Global Women and Poverty
Economic Prosperity Comparison Worksheet

Directions: Using Internet and library research materials, find data to help you answer each of
the questions below. When instructed, use graphic organizers to present your findings. Begin
with the following research sources:

NOW with BILL MOYERS: Report on the World Summit on Sustainable
Development
http://www.pbs.org/now/science/unsummit/html
This NOW report examines findings of the World Summit held in Johannesburg in 2002.
Topics addressed include Population and Development, Poverty and Hunger, Health,

Aneki.com: Information About Countries and World Rankings
http://www.aneki.com
This site offers a series of lists that allow users to compare literacy rates, wealth, health,
and a variety of other statistics for countries worldwide.

1. Compare the women of Senegal and Thailand. What do they share in common? How are they
different? Pay specific attention to the causes of their current situations. Make notes on this page
and construct a Venn diagram showing your comparisons on a separate sheet of paper.

NOTES:

2. Examine the connection between education and a country’s economic growth by comparing
and contrasting economically-developed countries (e.g. the U.S., western European countries,
Japan, etc.) with the countries profiled in the NOW segment. Specifically, is education the key to
a country’s wealth or just one of the components affecting wealth? Record your notes below.

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3. How does a country’s poor economy contribute to other social problems, such as cuts in or the lack of basic services like clean water, health care, education, etc. Give specific examples from the program and your own research below. Use a flow chart or an other graphic organizer to present your findings.

4. In your opinion, what obligation (if any) do developed countries (such as the U.S.), corporations, and world agencies (such as the U.N.) have to countries like Thailand and Senegal when it comes to improving economic conditions? List your ideas below

   Developed Countries:

   World Agencies:

   Corporations:

5. Based on what you have learned from class discussion, viewing the NOW segment, and conducting your own research, what would you do in the countries profiled to improve the economic landscape and provide people with a better quality of life? List your ideas for each country below.

   Senegal:

   Thailand: