



General questions

1. What problems can you identify in this story? Are solutions presented?
2. In what way might this story be relevant in your community?

Further exploration

1. What drove the import of high-tech machines from rich countries to Vietnam and why is this not a sustainable solution?
2. Do global designers have a responsibility to ensure their equipment will work both in rich countries as well as in low resource settings? Why or why not?
3. Should manufacturers create the identical product for both rich and poor countries, that is: the highest quality possible for all customers or should they also make a cheaper “good enough” model for low resource settings?
4. The machines made in Vietnam are much cheaper than the American ones, but still effective. Should their models be replicated in the U.S.? Why or why not?