The map shows those territories where the human development index has increased from 1975 to 2002. Such an increase has occurred in the majority of territories.

The size of the territory shows where the most improvement has occurred. The biggest improvement to people’s lives has been in China and India because each fractional improvement is theoretically experienced more than 2.3 billion times in the combined populations of these territories.

Southeastern Africa, North America, Western Europe and Japan have all experienced similarly low increases in their human development scores.

Territory size shows the proportion of worldwide human development that occurred there between 1975 and 2002 (calculated by multiplying human development index by population).

“Our per capita GDP is now $2220. But look around you, walk through our streets, where is it? Everyone thinks things are improving but they are not. Everything is just the same ...” Journalist in Equatorial Guinea, 2001