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Slums in Saudi Arabia

Every day, thousands of people wake up with a sense of dread in their stomach and a feeling of despair. These people don't know if they're going to be able to find food for themselves and family, and wonder if at the end of the day they'll end up in the same shoddy habitat they previously went to sleep in. Hundreds of thousands and miles away, citizens wake up to the sound of an alarm and wonder if they can spare five more minutes sleeping instead of eating breakfast and heading to work, two contrasting lifestyles caused by the differentiating amount of rights a human has.

The amount of awareness is exceptionally low, according to the delegate from Saudi Arabia. Governments continue to corrupt media and such to shield the eyes of their citizens from the horror that is living right under their noses. People are not cognizant of the fact that in their community there are those living in slums, curled up into a ball, trying to get warm. When these people wake up and walk about in their neighborhood, there is nothing signifying that there is some living in poverty. Saudi Arabia suggests that the education problem should be addressed, as if people knew about the problems it can be addressed quicker and make lives better.

Another problem would be the fact that slum dwellers have no representation, as brought up by the Singapore delegate, which is a violation of the United Nation's Human Rights. Already there is the problem that people are not educated about the slum dwellers and the fact that no one represents the slum dwellers makes matters worse. Slum inhabitants have no one to stand up for

them and demand for a change, demand for assistance. This makes chances for change to occur very slim. On the more heartening side, countries are working for an improvement for accommodations for slum dwellers, such as Austria. The only drawback so far is that Austria needs some support in providing houses for those who were forcefully evicted.

Shelter is one of the human necessities to live. While some people have nicer homes than others, there are those out there where their housing is something not to be desired on an extreme level. With more awareness of this problem and more activity to help resolve it, slum dwellers will be able to move out of their chains.