

Poverty Facts

- 11 children under age 5 die every minute.
- 45 percent of deaths of children under age 5 occur in the first 28 days of life. That means about 7,000 newborn babies die each day due to conditions of poverty.
- Nearly 1 child in 5 of all children under age 5 does not have enough to eat (is undernourished).
- Chronically undernourished children who manage to survive their first 5 years often live with physically stunted bodies, high susceptibility to illness and underdeveloped brains.
- While malnourishment (not getting essential nutrients) affects 1 person in 3 worldwide, preventing malnutrition delivers \$16 in returns on investment for every \$1 spent.
- At least 10 percent of the world's population is thought to consume food irrigated by waste water.
- By 2025, half of the world's population will be living in water-stressed areas, meaning water is scarce, inaccessible or of poor quality.
- An estimated 61 million primary school-aged children worldwide don't attend school.
- More than 21.3 million people – roughly the population of Australia – are refugees.
- Some 880 million people live in slums, and nearly 40 percent of the world's future urban expansion is likely to occur in slums.

"To live with Jesus is to live with the poor. To live with the poor is to live with Jesus."

— Jean Vanier, philosopher and theologian

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Sources include UNICEF and The World Bank.

