LDC Criteria Over Time

*(new components in **bold**)*

2011

*LDCs are low-income countries suffering from the most severe structural impediments to **sustainable development**.*

GNI per capita

Human Asset Index (HAI)
- Percentage of population undernourished
- Under five mortality rate
- Gross secondary enrolment ratio
- Adult literacy rate

Economic Vulnerability Index (EVI)
- Population
- Remoteness
- Merchandise export concentration
- Share of agriculture, forestry and fisheries in GDP
- **Share of population in low elevated costal zones**
- **Victims of natural disasters**
- Instability of agriculture production
- Instability of exports of goods and services

2005

LDCs are low-income countries suffering from low level of human resources and a high degree of economic vulnerability.

GNI per capita

Human Asset Index (HAI)
- **Percentage of population undernourished**
- Under five mortality rate
- Gross secondary enrolment ratio
- Adult literacy rate

Economic Vulnerability Index (EVI)
- Population
- **Remoteness**
- Merchandise export concentration
- **Share of agriculture, forestry and fisheries in GDP**
- **Homelessness due to natural disasters**
- Instability of agriculture production
- Instability of exports of goods and services

2002

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GNI per capita

Human Asset Index (HAI)
- Average calorie intake per capita as a percentage of the requirement
- Under five mortality rate
- **Gross secondary enrolment ratio**
- Adult literacy rate

Economic Vulnerability Index (EVI)
- Population size
- Export concentration
- Share of manufacturing and modern services in GDP
- Instability of agricultural production
- Instability of export of goods and services

1999

LDCs are low-income countries suffering from low level of human resources and a high degree of economic vulnerability.

GDP per capita

Augmented Physical Quality of Life (APQL)
- **Average calorie intake per capita as a percentage of the requirement**
- **Under five mortality rate**
- Combined primary and secondary school enrolment ratio
- Adult literacy rate

Economic Vulnerability Index (EVI)
- **Population size**
- Export concentration
- **Share of manufacturing and modern services in GDP**
- **Instability of agricultural production**
- **Instability of export of goods and services**

1991

LDCs are low-income countries suffering from long-term handicaps to growth, in particular, low levels of human resource development and/or severe structural weaknesses.

GDP per capita

Augmented Physical Quality of Life (APQL)
- **Per capita calorie supply**
- **Life expectancy at birth**
- **Combined primary and secondary school enrolment ratio**
- Adult literacy rate

Economic Diversification Index (EDI)
- **Export concentration ratio**
- Share of manufacturing in GDP
- **Share of employment in industry**
- **Per capita electricity consumption**

1971

LDCs are countries with very low levels of per capita gross domestic product facing the most severe obstacles to development.

GDP per capita

Adult literacy rate

Share of Manufacturing in GDP

Source: CDP Secretariat