



## POVERTY FACTS

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

- More than **648 million people** worldwide live below the poverty line — measured by the World Bank as earning less than \$2.15 per day.
- At least **691 million people** worldwide are hungry. Over 11% of the global population is severely food insecure.
- Globally, **1 in 27 children** will die before age 5, mostly from malnutrition and other preventable causes related to poverty.
- Approximately **250 million children and youths** around the world are not attending school.
- Nearly **30% of all children** who are not in school live in sub-Saharan Africa.
- There are still **773 million people** in the world today who can't read, and most of them are women.
- Children make up more than half of the global population living in extreme poverty, although they account for only **31% of the world's total population**.
- **Malnutrition and diet** are by far the biggest risk factors for the global burden of disease.
- **One in 7 adolescents** worldwide has a mental disorder. Living in poverty makes adolescents more vulnerable to mental health problems.

**For more poverty facts, visit [compassion.com/PovertyFacts](https://compassion.com/PovertyFacts).**

*(Facts updated in 2023. Sources: UNESCO, UNICEF, World Bank and World Health Organization.)*