

Poverty Facts

Here are some powerful poverty statistics you can use in your Compassion Sunday presentation.

- More than **736 million people** worldwide live below the poverty line — measured by the World Bank as earning less than \$1.90 per day.
- **One out of every 27 children** will die before reaching the age of 5, mostly from malnutrition and other preventable causes due to extreme poverty.
- Approximately **264 million children and youths** around the world are not attending school.
- Around the world, roughly **130 million** primary and secondary school-age girls are out of school.
- The global COVID-19 pandemic is expected to set back poverty reduction progress in **70 developing countries*** by three to 10 years.
- There are still **773 million people** in the world today who can't read, and most of them are women.
- Child poverty accounts for half of the world's poor with **1 out of 5 children** experiencing extreme poverty.
- **Malnutrition and diet** are by far the biggest risk factors for the global burden of disease.

For more poverty facts, visit compassion.com/PovertyFacts.

Sources: UNICEF, World Bank and World Health Organization