Quality of Life

Wealth is not just made up of money. It is how the wealth is used by an individual, community or nation that influences each person’s quality of life.

A wealthy community will have things that many people can use.

They include good transport systems, safe and plentiful water supplies or recreation facilities.

Such benefits as these are available to all (or most) people in a community not just the rich.

Although parts of them might be privately owned (for example, bus lines, football grounds or a water supply company) they usually have some form of community control.

Nations are made up of many different communities and individuals, and like them have services and facilities which are available to the nation’s citizens.

A high quality education system, a network of hospitals, and effective police systems to control crime, are all demonstrations of national wealth.

However, different nations, like individuals, choose to put their money to different uses.