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#### **Access to Essential Drugs in Poor Countries**

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#### **Questions for Discussion**

From a human rights perspective, the authors of this article argue for a more substantial role for the World Health Organization in ensuring access to essential drugs in developing countries.

1. Do you see globalization changing the ethical duties of developed countries?
2. What structures should be in place to ensure that essential drugs are available in developing countries?

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