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The Ethics of Human Development

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Abstract: The ethics of human development involves examining the moral principles, values, and responsibilities related to individuals' growth, well-being, and rights across their lifespan. It encompasses a range of concerns, from early childhood development to the aging process, and the societal and environmental factors that influence human development. Three components – the unfolding of human capabilities, equitable wealth distribution, and ecological balance – form the ethical foundation for promoting a more inclusive, just, and sustainable approach to development. Such a perspective challenges traditional development models, which often prioritize economic growth and material accumulation, without fully considering the social and environmental costs.

In summary, the ethics of human development encourages a holistic view, where the aim is not just economic prosperity, but also the improvement of individual freedoms, social justice, and the protection of the environment.

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