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Ms. Lagarde said emerging markets need to work toward growth and building demand. But that requires resources.

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Representantes do Fundo Monetário Internacional (FMI) e do Banco Mundial reuniram-se em Washington. Roberto Zoellick, presidente do Banco Mundial, falou para eles na quinta-feira. Está é última vez que ele atende nas reuniões da primavera das duas organizações como presidente do Banco Mundial. No começo da semana, Jim Young Kim foi oficialmente escolhido como o décimo segundo presidente do banco.

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"Os países em desenvolvimento têm provido dois terços do crescimento global nos últimos cinco anos", ele disse. Mas ele acrescentou que muitas nações em desenvolvimento ainda enfrentam grandes problemas. Ele disse que todos os membros necessitam trabalhar melhor juntos "para seus interesses comuns".

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O Banco Mundial é uma agência de desenvolvimento. O FMI auxilia a cooperação monetária e empréstimos de ajuda.

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A chefa do FMI, Christine Lagarde, anunciou na quinta-feira que seu grupo recebeu promessas de mais de 320 bilhões de dólares. O dinheiro ajudaria as nações com problemas. Ela também disse que as nações em desenvolvimento, as quais são chamadas de mercados emergentes, necessitam fazer mais.

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Christine Lagarde: "Se você olha, por exemplo, os mercados emergentes. Eles, também, têm de tratar alguns de seus problemas. Eles, também, têm de estar muito atentos para a situação volátil do mercado. E isso significa, para desses mercados emergentes, reconcentrando sobre seu crescimento doméstico".

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A Senhora Largarde disse que os mercados emergentes necessitam trabalhar em direção à demanda do crescimento e da estrutura. Mas isso requer recursos.

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Dois problemas são acesso bancos e programas de transferência de renda. O Banco Mundial diz que três quartos dos pobres não tem acesso a bancos. Isso significa não ter poupança em suas comunidades para financiar o crescimento. O problema é grande para as mulheres. Mulheres pobres são 28% menos provável de ter contas bancárias do que os homens pobres.

Safety net = programa de transferência de renda (exemplo: Bolsa Família)

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Programas sociais são também necessários. Sessenta por cento do mundo em desenvolvimento não contam com programas sociais para proteger os cidadãos da fome ou serviços de providência em crises. Como resultado, especialistas têm pedido programas de transferência de renda.

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E nações ricas têm muito para aprender com países em desenvolvimento. O Senhor Zoellick disse que programas no Brasil e no México não são caros, mas ajudam milhões.

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Finalmente está semana, o Grupo Banco Mundial deu boas-vindas para o seu mais novo membro: Sudão do Sul. A nação recebeu sua primeira subvenção de 9 milhões de dólares. O dinheiro é para ajudar a criação de empregos e serviços de ajuda financeira.