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### 13 least developed countries

Afghanistan,\* Bangladesh, Bhutan,\* Cambodia, Kiribati,\*\* Lao People's Democratic Republic,\* Myanmar, Nepal,\* Samoa,\*\* Solomon Islands,\*\* Timor-Leste,\*\* Tuvalu\*\* and Vanuatu\*\* (\*also a landlocked developing country, \*\*also a small island developing State);

### 12 landlocked developing countries

Afghanistan,\* Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bhutan,\* Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic,\* Mongolia, Nepal,\* Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.  
(\*also a least developed country)

### 16 small island developing States

Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati,\* Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of ), Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa,\* Solomon Islands,\* Timor-Leste,\* Tonga, Tuvalu\* and Vanuatu.\*  
(\*also a least developed country)

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