

This topic focuses on the development of research and analytical thinking. The work can be performed independently, in small groups or as a class discussion.

Learners will be required to formulate an opinion based on research.

Learning Objectives:

1. An understanding of how countries differ with product dependency.
2. An understanding of why product dependency matters to countries.

Task 1

Use activity sheet 1: Exploring the issue.

Identify how significant is the issue of primary product dependency in different countries.

Task 2

Using the resources provided, learners need to understand why the issue of primary product dependency matters.

Learners need to analyse the following documents:

- a. Copper in Zambia 2016
- b. Resource curse Dutch disease
- c. Prebisch-Singer
- d. The luckiest nut – Senegal – shows the impact of volatile groundnut prices in a wider context. Relevant part is 2.40 to 5.50 but the whole thing is interesting: <https://vimeo.com/4557989>

Outcomes:

- Import dependency
- Falling prices over time (Prebisch-Singer hypothesis)
- Price volatility
- Lack of incentives for education
- Resource curse issues
- Dutch disease
- Resource depletion

- Dependence on MNCs.