these programs have been so described.