This world that Americans know as a prosperous land, where we never have little to worry about such as lack of free education, clean water, and being over populated. We take these things for granted to the point that they have become American standards. So today I have come to bring attention to the country of Somalia; a third world country in the continent of Africa. Their population under the age of 30 makes up an astounding 70% of the this countries 15 million people and 73% are living in poverty. The overpopulation and poverty level can be contributed to lack of education. The FFA’s goal is to learn about agriculture and teach others about agriculture, so this is where Future Farmers of America can help Somalia to become an economically prosperous country by becoming self sufficient farming loamy sand.

The country of Somalia has 55% of the population that is considered rural. Their climate is a year round climate of mostly desert with a year round hot climate and very little rain. The type of government that Somalia has is a federal parliament system. The President of Somalia is head of state and also the Prime Minister is head of Somalia’s government. The prime minister is appointed by the President with the parliament's approval. Only 1.6% of Somalia’s land is cultivated today. They export crops such as bananas, sugar, sorghorn, and corn. An average farm size in Somalia is 4 hectares, which is about the size of four football fields. Typically in Somalia families is made up of six members. These families have little to eat, but their diet consist of bananas, rice, goat meat, chicken or fish.

As an illustration of this devastation here is an article about the education system in Somalia, “Extremely high rates of poverty in communities across Somalia make it difficult for parents to afford school fees. In many areas, parents are required to pay for their children’s education, and poverty remains the main reason they give for not sending their children to school.”-unicef.org. This shows how the education system works in Somalia. The education in Somalia only allows children to have an education for 4 to 8 years. After that, parents fund the education for their children. This means that only the wealthier families will have the opportunity to give their children an education. This is where we have a problem in Somalia. The majority of the population is underage and the whole country is in poverty. I believe the lack of education has led to over population. With women and men not having an education to inspire them to get good jobs or to do something great with your life, all they look forward to is the same routine generations before them have done, which is, get a job, have babies, and then go out through life trying to survive day to day. Once that happens Somalians have many kids in this eventually leads to overpopulation because of how quick Somalians have kids at such a young age. So now that you have an over populated country, this will lead to poverty. This leads to poverty because, if you start having so many people that are all under age because of how quick Somalians have had these kids, this will lead to poverty. All of these young kids and so many of them will not know the right decisions to make because I have not had a good
education and there is no old your wisdom to guide them because most of the population is young. Bad decisions will be made and this will lead to poverty. Poverty has impacted Somalia in a huge way. 73% of Somali’s population is in poverty right now. The severity of poverty in Somalia has led to warfare, insanely high crime rate levels, and starvation. Poverty has led to things that us Americans have heard of such as the Somalian pirates. These are some Malian to raid other boats and planes in order to mug people for possessions. This is why we must do something about the lack of education in Somalia. The lack of education is what affects everything in Somalia such as the poverty and the overpopulation problem in Somalia.

My solution to this problem in Somalia is to provide a better education system. We must change the ways that Somalians have known for years. Children have known an education where they go to school for 4 to 8 years, after that most children do not go to school because schools are parent funded after that point. In order to fix his problem Americans have the opportunity to help out Somalians. We must provide money in order to fix education systems in Somalia. This money will make a better education system and also allow children to be educated longer than they normally would be able to be. To raise this money, we can start a gofundme account, a website which allows you to donate money to a certain cause. This will allow us to build up money and then put it to work and allow the people who don’t have the money to follow along with the journey of rebuilding Somalia’s education system. We must get the word out to everybody that we can help out with Somalia’s education problem. The more people the better because that means the more money we can get donated to go towards the cause of Somalia. Once we plan out how much money we need, and then we reach that goal, we will send a team of FFA members to Somalia in order to take action. Once the team gets to Somalia, they must meet with education leaders in Somalia to discuss the plans and upgrades to further the education system. There will be many upgrades to the schools and this money will also allow children to go to school longer than they normally could. Other than the fact of the money, The team of FFA members can teach the children and adults ways to farm and grow crops. The Somalians can learn new ways to farm which for us is “easy” farming but to the people in Somalia, it can change their lives. As the team learns about how they farm and the climate that Somalians live in, the team can help teach new farming techniques that will help Somalia. Somalia generally grows and exports corn, soghorn, and sugar cane. The FFA members will bring about other crops to grow in their area such as wheat, cotton, and oilseeds. These crops grow in the same kind of soil that’s in Somalia, which is loamy, sandy soil with deposits of calcium. We can teach Somalia about the climate and geography, what grows best there, when to plant it, and how to plant it. In doing this, Somalian’s will have something to do and that benefits the whole country. Somalians will have farming jobs and have a career to look forward and to support their families.

To conclude, Somalia is in trouble in many ways. These weaknesses include poverty, lack of education, and overpopulation. This is why Americans need to help out Somalia to create a better world in which we live in. Out of all of these difficult ideals of Somalia the one that we need to help out with is the lack of education. The lack of education is what leads to all of the things that brings down Somalia. Lack of education is the key to solve poverty, and you can’t
unlock the rest of Somalia’s problems with no key, right? We need to help out Somalia, so that Somalis are happy, but also to make the world a better place to live in.

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